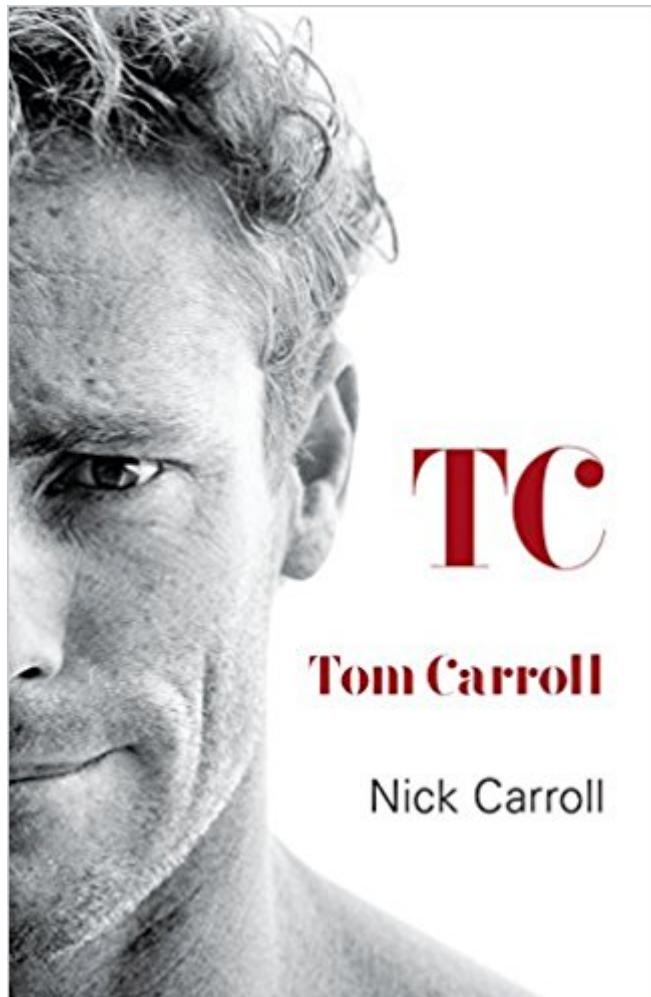


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## Synopsis

The former professional surfer tells his own story. On the surface he was Tom Carroll, dreamer, brilliant surfer, Australian sports hero, fitness fanatic, businessman, family man, and big wave charger. But inside turned the terrible wheel of drug addiction—“part family curse, part legacy of the footloose surf culture he’d done so much to legitimize. Tom’s family and friends struggled with him, kept his secrets, and looked on in anger and fear as the wheel began to grind him down. Then a window opened, but getting through it made charging Pipeline look like a piece of cake. This is the story of an unlikely moral education: of humility, family, damage, brotherhood, youth, stupidity, glory, single-mindedness, and surrender, and about the feeling of water moving under a surfboard, how it can bind past to present and make sense of lives.

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Tom Carroll is a former professional surfer. Nick Carroll is one of the world's best known surf writers. He edited Australia's Tracks magazine before spending several years as editor-in-chief of Western Empire, which publishes Surfing Magazine. More recently he has begun working in television.

Tom Carroll was a huge name where I was from in SoCal. I loved how honest the book was, exposing the best and the worst sides of this pioneer in making surfing what it is today. Even if you didn't grow up on a beach, it's an interesting story of the pitfalls of becoming a superstar very young. Before this, all I knew about him was that he seemed to have it made. Very authentic too...

A good read with some great lessons to be learnt

Great read. I thought this was going to be a book about the inner workings of being a surf pro, but it turned out to be a story of survival and addiction.

Standing Tall for TC. Great writing in telling the truths behind building the character and drive it takes to be a world champion. Much respect for Tom and Nick Carroll.

Nice read

Great read but sometimes a little hard to keep track of timeline. TC voice seems to come out really well though toward the end of the book. A good book for those into surfing history.

Powerfully written. Feels authentic; from the heart. Very interesting insight into the rise and fall and rise of one of surfings greats.

Great book. Well written. All the best with your recovery TC.

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