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Ronnie is snooker's most written and talked about player, and its greatest showman. His supreme talent and style have made him the People's Champion and, as one commentator put it, 'the question is not how much does Ronnie O'Sullivan need snooker, but how much does snooker need Ronnie O'Sullivan?'

At 15, Ronnie became the youngest player to compile a recognised maximum break during the English Amateur Championships. He turned professional in 1992 and won 38 successive matches that year alone. In 1993, at just 17, he became the youngest winner of a world ranking tournament when he defeated Stephen Hendry to win the UK Championships. In 1997 he recorded the fastest 147 break in history - in just 5 minutes and 20 seconds - and has gone on to better that three times. In 2001 he confirmed his legendary status by winning the Embassy World Title.

But Ronnie's autobiography will reveal more just than just the sporting side of the man the BBC speculates 'could become the world's greatest ever'; it will also be a full and candid account of an extraordinary life. It will tell of the infant who was introduced to legendary snooker clubs at an impossibly early age, of the boy who was taking on and defeating all comers at 12 and frightening off the bookies in the process, of the teenager whose life was decimated when his father and mentor was sent to prison for life; of the man dubbed the 'genius' of the modern game who regularly threatens to quit the sport to pursue other interests at the grand old age of 28.

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Dane Cobain says

What we have here is the official autobiography of Ronnie O'Sullivan, and whilst I doubt that he actually wrote any of it, it is a fascinating insight into his early life. What it doesn't really do, though, is to leave you feeling like you understand him. By the time that you get to the end of the book, you'll still see O'Sullivan as the same old enigmatic snooker player.

The book is a little out of date by now, too – a year is a long time for Ronnie O'Sullivan, and he's arguably one of the most notorious snooker players to have ever lived. His talent seems to go up and down like a yo-yo, as does his frenetic personal life.

But if you're expecting some sort of expose then you'll be mistaken, too – there's not so much celebrity gossip in here, but the passages on young Ronnie's childhood and his descent into the murky snooker clubs of Essex are definitely worth a read, if you're a snooker fan.

And that kind of brings me to the crux of this review – if you're not a snooker fan then you're probably not going to enjoy the read much. It's the same with any celebrity autobiography – it's only really worth reading if you're a fan of the celebrity. But if you are a Ronnie fan, and if you like to read the occasional memoir, then you could do a lot worse than this.

Because when it comes to the text, it's certainly professionally written, as well as well-edited – I didn't spot a single mistake, and I keep a look out for them. Plus, the book includes some pictures – always a plus with an autobiography!

Ramona says

5 amazing stars for this book!

Ronnie is my idol, the person I admired since the 8th grade, when I discovered how amazing snooker is. Since then I am a devoted fan and it was my dream to meet him one day.

He made me love snooker, made me passionate about a game that not many people knew about. His crazy personality but charming ways are loved by millions of fans throughout the world. His playing method is supernatural and he is considered the most talented snooker player out there, because he makes the sport look so easy.

This book takes us on a wonderful journey, where we get a look of his childhood, get to read about his first interaction with snooker and how did he cope with being a revelation at such a young age. Besides his problems in maintaining a certain level of professionalism, he also struggled with personal problems: the absence of his father, then mother, having to take care of his sister and be the man of the house at such a young age.

He suffered from depression, consumed drugs and alcohol and his rebellious ways made him always the

center of attention. This "not caring" attitude was that made him the most loved and most hated player of all times. His natural talent, witty and moody attitude made Ronnie O'Sullivan the man he is today, with a lot of fans, records and tournaments won.

There were hundred of times in which I encouraged him in front of the TV, times in which he made me soooooo mad for playing badly, but in the end I wouldn't imagine snooker without him.

You get to see the real Ronnie, a perfectly imperfect person, but a passionate player who loves snooker so much and won't stop loving it no matter what.

It was on my bucket list to see him one day, to attend one of his matches and to be mesmerized by the snooker he produces. My dream came true: I've been at 2 of his matches, shook his hand and obtained an autograph:)

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Claudia says

Most candid story I have ever read - he has lots of bottle to open up like this. Despite all his downs, he will remain **The most** talented snooker player of all times.

LE: 22/11/15 - a dream come true :)

Nedwards23 says

I only started reading this book because 1) Ronnie is my dad's favourite snooker player and 2) it was the only book at the place we were staying on holiday and i was bored.

I'm extremely glad i read this as it helped me to understand Ronnie better as well as my depression. it made me feel less alone to know that Ronnie had the same struggles i do.

I recommend this book to anyone who likes Ronnie, Snooker or has any form of depression or anxiety.
very good read.

Jan says

Interesting book - as much about handling depression and an addictive personality whilst under constant

public scrutiny as it is about snooker. Good insight into the pressures and mindgames involved in playing at the top level in a big money high profile sport. Honest and outspoken as you would expect from Ronnie and you can certainly hear his voice coming through.

Alexandra says

This book is quite poorly written. It resembles more a CV than a life-story. However it reveals very good Ronnie's emotional inner drama triggered by his father going to jail. His long-life battle with depression and lack of self-confidence, his strong character, strive for perfection and passion for snooker will definitely make the reader understand Ronnie's temper on TV. I highly admire him as he's the most gifted snooker player.

Catherine says

I have idolised Ronnie since I was a child, having spent many an evening watching snooker with my own Dad and developing a love for the game. This book has sat on my shelf a while to be honest, I always knew Ronnie had had troubles, but I never realised how much he had had to deal with. My respect for him has increased greatly by reading this very honest and heartfelt account of his somewhat turbulent life. It just shows that under all the flash and fame is a normal human being who suffers the same problems as the rest of us, but has the added pressure of being in the public eye.

Lucian Nohai says

Before reading this book I never understood Ronnie. He has moments when he's unbeatable and moments when he doesn't know how to get out of there faster(snooker table). But this book opened my eyes and turned me into a fan. This book will show you how many obstacles he had to overtake in life and what made him the way he is now.

A says

I really wanted to read this, because I just adore Ronnie O'Sullivan. The book was interesting - mostly. Somewhere along the line I thought it got extremely boring and I'm not quite sure why. I liked the honesty of the book; even if I realize that you have to read every autobiography with a grain of salt. Having finally finished it, I can't say that I like him more or less now. I guess I already knew quite a lot and that's why it wasn't all that interesting. It's a nice read nonetheless.

Sinead says

A very good insight into the mind of Ronnie O'Sullivan. Looking forward to reading the next part of his autobiography, when it is released later this year. His mindset was in a fragile state at the end of this book so it'll be interesting to see how he coped.

Mihai Alic says

Ronnie-omul, cu adevarat. O persoana cat se poate de directa, modest in ce priveste felul in care isi vede jocul, departe de a fi perfect in viata personala, ca orice om, insa are curajul de a se deschide in fata intregii lumi si de a-si recunoaste greselile. Este imaginea sportului practicat, fara indoiala!

Jackson Stubbs says

I picked this one up cheap from a charity shop whilst on holiday. I'm a big fan of his but the book itself wasn't the greatest of reads.

It did make me want to pick up a snooker cue again though and I enjoyed the chapter where he discussed some of the other players.

Vincze Andrade says

"Se zice c? punctele forte ale unui om sunt, în acela?i timp, ?i cele mai mari vulnerabilit?i ale sale, ceea ce e cu siguran?? valabil în cazul meu. Sunt un perfec?ionist, ceea ce mi-a produs foarte multe nepl?ceri (...) Este OK s? fii perfec?ionist cât? vreme acest lucru nu te îmboln?ve?te, cum a f?cut cu mine atâ?ia ani."

Alexandra Holmaghi says

Loved it ? I've been a fan since I was very little and in my opinion, he's still the best player out there. The book made me go back in time when I started following his matches on TV and then imagining in parallel his struggles with snooker and everything else going on in his life. Makes you realize you knew noting back then.. only how great he was at this amazing sport! I highly recommend it, even if you're not a fan. It's a book about a huge champ who's had a very tough journey to the top.

Drew Pyke says

Had always been a big fan of snooker and when Ronnie came onto the circuit when I was a teenager I thought he was amazing. But when I read this I found out surprisingly how dark his life was (and still is since he has taken a year out of competition for personal issues). The story around his father, mother, eating issues, drugs and then more dramatically his religious exploration (I remember even once an Islamic conversion in a McDonalds restaurant or was I dreaming that?). Still think Ronnie is an interesting character and formidable player when its his day.

