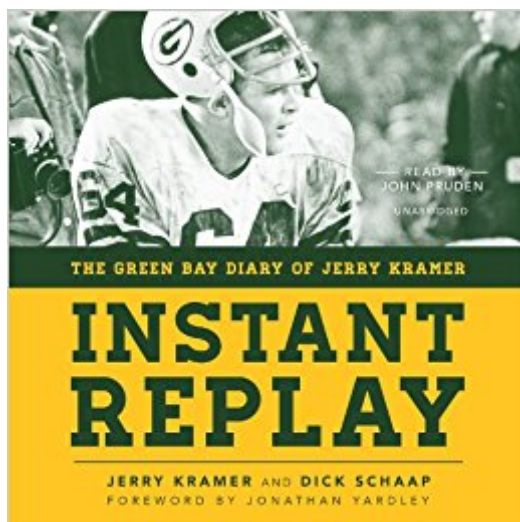


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Instant Replay: The Green Bay Diary Of Jerry Kramer



Synopsis

[Read by John Pruden]As vivid and engaging as it was when it was first published, "Instant Replay" is an irreplaceable reminder of the glory days of pro football. This classic sports book takes readers inside the 1967 season of the Green Bay Packers, following that storied team from training camp to their dramatic victory in Super Bowl II. Candid and often amusing, Jerry Kramer describes from a player's perspective a bygone era of sports, filled with blood, grit, and tears. No game better exemplifies this period than the classic "Ice Bowl" conference championship game between the Packers and the Dallas Cowboys, which Kramer, who made the crucial block in the climactic play, describes in thrilling detail. We also get a rare and insightful view of the Packers' legendary leader, coach Vince Lombardi.

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Customer Reviews

• "A classic when it was published and a classic still today." --David Halberstam --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jerry Kramer was a right guard for the Green Bay Packers from 1958 to 1968. During his time with the team, the Packers won five NFL Championships and Super Bowls I and II. Kramer was inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame in 1977. He lives in Boise, Idaho. Dick Schaap (1934-2002) sportswriter, broadcaster, and author or coauthor of thirty-three books - reported for "NBC Nightly News", the "Today" show, "ABC World News Tonight", "20/20", and ESPN. He was the recipient of five Emmy Awards.

My dad bought me this book when I was a little boy and I fell in love with football, the Packers, and Jerry Kramer. I remain in love to this day! This book is like meeting an old friend after being separated for years; you simply pick up right where you left off. Thanks for the great memories...

This diary of an already veteran player in a dominating team is not only about American football and experiences of new kind of total coaching discipline being brought into the scene. The way things at different levels and the two ends of the spectrum: individual -organizational, physical - mental, business - leisure, rookie - veteran, employer - employee, effect each other and are interconnected, holds in general in life, also for everyday life. Maybe even more now than in the past. The constant questions deep in the mind are: am I up to this and is this still worth the effort. One can gain a lot and loose a lot. To be a champion three times in a row with a long career, blocking the opponent head first while being aware of the increasing neck pains, supporting the team, etc. calls for a special frame of mind - in case of Kramer a good sense of humour. Naturally it is funnier when almost 300 pound weighting guys find themselves in awkward situations that once half of that weight.

I have ever read. I have read it four times and lost the book years ago and have been trying to find another copy since. I liked the way Mr. Kramer described the day to day activities of the Packers, one of the greatest teams ever in the NFL. I loved the relationship he had with Vince Lombardi, Bart Starr, Paul Hornung and all the other players he work with daily on the team. It is a book that a simple fan, like me, can read, enjoy and re-read several times. There was nothing I disliked about this book, it is just an excellent read. I can not compare it to any other publications because I have not read any. This was a book that I picked up with curiosity in mind, started to read and could not put it down. I read it over and over. I really had no expectations of what should happen or why etc, but this powerful fun and readable book is just the diamond in the wild of books. Thank you for allowing me to submit this review. Stan

Along with Jim Bouton's Ball Four, Instant Replay may well be one of the most important sports books ever written. While the book is as much about Vince Lombardi as the Green Bay Packers, and is virtually a paean to the Coach, Kramer also pulls the curtain aside from the inner workings of the locker room, and the experience of being a professional athlete, albeit in a different era. Very readable and entertaining, Kramer is not just a grunt, and in fact resents the stereotype of the "dumb

jock." He is articulate, witty, and smart. He is also humble and likeable.

Had two labels on cover of the book, very difficult to remove. This did not affect the readability of the book.

This book is the reason my sweat-soaked high-school jersey of 1971 had a number "64" emblazoned on it. It was great to read it again; the worn paperback I bought when it first came out has long since disappeared from my parents' house. Jerry Kramer's diary portrays a different era in football, when love of the game and love of the team meant more than - or as much as (pretty darn good at the time) money, and chest pounding "Me! Me! Me!" after every decent play was decades in the future... The writing is simple, but colorful; Kramer has no illusions of being a great writer, and Dick Schapp doesn't go for literary embellishment for its own sake; I believe neither of them expected to produce a sportswriting classic at the time. That's probably why it has become one... I haven't read the sequels, and probably won't; judging from reviews (I know, not a good method), I believe I'd like to preserve my memories and illusions without hearing about Kramer's future financial and physical woes...

One of the seminal sports books to come out of the 60s, this diary of the 1967 Green Bay Packers is equal parts funny, exciting, moving, and sometimes sad. Mostly, it is the story of a team that should have been over the hill, and yet somehow achieved that one final championship. And isn't it about time that Jerry Kramer gets into the Pro Football Hall of Fame?

Excellent book!

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