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From the founding editor of "s sports section Carli Lloyd, co-captain, U. "s National Team Drawing on original interviews with athletes, general managers, coaches, and team-building specialists, Sam Walker identifies the seven core qualities of the Captain Course—from great doggedness and emotional control to tactical aggression and the courage to stand apart. I discover myself relating too much to its portrayal of the out-of-the-norm innovator. .Daniel Coyle, writer of The Culture Code Compliment for The Captain Class The Wall Road Journal' "— That one is fresh. makes you reexamine long-held beliefs on the subject of leadership and the glue that binds winning groups collectively." "Theo Epstein, Most business and leadership books lapse into clichéChicago Cubs Named among the best business books of the year by CNBC, THE BRAND NEW York Times, Forbes, strategy+business, The Globe and Mail, and Sports activities IllustratedNow featuring analysis of the five-time Super Bowl champion Fresh England Patriots and their captain, Tom BradyThe seventeen most dominant teams in sports history had one thing in common: Each utilized the same kind of captain— "—will challenge your assumptions of what inspired leadership looks like.—The insights in this book are tremendous."—Bob Myers, general manager, Golden Condition Warriors Wildly entertaining and thought-provoking .An awesome book . .The Captain Course Told through riveting accounts of pressure-soaked moments in sports history, " .comes a bold new theory of leadership drawn from the elite captains who all inspired their teams to achieve extraordinary success.S. Soccer Females'a singular leader with an unconventional group of abilities and tendencies.In the event that you care about leadership, talent advancement, or the art of competition, you will need to read this immediately." . . Sam Walker utilized data and a systems approach to reach some primary and unconventional conclusions about the types of leaders that foster enduring success.president of baseball functions, t tell you how much I cherished The Captain Course. ."—Jeff Immelt, chairman and former CEO, General Electric —Derek Falvey, chief baseball officer, Minnesota Twinss. It identifies something many people who've been with us successful teams have felt but had been never able to articulate. It has deeply affected my thoughts around how we build our culture.An excellent read . "I can'



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Essential read for the sports activities fan, the trainer, and the first choice. maybe this past year! On the one hand it is a serious and sober study of sports dynasties and how they become. Good insights A well written book with good insights and confirming sources. Additionally it is a primer for what makes something like a sports dynasty come alive and breathe and be successful. The bane of the present day day business world is certainly this formulaic grinding out of uninteresting and useless tomes detailing simplistic recitations of some Powerpoint bullets. Excellent Loved this! For that I am eternally grateful.and in addition due to the chapter on the Steelers which no self-respecting Pittsburgh-born person could avoid.After reading this book, the thought of a team captain seems CRITICAL in the development of a great team. I received't enter his process, needless to say it will be the beginning of many a discussion, and his reasoning and description ought to be read and believed over by the reader.The writer comes up with sixteen teams. Sixteen iconic teams that the author labeled as his Tier One teams; Period. who would wear it now anyhow? those teams that hardly missed being tier one. This appendix will become well thumbed in the future by this reader. Also, shouldn't defense mean defending ownership of the ball? My husband and/or boy ritually explain the guidelines of each game if you ask me at the starting of every season, not really because I cannot remember them, but simply because it's information that I cannot apply elsewhere, therefore poof, it disappears at season's end to never come back except in the vaguest of recollections. Once more, the author does an admirable and thoughtful job of considering a lot of factors and then writing an erudite protection of his analysis."The Captain Class" initially piqued my interest mostly because my boy was captain of his high school and college lacrosse teams and Perhaps I wanted to have significantly more insight into what that position entailed than I had as a "sports mother" who went to the video games, but had understand idea what anyone from the field was carrying out. This book could very easily have become a mish mash retelling of the same factors and sold as a formulaic recipe for success. He clarifies why he moved past the mythical and iconoclastic belief in the trainer, or the idolatry of the superstar athlete and settled on the water carrying captain. Once again, I won't do it again his arguments from the book because he does a much better work than I ever will, since he carried the water for the reserve and I believe his argument, just how he phrased it, is normally very important to the reader to absorb and consider.Component II of the publication lists seven characteristics that the author feel are unique and defining for a Tier one particular captain.The well-trod path that the writer did not decrease is the path of the ubiquitous and trite path of almost all business books. Each chapter is normally a cogent explanation of each quality that the writer feels is crucial for the success of each of these captains.. Well written with good examples spanning multiple sports, laced with captivating stories from the Captains. He describes comprehensive, using anecdotes and considerable interviews with those captains, the initial and critical qualities that make these women and men so very successful therefore very unique.His bottom line is that what drives the bus for these groups, are the captains of the teams, a throwback placement in our entitlement society, a culture that disdains hierarchy and a posture that serves the higher good of the group. It is also a publication on leadership and what makes a leader in the sports activities context. The concepts of culture and leadership have grown to be big buzz topics in the sports world, and there is a lot of fluff out there. moreover, he appreciates the complexity and coupled character of the successful captaincy. With that, I really do a lot of reading on different principles within sports, coaching, sport psych, pop psych, etc. He leaves it to us to try to put the facts together, to take into account the effects of what we can do to build up those seven qualities, either for ourselves or as a trainer or teacher for students. Very enjoyable read. Right now I can think deeply and critically on his arguments.To be good, the writer does reiterate the major points that he wished to make by the end of each chapter, nonetheless it is a re-statement of the argument rather than a how-to information.Whether you are a sports enthusiast, a coach, a consultant, or anyone relating to developing people into leaders, that is a fantastic and challenging addition to your library. A remarkably well-written, astonishingly-very well researched and compelling browse, even (maybe, specifically) for non-sports people. I am not really a sports person. by the way, he helpfully lists the Tier One groups and the Tier two teams in the appendix of the book, i. This is just one more impossible task, one that will also be debated advertisement infinitum. If offsidess intended the same thing in every sport, that could help.The next intimidating task is to examine at all of the teams also to come to a conclusion as what made these teams Tier one, what drove them to being so salient amongst the many, which factor defined the success of this team. I realize that fifty percent of the

visitors of this review have stopped reading in sheer disgust right now, but I wanted to drive home the actual fact that Part III may be the counterexample. Towards the finish of the book additionally, there are examples utilized from the business world and military leadership. This is simply not a book about sports, or solely for sports people. What I treasured about this book is it fights through the fluff with years of intensive study on the world's biggest athletic teams of all time to provide an excellent read incorporating tales, well-explained study, and substantive takeaways. The principles that unfold in each chapter are the ones that can be extended into so many regions of life and business for people alike, which on balance makes a whole lot of sense, but is not always in-your-face obvious. The amount of analysis, outlined by the writer at the beginning of the publication, is so staggering that I found myself compelled to discover what that quantity of study could yield. Although the title of the book seems to give that away, there is so much more to understand than just that. It really is phenomenally well-written, therefore well written in reality that I want to get a subscription to the WSJ therefore I can keep reading what this author writes. When I lamented to friends that I wasn't sure about my son attempting to play college sports activities, those that owned some very successful and prominent businesses wasted virtually no time informing me a resume with "team captain" of any sport onto it automatically pushed that applicant to the very best of the set of potential hires. Understand this book if you're thinking about sports, leadership or group dynamics. Again, this is argument fodder between the denizens of the pubs and pubs and also the denizens of panel areas, think tanks, B institutions, and consulting firms. So that. Part I of the publication describes the process where he takes all of the successful sports teams, from many schedules, from almost all sports activities, and he applies various sieves to disqualify candidates so that he includes a manageable number of candidates to investigate. Really shines a light on the struggle what very good leaders face, and how ordinary people can be extraordinary leaders and teammates. I've worked as a teacher and coach for approximately a decade and have transitioned in to the field of sport psychology over the last five years or so. He has laid out what he feels is definitely super salient about these captains and he's smart enough to not business lead the reader to believe that the outcomes of the fantastic captain can be duplicated simplistically. Sam Walker has too much respect for the subject. To my immense surprise, I could not really put this book down. It's outstanding and will be a great browse for you if you are a coach, athlete, mother or father, or simply a fan of sports activities. Great book for each and every leader. A must browse for any Coach. Amazing book taking a unique perspective in regards to what makes a dynasty. Wish you give it a go and enjoy! Best book I've browse this year (& maybe this past year Best book I've go through this year (& The Captain Class is many different genres trying to match into a single book.). I go through a LOT which book was a paradigm shift for me. The thought of a "group captain" appears to be as relevant today as a "letterman jacket": everyone offers one so it doesn't really carry any significance (&e.). This only is a large job, and a contentious one that would involve just about every denizen of every sports activities bar and pub around the world. Great groups are led by elite team captains and understanding what to look for isn't always everything you might think. Many team captains are picked predicated on recognition or seniority, but after reading this book the selection of our team captain will change dramatically. As a trainer, I learned a whole lot from this book but as a fan of the overall game, I found the stories and study fascinating. As I finished the publication, I was actually hoping for some pithy summation for my convenience, but in the finish, I was grateful that he avoided the clichéd business school content. This is of course an impossible task undertake, but Sam Walker takes a very logical and serious look at the topic. If you know the sports activities and the captains, you may have disagreements with a number of the details nevertheless, you end up agreeing with summaries. Thoroughly exciting read and some great takeaways. Well wrote book. It was interesting to hear the constitute of really terrific groups over time. I really enjoyed the tales and what sort of book was come up with. Truth be told, Personally I think what he succeeded in every of his missions but the important part is that he did not decrease some well-trod paths. This will be among those books that stands the check of time in the field of sports and coaching. The tale of the Tier 2 captains, who got all the necessary qualities, except for that one critical quality which doomed them to Tier 2 instead of Tier 1, a cautionary tale. Game changing when it comes to leading others. Among the best Out There. This is one of the best books I've read. Great go through showing the importance of captains to a team's ... Great read showing the need for captains to a team's success. A good read for the overall reader. Perfectly done! Interesting perspective on administration styles

Definitely useful points and management motivation information. Thought provoking and compelling Great read, very informative. This is a reserve about leadership using sports activities teams as a distinctive example. Insightful analysis without weighing stuff down too much with numbers and fine detail. An excellent mix between stories and stats..This book made the reasoning behind that crystal clear. Its backed up with detailed study and numerous examples that have become interesting!



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