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Named by *Sports Illustrated* in 2002 as one of the Top Ten in "**The Top 100 Best Sports Books of All Time**." **It was the number-one hockey book on the list.**

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"The best hockey book ever written."

—*Quill & Quire*

"If you haven't seen hockey through Dryden's eyes, you should."

—*The Toronto Sun*

"A [hockey] book so rare that there is actually nothing to compare it to."

—*Scott Young*

"A first-rate discussion of hockey by one of hockey's first-rate players and first-rate minds....Essential reading for anyone serious about hockey as an important part of Canadian life."

—*Hamilton Spectator*

"*The Game* is a beautifully written, insightful, perceptive, revealing look at hockey."

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"A book about Ken Dryden, about Quebec, about the rest of Canada, and most of all, a loving book about a special sport."

—*New York Times*

"We always wondered what he was thinking about whenever the play stopped and he struck his characteristic pose resting his chin on his goal stick. Now we know. He was composing one of the best hockey books ever written....There is a 'you are there' quality to the prose as the author-goalie lets you see everything through his eyes, spicing his vivid descriptions with personal reflections and observations....*The Game* succeeds both as an inside look at hockey and a portrait of an articulate athlete who knew when to quit."

—*Winnipeg Free Press*

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—*Windsor Star*

"As Dryden reminisces, we are presented with a portrait, in broad and vivid strokes, of the players who comprised the best team in professional hockey....All the ingredients of a winner."

—*Victoria Times-Colonist*

"No one has ever delivered an account of our national sport as deep as this. On a scale of 1 to 10, give the guy his sweater number—29."

—*Regina Leader-Post*

From the Inside Flap

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