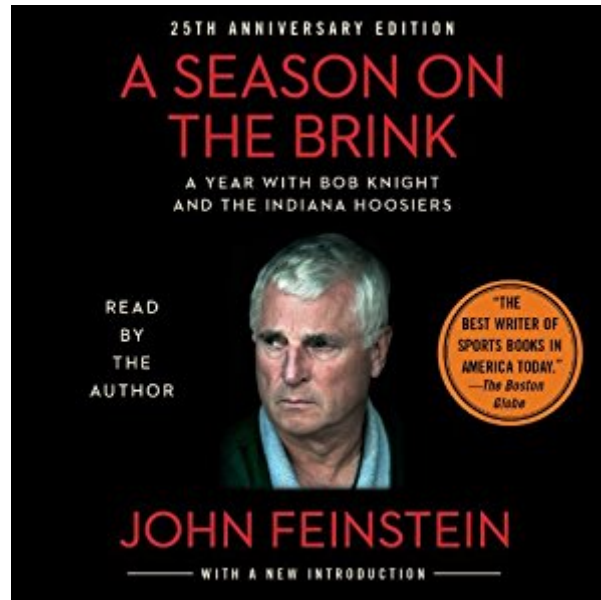




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Synopsis

Sports Illustrated's number-six Sports Book of All Time *A Season on the Brink* chronicles the basketball season that John Feinstein spent following the Indiana Hoosiers and their fiery coach, Bob Knight. Knight granted Feinstein an unprecedented inside look at college basketball - with complete access to every moment of the season. Feinstein saw and heard it all - practices, team meetings, strategy sessions, and mid-game huddles - during Knight's struggle to avoid a losing season. *A Season on the Brink* not only captures the drama and pressure of big-time college basketball but paints a vivid portrait of a complex, brilliant coach walking a fine line between genius and madness.

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Customer Reviews

I read *A Season on the Brink* and found it entertaining. It is the account of the 1985-86 basketball season of the Indiana Hoosiers. Feinstein is a colorful and straightforward writer and he shoots from the hip. Knight may not have been very happy with the resulting book, but surely he couldn't expect Feinstein to sugar coat him as a coach who never lost his temper, never made bad decisions, never crossed the line. I believe much of Knight's public has a love-hate attitude toward him. He can be a warm friend and it is evident that, when someone he cares about is in trouble, he goes to great lengths to comfort, encourage, help in any way he can. The man has heart, but he also has a dark side. Did he abuse players through the years? I would have to say yes. I'm amazed in one sense that he got so many blue chip players to play for him. I would have refused in a heartbeat, knowing

that he would crush me with his screaming and his profanity. But I guess it speaks to his amazing reputation as a smart coach that so many players gravitated to his program. Players learned a great deal from him. I must admit I resented the constant psychological games Knight played with his team. He would curse, cajole, encourage, give pep talks, scream in-your-face dress downs, and then act as if nothing unusual had ever happened. But in regard to this book, I still say it was entertaining to read and it's a great basketball story.

I have long been interested in Bob Knight and what he is really like. This book certainly explained that. While I learned things that made me like, or maybe understand, Knight better, there was much that made me think he is a tyrant and bully. Maybe you have to be to win national championships. I thought it was awful that Knight got away with temper tantrums in games because the refs didn't want to deal with his temper or have to eject him and have to deal with that. The parts about Knight and his psyche were interesting, but I felt too much of the book was a blow by blow account of games. I am a fan, but that really didn't interest me a whole lot, except for when it cast light on Knight or a player.

This is the 2nd Feinstein book that I have read and it was as good as the 1st one, *Let Me Tell You A Story*. His writing about Bob Knight didn't leave much out, besides some curse words. It's crazy to think about the access that he had to this team. He was able to paint a picture so real to the reader that it makes you relive that college season as an Indiana Fan. Bob Knight truly is one of the best who ever coached the game. His mind games and temper tantrums are sometimes crazy but have proven to be effective and Feinstein was able to capture them in print. Amazing, if you are a sports fan you should get your hands on any Feinstein book. If you are a college basketball fan get your hands on *A Season On The Brink*

I am not a huge basketball fan and I found this book to be a wonderful read. I've heard about this book for years and now I know why. You will be hard pressed to find a book that contains this amount of detail. The basketball scenes described are riveting. Knight though flawed comes across as a principled and loyal man whose inability to control his temper is baffling. I'd recommend this book to anyone who's interested about the inner workings of a team.

I didn't much like Bobby Knight before I read this book and now I like him even less. He needs a lot of counseling (which he will never accept since he's so perfect. Just ask him.)

Thought it was pretty. Good redundant in parts. Some stuff over and over a bit like Bks personality I guess.

Great insight into the general and his world in the mid eighties...I watched much of the season on TV as a kid...the helped connect all of the dots and see how a mastermind works

My favorite book

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