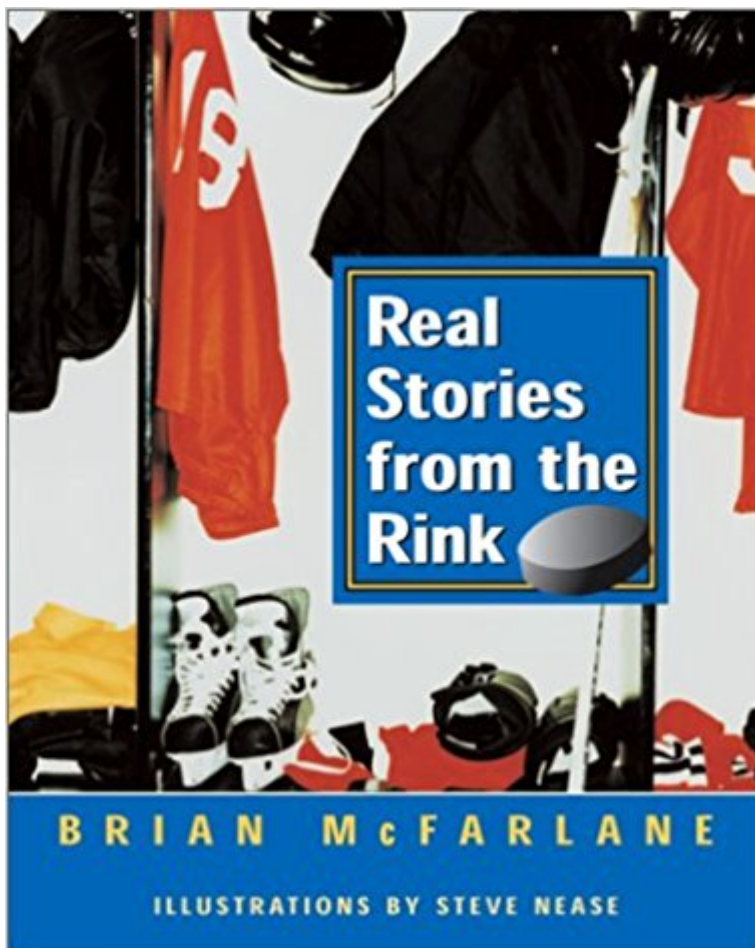


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Synopsis

Nominated in the nonfiction category for the 2004/2005 Red Cedar Book Awards (British Columbia's Young Reader's Choice book award) Brian McFarlane, one of hockey's best known and most respected historians, has gathered stories from the very first organized game of hockey, to the Olympic gold-medal face-off between Canada and the US at the 2002 Olympics. Whether through a story of courage such as Mario Lemieux's comeback from cancer or through a story of the ridiculous such as the notorious flying hot dog or Real Stories from the Rink presents tales about men's and women's hockey that cover players of every position, as well as coaches. It also includes the kind of statistics and records that are dear to every hockey fan.

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Grade 4-8-A compendium of hockey stories written by a historian and former All American. In a casual, conversational style, McFarlane covers events ranging in dates from the first game in 1875 to the Olympics of 2002. Roughly organized in chapters that feature stars, coaches, forwards as well as defensemen, some of these tales are about poor plays and hilarious gaffes while others are about amazing feats. For example, in 1942, Jackie Hamilton of the Toronto Maple Leafs was hip checked and sent flying into the air. His skate lodged in the wire net behind the goal and he was stuck upside down two feet off the ice. He continued dangling there while the game went on, until finally the referee blew his whistle and Jackie's teammates came to pry him loose. There is a mere mention of women players. McFarlane is guilty of some editorializing, but for the most part the book consists of anecdote after anecdote of memorable plays. The black and white of the pages appears

visually boring except for the sprinkling of Nease's well-drawn cartoons. A book for serious fans. Blair Christolon, Prince William Public Library System, Manassas, VACopyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gr. 5-8. Hockey fans will delight in this collection of anecdotes about the game--its history, players, and records. Ministories grouped into chapters by subject are punctuated with black-and-white cartoons that enhance the appeal. Opening, naturally enough, with tales from the game's origin, the first chapter samples proposed but discarded game rules--for example, the notion that a player pocket enough cash to pay game fines on the spot. Hockey's violence, reflected, though not glorified, is in many of the stories, but it is offset by inclusions about players such as Val Fonteyne, the game's "most gentlemanly player," who spent only 28 minutes in a penalty box throughout his entire 820-game NHL career. Women's role in the game is touched on, too, in this readable winner for sports shelves. Ellen MandelCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

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