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Anchorboy: True Tales From The World Of Sportscasting



Synopsis

Nine out of ten people would say Jay Onrait changed Canadian sportscasting. The first nine are right. The tenth just doesn't get sports. From the 2011 Gemini Award-winning sportscaster comes a book of essays and stories featuring the rise of a small town prairie boy and his journey to broadcasting in the big city. But, it's not what you think. These are not tales of triumph, but the stories his fans and viewers have been waiting for. *Anchorboy* teaches aspirational sportscasters that if you make enough mistakes you'll land the right job. It explains Jay's philosophy on personality-based sports broadcasting and how he changed sportscasting forever. A behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to work at TSN--it's a balance of humour, pop culture, and sports. Specifically, you'll read about: Jay being sexually harassed at TSN by a senior every day for ten years Jay being beaten up by a professional MMA fighter while hosting *Winnipeg's The Big Breakfast* Jay's nervous interview with one of his comedy heroes, Will Ferrell Jay's own personal Worst Christmas Eve Ever These are the stories that will make you laugh. Mostly at Jay's expense.

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Customer Reviews

I noticed that *Anchorboy* only had one lonely review on .com and as a fellow writer and Canadian, I decided to throw him a bone. Let me start by saying that this book has NONE of the things I normally enjoy in a book (suspense, angst, romance and loads of steamy sex scenes - so if you are looking for those things, *Anchorboy* is not for you). Mr. Onrait does discuss "pulling cable" but it really isn't as sexy as it sounds. I bought the for my husband for Christmas since he has been a

huge fan of Mr. Onrait and his partner, Mr. O'Toole, for several years. I grew accustomed to their antics and mildly amusing sports-casting prior to abandoning their Canadian fan base to go work at Fox Sports. Theirs was the ONLY sports show that I watched, which is to say I didn't mute the volume when my husband would leave the room (if you knew me, you would know that this is seriously high praise coming from me). Anyway, I decided to read the cover, being somewhat curious. Not long ago I saw Mr. Onrait dozing peacefully by a pool at a condo complex in Maui (I was pleased to see his lovely wife was also sleeping, so she was spared the sight of her beloved with his mouth gaping open and the little line of drool forming on his bottom lip). Reading the cover led me to read the front inside jacket which caused me to read the horrible, horrible foreword and so on, until within a few hours, I was finished. It made me laugh - at some points loud enough to make a rather unattractive snorting sound - a sound that men only call 'cute' when they want to sleep with you. (My husband knows I'm a sure thing, so he doesn't have to pretend on that one anymore).

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