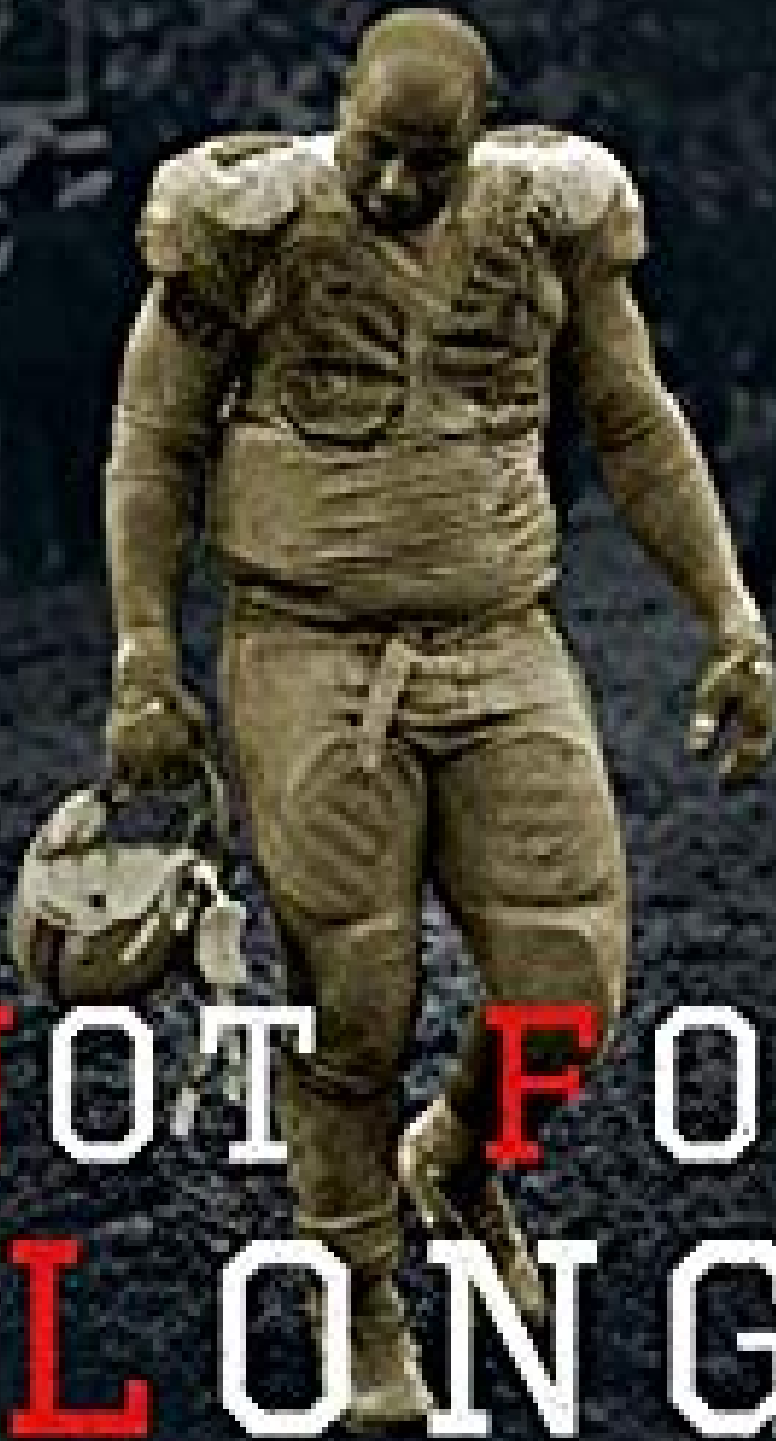


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The NFL may be the most popular professional sports league in the USA. Its sportsmen receive multimillion-dollar contracts and almost endless media interest. Without guaranteed contracts, nearly all players are forced out of the group after a few months. In excess of three-quarters of retirees experience bankruptcy or financial ruin, two-thirds live with chronic discomfort, and too many find themselves on the wrong side of the law. With compassion and objectivity, Robert W. Turner II reveals the life and mind of senior high school, college, and NFL sportsmen, shedding light on what might best help players transition successfully out from the sport. Turner II draws on his personal knowledge as a previous professional football player and also interviews with more than 140 current and former NFL players to reveal what it means to end up being an athlete in the NFL and explain why so many players struggle with life after football. The league's most important game, the Super Bowl, can be virtually a national holiday. Rendering it to the NFL, however, isn't about the promised land of fame and fortune. Robert W. Turner II argues that the fall from grace of therefore many players can be no incident. The NFL, he contends, powerfully determines their encounters in and from the league. And the procedure of becoming at the very top football player--from senior high school to university and through the pros--leaves sports athletes with few marketable skills and little preparation for their initial Sunday off the field. The labor contract provides little job security and few health insurance and pension benefits, and the owners refuse to share power with the players, making change hard. Robert W.



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The NFL/NCAA Is A Huge Monopolized Business Cartel Intersecting w/the Game of Politics Writer Robert W Turner dose an outstanding job of taking the reader inside football and the dystopian NCAA/NFL influence that pervades it all. Although he sides w/the players in everyway; I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. Both authors concur that the owners care more about profits than winning. I found it believed provoking, and I sometimes agreed and other moments didn't. level.1 years], but his function is exemplary in digging in to the player's lifestyle and their fight for fairness in the cartel's industrial power inequality expressed in owner versus participant arena.The writer seems to bemoan the lack of opportunities for ex NFL players in the "sports-industrial complex" but also seems to bemoan an enormous industry that has sprung up in the arena of personal coaching and intense sports training for youth. Turner includes several profiles of players that explore the trip from high school to college and to the NFL along with post-NFL tales. It is not finding that your fantasy is more difficult and not all that you imagined it might be while becoming paid a handsome salary and getting the freedom to give up and walk away at anytime. At the end of the each time of year, a coach can refuse to renew a player's athletic school funding for any reason whatsoever.D dissertation function, but he has managed to get very accessible for readers. As importantly, Turner is definitely a Ph. However, I buy into the author that the NFL must do more to help previous players find careers in the NFL and related sectors. Turner gets the inside track of being a former pro footballer with the USFL, CFL and briefly with the NFL.That is a poignant theme that underlines the NFL/NCAA cartel's brutal signature throughout this well researched, well written, and thoughtful work. Or people being trafficked against their will. He develops an evaluation of the cultural milieu of the NFL participant – mainly emphasizing the Dark NFL player. It seems like this book is an final result of his Ph. The point the writer continually drives home by laying out the conditions under which players climb towards an NFL profession is: the more an athlete is definitely discouraged from considering critically and challenging the status quo, the more likely they are to become dependent on the organization.The book paints a picture that offers myriad insights into the NFL life and the football lifestyle that precedes it in senior high school and college. Why wouldn't each group have a "life" advisor for its players that would help them arrange for life after and during football. This even though many these coach's players scrounged for pennies tip-toeing through the numerous fascist[Big Business/Big Government]NCAA IUD explosive regulations regarding money and student athletes. Throughout the book, Turner provides his own reflections and thoughts. With the NFL, the risk / reward are greater than perhaps any industry that's as well-known and sought after. other authors, like Brain Tuohy, The Fix Is In, explain Hall of Fame players as criminals, addicts, and gamblers. Human brain Tuohy says that championships aren't won on the basis of hard work or increasing to the occasion, but perhaps because video games are fixed. The author challenged some of my own beliefs and attitudes about people, and I believe his writing definitely brought about some change in the way I appear at these topics.While Turner certainly maintains great affection and affinity for football and the NFL, he often appears to write with a bias against the NFL as part of the "sports activities industrial complex" – that's an overarching network that uses sports activities for profit at the expense of the athletes who are dehumanized and frequently exploited to serve the vast empire. The football world has its advantages and disadvantages, good and evil, caregivers and manipulators similar to the rest of the world.It appears that Turner writes as if NFL players and really all black soccer players from senior high school, college and NFL are rooked and practically forced into this football mill and spit out. The idea that it is present day slavery demolishes any substantive arguments. The publication also doesn't compare football to other sports or jobs. Football is not unique in being overall performance powered and competitive among sports activities or high reward professions. The institution can't be in charge of the players' decisions or for lack of preparation or the indegent lifestyle decisions they make once in college.I am nothing more than a fan of football and sports in general. And it is true that no position is secure and that little or no loyalty appears to can be found by

NFL teams to players. There are plenty of facts that pepper this book bringing home the stark inequalities that pervade through the entire cartel's empire. Between 2006 and 2013, the common salary for an NCAA FBS [football series] head coach increased by 70% - a rate that outpaced the much-maligned compensation of corporate executives. It seems like within this huge football-related industry there would be plenty of opportunities for former university or NFL players. A Stimulating and Thought-Provoking, Substantive Publication on the NFL Robert Turner has written a remarkably substantive and thoroughly researched book about the NFL existence and career from the athlete's perspective. Similarly, the writer cites the many hardships of university players and promotes the necessity for an NFL developmental small leagues like baseball has; however, I imagine if that were the case then the author might find factors to object and criticize it for luring sportsmen away from a free of charge college education. For this to be taken seriously, I think it has to take a more balanced view that looks even more at both sides of the arguments. It really is an enormous burden for athletes at high profile colleges, but it is also what they have worked hard to achieve, therefore I don't think that their dilemma warrants true sympathy, especially because it is by choice. It really is unique in the quantity of physical struggling and that's definitely a price that is paid. It seems like the true essence of the sociological issue is certainly rooted in the family and interpersonal context of the players. This point of view leads to a position that seems to take a sympathetic or even pathetic watch of soccer players as victims of this vast complex. The author exudes an authentic care and concern for football players. Unfortunately, I believe, the author seems to support this declaration and lets it linger unchallenged as an obvious thesis for a chapter. For another view of the NFL, I would recommend the following recent books: "IT ISN'T Because I'm Much better than You" by NFL player Don Carey, "Press" by former college and pro participant and Olympic Bobsledder Johnny Quinn, "Gridiron Genius" by Michael Lombardi and "The Mannings" by Lars Anderson. Modern day slavery is usually Christian girls being kidnapped by Boko Haram and kept as sex slaves! The author has really asserted that groups don't care who or what you are and can replace you for a better player at a better price. There is a neglect of talking about their choice and independence to play or not play. The author writes that 6% of the United States population are black men, yet 70% of the NFL players are dark. Is usually racist and slavish? A black participant Vonte Davis simply retired at halftime from the NFL last week... Slaves can't do this. This is very much a serious book on the Ph.D. All this to state that I don't agree on all points of look at the writer expresses in his function titled Not For Long [NFL average career 3]. The truth is that in sports like baseball many players forgo the faculty scholarship to chase the main league dream and flunk and are left with no payout and no college. There is no doubt racist elements exist in every region of society. The NFL is definitely no different; nevertheless, I believe statements like the one above have to be challenged or overlooked of the book. Whether a free agent or a drafted star, if indeed they don't perform they will be replaced. A sociologist would you serious analysis and reporting in this book. By requiring that a student athlete performs well on the field and in the classroom, behaves well, and stays financially safe enough to survive w/o requiring an income resource, the NCAA demonstrates gross insensitivity to the needs of those sportsmen in socially and economically vulnerable populations. To equate the NFL with slavery undermines dialogue about the real complications in the little league. The NFL "is a kind of present day slavery," said the player who had received over \$2 million in bonus cash. The topics he addresses and offers researched are the ones that have to be priorities for NFL and college soccer. Turner hits on how small the NFL accesses former players to supply mentoring and counsel to prospective and current players. It also targets post-NFL life for most players. I think the NFL would do well to invite more insight and consultation from Turner regarding methods to improve the league's care for its main "commodity," the players. That chapter follows a lengthy argument about how exactly the NFL is completely merit based.



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