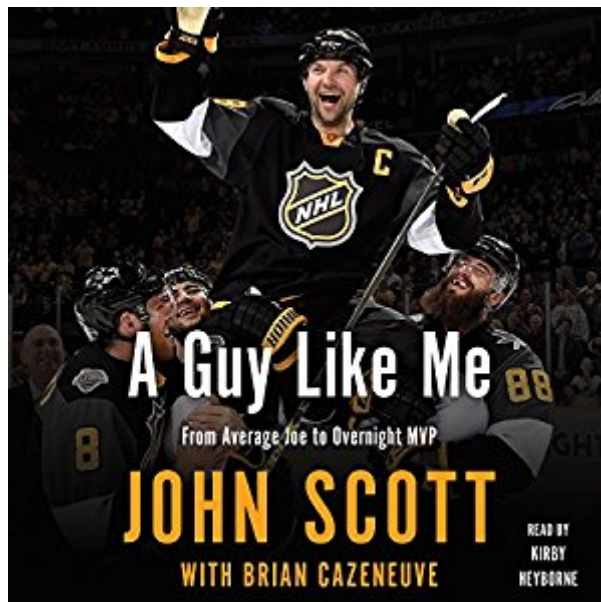


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A Guy Like Me



Synopsis

The John Scott story is the ultimate underdog narrative in sports during 2016 when Scott - in the twilight of his career - went from a joke All-Star fan-voted nominee to scoring two goals and winning the All-Star Game's MVP title. This is his heartwarming story about an average Joe who became a sports superhero overnight. Known as a willing-and-able fighter and bruiser in the league, John Scott was a surprising and tongue-and-cheek nominee for the 2016 NHL All-Star Game. He'd been in the league for over eight NHL seasons, playing for teams such as the Wild, Blackhawks, Rangers, Sabres, and the Sharks. Scott's best attribute as an NHL player was dropping his gloves - never the best player, the 260 pounder did become the most feared fighter in the NHL, racking up extensive penalty minutes. In order to prevent him from playing in the game, his current team - the Phoenix Coyotes - traded Scott to the Montreal Canadiens, who demoted him to the AHL team in an attempt to disqualify him from playing in the All-Star Game. Fans were outraged and Scott was devastated. He'd been downgraded in his job - forced to relocate while his wife was pregnant with twin girls. But the fans wouldn't back down and insisted the NHL let Scott play in the game. The league relented, and Scott not only was invited to attend the NHL game in Nashville, but was nominated a team captain. The media and sports fans at large fell in love with the giant six-foot-eight player who by all means, was just a normal guy and no superstar player. In a true Cinderella story, Scott scored two goals and was the All-Star Game's MVP. This is his personal memoir - detailing his life growing up and how he was able to keep his sense of humor and become the ultimate Cinderella-Story of hockey.

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Customer Reviews

Truly inspirational. John Scott is a true class act. I'm not a typical reader, but I follow hockey very closely and enjoyed this whole thing as it was happening. I read this from start to finish without putting it down. Reading his side of the story is incredible. Way to go, John Scott. You slow-footed goon. You are an All-Star MVP.

I'm not giving it 5 stars simply because someone did not proof read the text prior to printing very well...Other than that I enjoyed this book. I wasn't a big fan of John Scott's prior to coming to San Jose. He grew on me. After following this NHL All Star debacle he grew on me even more.... I wish he had named names in this book as I'd love to know who "Dick" was. Reading how horribly this guy was treated by the league simply because he was VOTED by the FANS to participate in the All Star game was infuriating. No one deserves that. Good for Mr. Scott for holding his ground and following his heart! I look forward to the movie!

I've been a big fan of Mr. Scott since his Wild days and had the opportunity to meet him a couple of times. ALWAYS a sweet and funny guy. I was angered after the whole NHL All Star game shenanigans and was overjoyed when he finally was able to shine. He absolutely deserved that opportunity and now through this book, we get a peek into his life before and during the aftermath of the All Star game. You will not be disappointed.

Not the next great American novel- but you don't expect it to be. You expect this book to give insight into NHL fighting, the life of the Enforcer, and you expect something you can't get elsewhere. On these points the book delivers. My takeaways were that being an enforcer is a noble calling- it's about avoiding bad behavior on the ice because of the threat of the Enforcer. You start to understand why fighting exists in hockey. This book is as much about hockey as it is a love story written about his wife and family. That was an interesting contrast to the Enforcer persona. The book is a quick read for hockey nuts. Can't wait for the movie.

I had not heard of John Scott prior to the 2016 NHL All-Star Game in Nashville (which I was fortunate to attend). After reading article about him and the controversy surrounding his inclusion in the game, I became enamored with his story. I found him to be personable and honest. His book follows his journey as an 'enforcer' in the NHL, his hopes, dreams, successes and disappointments. If you are a hockey fan, or just a fan of inspirational stories, I would highly recommend this book.

I have never read a biography of a sports star before and don't expect to read many. I read this book because my daughter, a Michigan Tech student and Huskies Hockey fan recommended it to me. John Scott played hockey at MTU. John doesn't think of himself as a "superstar" but just a regular guy who worked hard to achieve his dream of playing professional hockey. John's book tells about his life, both the good and bad parts, including his own mistakes as a young man. There is a lot of hockey talk, as you would expect, but also a lot of personal and family memories. You don't have to be big hockey fan to like this book. It feels very honest and real and will leave you hoping that John, his wife Danielle and his young daughters have a very happy life ahead of them.

The book was a slow start as it went through his upbringing and as he courted his wife. But things picked up as he started talking about his pro career. I read it on a flight -so it's a quick read too.

If you enjoy learning about the determination and perseverance of people this is a book for you. This book will inspire its reader to follow their dreams no matter how impossible it may seem.

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