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In this book, 8-year veteran of the NFL Tim Green reveals for the first time the scandals, the horrors, the abuses and also the wonders of playing football.

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### **Carlos says**

A must read for sports fans--including fans of both professional and college football--through the eyes of a former player.

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### **Neil White says**

It's about football. Written by a football player who also happens to be a rather talented writer. Clearly concussions don't effect the brain's literary center. Or maybe they do and he's just awesome. This book is awesome. Football is awesome. The end.

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### **Vincent Kapaun says**

The dark side of the game is about the life of NFL players. It is a sports genre book. Tim Green the author played 8 years in the NFL. He tells what it took to get there, what it was like during, and what it's like after. What it takes to get there is pure determination and love for the game. The players that take leadership is because not just raw talent but they are emotional and get the team pumped. People now that are big named like Ray Lewis or Brian Dawkins. Those men were fun to watch, every game these men put themselves to the test. The best way to get to the pros is an invitation to the combine if you get to the combine your chance double. If you're not part of the combine it becomes a waiting game just hoping you get the call of a GM. While in the NFL, it's your time to work for the number 1 spot it takes the effort. Every year many people come in and many retire. The teams go into camp with around 70 or so players and by week 1 they cut down to only 53 players that are allowed to dress and be part of that team. The pain of the game is terrible, every person tends to get hurt some worse than others. Things as nagging as a cleat mark left from when some 300 pound man runs on your leg. We tend to see all these players with tons of girls but it's just as easy for them to get turned down just as easy as you would. It is easier for them to get celebrities just because they have heard of and seen this guy. The hate of the refs, nobody likes refs. The good calls they make get fully ignored the second a bad call is or isn't made. After the NFL doesn't mean you're too old to play, players have retired before they were even 25 just because they got hurt too severe. Yes almost every player will be a millionaire just for playing a sport but the sport is no easy task. Many people love sports so much even when they retire they tend to go for ESPN or CBS or something. Just to be part of sports not physically but mentally because you get to go down to field and be at many many games. Many players' retirement is great because they can finally get those injuries fully recovered and have great houses and cars. Many are so rich they wouldn't need another job ever again but still love sports just too much to leave. This book is great just because I could get into pretty easy and never got really bored and wanted to stop. I have probably read this book 3 times in a few years

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### **Gerry says**

None of the glamour of the NFL in this book. Tim Green tells of the pathos, horror and abuses that players

experience during their time at the top of their chosen profession. Why did they choose it? Green analyses that question and answers it succinctly and with honesty even though he sometimes wondered why he was going through the pain. The readers' view of life in the NFL will never be the same again!

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### **Steven says**

Loved the part about steroid-using players who bought "clean" urine and paid a doctor to pump it into their bladders through a catheter---all so they could then pass the urine test they knew was coming.

Also enjoyed his description of small talk on the field. Green says it's not all trash talk on the line of scrimmage. Most of the guys are friends (having played on so many teams with free agency) and when they line up it's:

"Hey Tim, how's your mom doing?"

"Great. How are your folks doing? Still have that house in the Adirondacks? Cool."

Then they smash each other till the whistle blows--then talk some more.

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### **Dick says**

There is a dark side to the NFL - no surprise. But there is a lot of comaraderie as well. Deion Sanders came off better than I expected.

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### **Amy says**

Tim Green was my Driver Education student in Liverpool HS "back in the day"

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### **David Ward says**

The Dark Side of the Game: My Life in the NFL by Tim Green (Warner Books 1996)(796.332) contains short snippets of little-known insight into the NFL (e.g., opposing players don't generally talk trash on the field and remain friendly with their friends; players don't usually wear cups; the best place to play is Green Bay for its wholesome atmosphere; the worst places to play are Philly (disgustingly abusive fans) and Buffalo (seems like the visiting team is on an alien planet); and Jim Rome is an ass (the Jim "Chrissy" Everett beatdown, which Rome richly deserved). My rating: 5/10, finished 9/19/11.

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### **Bill Jacobs says**

within the first few chapters, you may think the author/ex-NFL player whine too much about his life in the

NFL especially about the training camp part. Then, the author shed some light on the life parts of the professional football player which contains humorous and shocking memoirs. I think the book just got the wrong title; it should be titled "The Darker and Lighter Side of the Game." Easy to read; 4-8 pages per chapter.

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### **Gary says**

A very fascinating book about life in the NFL by a former player. He discusses the futility of training camp and pre-season games. He tells what it is like to be a player facing the risk of injury and competition. He discusses playing with pain the use of prescription drugs and Steroids. What it is like in the locker room. How the team interacts with one another, opposing teams and the media. The effects of free agency and the salary cap on the game. Why a lot of players lose their money. Why players do not like to have to leave when the time comes for them to exit football. Player Superstitions. Why some teams always win and others always seem to lose.

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### **Jennie says**

If you are a football fan, you should read this book. I liked that it covered all those things we've all wondered about...when is a good time to ask a player for an autograph? What is it like in the locker room just before a game? Do players really use PEDs, and how common is it? What about other drugs? Something I especially enjoyed was how Mr. Green answered these questions without throwing coaches and fellow players under the bus. When he does name names, as in the Deion Sanders case, the person generally comes out better than you would suspect. The book is well written and easy to read.

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### **Ray Cavanaugh says**

Now with a second reading, this book – which engaged me the first time – has grown on me further. For anyone interested in football, this book provides an almost addictive array of behind-the-scenes info. Even the quality of the prose itself seems better this time around. Almost literary. And I certainly enjoy this book more than most works of Literature.

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### **Doug Sullivan says**

Green was a favorite color commentator back when Fox featured he and Joe Buck together. Articulate, insightful and speaking with a rare vocabulary for an NFL vet, he spoke about the games in a way that was refreshing. His book is entertaining and somewhat enlightening, but fairly redundant in its short, choppy chapters. Interesting, but not significantly enlightening.

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### **Elizabeth says**

I read this book as part of my year of reading from different genres than my norm. I am a football fan, though and I was pleased to learn that Tim Green is actually a good writer. I loved the peek inside what these (mostly) young men go through and it really provided a new perspective on football and the NFL for me.

I was pleased to see that Tim Green continued writing and has branched into children's and adult fiction.

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### **Vicki says**

I enjoyed the book. I am a casual viewer of college and NFL football but I was first interested in this book when it was published in 1996 when I heard the author on NPR. I always enjoyed his commentaries on Morning Edition. I remembered my interest in the author and the book a couple of weeks ago after his interview on 60 minutes. Remembering that interview was especially heartbreakingly after I read his chapter on concussions in this book. The book is a bit dated but I still think much of the book remains relevant. I look forward to reading more from Mr. Green.

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