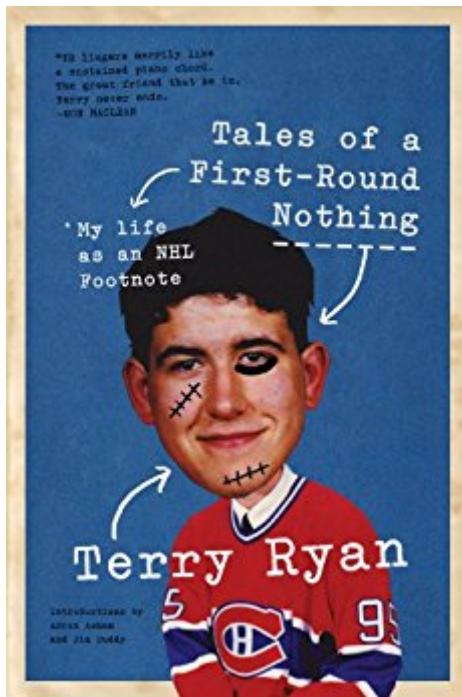


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Tales Of A First-Round Nothing



Synopsis

Terry Ryan was poised to take the hockey world by storm when he was selected eighth overall by the Montreal Canadiens in the 1995 NHL draft, their highest draft pick in a decade. Expected to go on to become a hockey star, Ryan played a total of eight NHL games for the Canadiens, scoring no goals and no assists: not exactly the career he, or anyone else, was expecting. Though Terryâ™s NHL career wasnâ™t long, he experienced a lot and has no shortage of hilarious and fascinating revelations about life in pro hockey on and off the ice. In Tales of a First-Round Nothing, he recounts fighting with Tie Domi, partying with rock stars, and everything in between. Ryan tells it like it is, detailing his rocky relationship with Michel Therrien, head coach of the Canadiens, and explaining what life is like for a man who was unprepared to have his career over so soon.

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Terry Ryan spares no one in his tell-all memoir of being a top-10 NHL draft pick (and subsequent bust) and his journey from a youngster in Newfoundland to Western Canada where he starred in the WHL circuit of major junior before ultimately becoming a hockey nomad in multiple farm leagues after just 8 career big league games with the Montreal Canadiens. Ryan or "Newf" has become a

hockey draft footnote (he was selected three spots before future Hall of Famer Jarome Iginla), but with an easy, self-deprecating style, he takes you back in time with him and sheds light on why a promising career never evolved into what it could have been. Ryan is a gifted storyteller, and he takes no edge off the fast ball whatsoever. He targets several noted hockey figures (Montreal Gazette icon Red Fisher for particular scorn, but is toughest on himself- revealing his own character, flaws, and disappointments for all to see. His chapter on current Montreal Canadiens bench boss Michel Therrien, who coached Ryan in the AHL in the late 90's is particularly interesting. With his rapier wit and a knack for detail, Ryan reveals the highs and lows of his hockey career and reputation as a noted prankster who tested the limits of his coaches' patience, but loved the game and wanted to win.

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