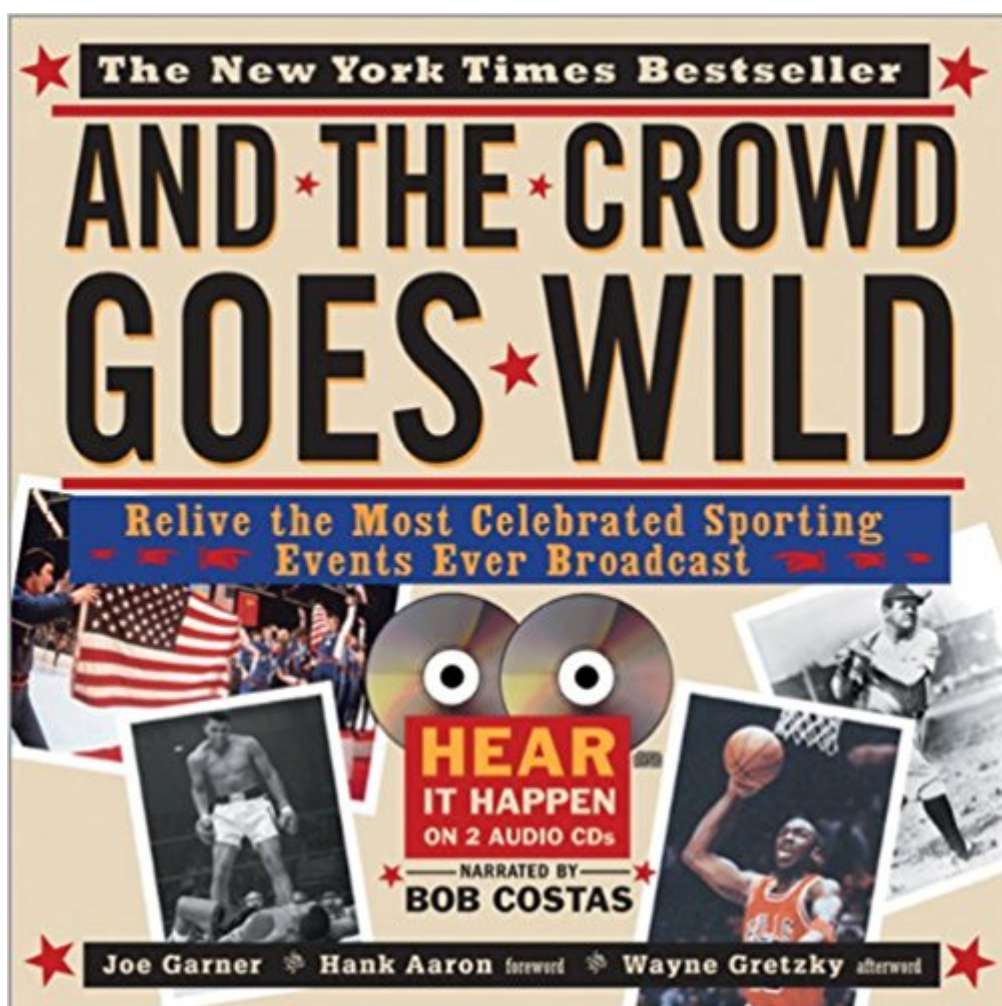


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And The Crowd Goes Wild: Relive The Most Celebrated Sporting Events Ever Broadcast (Book And 2 Audio CDs)



Synopsis

Fans Wept. The Crowd Cheered. The Announcers Went Wild. You Just Had To Be There. And You Can Be. In words and images--and on two audio CDs narrated by award-winning sports journalist Bob Costas--*And The Crowd Goes Wild* brings to life the spine-tingling moments that brought us to our feet. From bleachers to box seats to living room sofas, devoted fans and casual observers yearn for the thrill of last-minute heroics, underdog victories or the crowning moment of a champion's career. *And The Crowd Goes Wild* recounts forty-seven of the most memorable moments in sports and spotlights the photographs that tell the stories. Accompanying the book, two digitally mastered CDs contain over two hours of audio, including the actual calls of the announcers who were just as excited, surprised and awestruck as the fans. Their words--and the emotional charge in their voices--take you back to the heart-stopping thrill of the event, when an athlete triumphed...and the crowd went wild!

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Customer Reviews

What baseball fan doesn't get goosebumps when hearing, "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!" Who--hockey fan or not--doesn't feel a little bit giddy whenever they hear Al Michaels shout, "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" Who doesn't grin when they hear Univision sportscaster Andres Cantor demonstrate his lung capacity by bellowing, "Gooooaaaal!" And who can forget "The Play" in the Cal vs. Stanford game when the Bears came back to win in the final seconds--bowling over a trombone player in the process? From an admittedly scratchy recording of Babe Ruth's memorable World Series home run in 1932 to the dramatic penalty shootout win in the

1999 Women's World Cup, And the Crowd Goes Wild captures history's greatest sports calls. The two CDs accompanying this collection feature 47 original sports calls, including Franco Harris making the "Immaculate Reception," Secretariat winning the Triple Crown, Lou Gehrig saying goodbye, Buster Douglas upsetting Mike Tyson, and Mark McGwire beating Roger Maris's single-season home run record. The book sets up each event with capsule explanations, accompanied by stock photographs. Narrated by Bob Costas, And the Crowd Goes Wild will entertain any sports fan. --Sunny Delaney

Following in the footsteps of his own bestselling *We Interrupt This Broadcast*, radio veteran Garner has put together this gift-perfect compilation of 47 of the most memorable sporting events ever broadcast on radio or TV. This coffee-table-sized volume includes a foreword by Hank Aaron and an afterword by Wayne Gretzky. It also features two accompanying audio CDs that combine sturdy backstory narration of each event by Bob Costas with snippets of the original broadcast. From Babe Ruth's called shot in the 1932 World Series to the U.S. women's 1999 World Cup soccer victory, Garner's collection is a diverse sampling of the century's most significant sporting moments. The book itself benefits from a generous dose of outstanding photographs. The CD set is at once more compelling and more uneven than the text and photos. Some of the events--such as the showdown between Magic Johnson's Michigan State and Larry Bird's Indiana State in the 1979 NCAA basketball finals--were historically important but didn't have any defining, dramatic moments for a sportscaster to sink his teeth into. The best selections combine passionate announcing--Russ Hodges screaming, "The Giants win the pennant!" after Bobby Thomson's homer lifted the Giants over the Dodgers in 1951-- with an improbable outcome--like Billy Mills's miraculous run to victory in the 1964 Olympic 10,000 meters--to create a familiar tingle down the spine. (Dec.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I enjoyed this set more than the previous title for the mere fact that Bob Costas yaps for far less time than Bill Kurtis on most of the tracks. Costas is, for the most part, concise and sets up very well the moment about to be heard. Bill Kurtis tended to ramble on longer than the news clip on "We Interrupt This Broadcast..." Overall, I really enjoyed these moments, especially as I am too young to remember over 3/4ths of them =), you can still get a tingle hearing the call on the Cal-Stanford game, Wilt's 100th point, etc.

Got this for a gift fir my sports fanatic dad. He loves it!

Very interesting book. Worth the money and time reading it.

Bought for the sports fans in my family to relive exciting broadcasts.

First Class Speedy delivery. Would recommend

Great product!

Great concept for a book/CD, but his choice of moments is disappointing. The first things you notice is the heavy skew towards New York sports teams. Garner includes the Mets, Jets, Knicks and Rangers championships...all certainly exciting moments, but none very "climactic". In any of those sports you could have found 20 more "climactic" moments (quick, hockey fans: wouldn't you have rather heard the call of either the '72 or '86 Canada Cup?). A noticeable weakness is that Garner goes out of his way to include personalities rather than moments. Thus the obligatory inclusion of clips from the careers of Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Wayne Gretzky and Michael Jordan. All legends, but the inclusion of such "moments" in this package seems forced and phony. For example, Garner includes Jordan's sixth NBA crown, when a far better moment to honor Jordan would have been The Shot against Cleveland in '89. Another problem is Bob Costas' intrusive narration on the CD. It would have been better if they had Costas set up the clips and let them run interrupted. No where is this more annoying than on the Immaculate Reception audio clip, where I found myself thinking "Shut up, Bob!" Not a bad book/CD. If you have the spare \$40 lying around, there are worse ways to spend it.

No matter what sport you are interested in, this book will be something you will find interesting. This is a big glossy picture book that tells a brief history story of sports by looking at key moments in sports history in the last 100 years. There are critical moments that will live forever -- when Babe Ruth pointed his finger and called the shot for his homerun, when Lou Gehrig said goodbye forever to game he loved so much, when Secretariat won the third race to take the Triple Crown, when Nadia Comaneci nailed that perfect 10 in Olympic gymnastics, all the way up to when Tiger Woods won the Masters and Mark McGwire passed the Maris home-run record, these are the times. With this book you not only get to read about them and see the pictures, but you get the sounds from the broadcasts, too, on two CDs that are part of this item. With narration by Bob Costas (anyone who

watches sports will recognize him) you can relive the moments in sound, color, pictures and words, about as close as you can get to being there. This is a great book, a great gift for any sports fan, and if anyone ever had any doubt about sports being exciting, this book has the moments that will show just how exciting things can get!

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