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Summit Series '72: Eight Games That Put Canada On Top Of World Hockey (Lorimer Recordbooks)



Synopsis

It wasn't until Canadian teams started losing in international tournaments in the mid 1950s that an epic hockey rivalry between Canada and the Soviet Union began. Canadians believed hockey was "their game." So Canadians were in for a rude awakening when they lost Game One of the 1972 Summit Series to the Soviets. The eight-game tournament quickly became a "war on ice" fuelled by competing Cold War ideologies. Hockey fans will enjoy reading about: small-town teams that represented Canada in international tournaments before there was a Team Canada; Father David Bauer and the first National Hockey Team; the birth of Hockey Canada; Canada and the Cold War; Canadian style of play in hockey versus the Russian style of play; and Bobby Clarke's dirty slash on Kharlamov.

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"...well-written, well-suited to the intended audience and ideal for recreational reading...The sidebars dealing with politics give a brief history of the relations between the Soviet Bloc and the West during the post Second World War period. This is accurate and interesting and useful to young readers who may never have heard of Communism or the Soviet Union. They should provoke some interesting questions....his style is perfect for the targetted audience." (Thomas F. Chambers CM:

Canadian Review of Materials 2011-11-11)"... a good introduction for new generations of fans looking to learn about one of hockey's most important events." (Joe Pelletier hockeybookreviews.com)"Not only was Summit Series a lesson in Canadian hockey history, it was a lesson in Cold War history. Like many of the books in the RecordBooks series, Brignall and his editors used text boxes to call out interesting information as well as to explain less familiar concepts." (Rebecca Dobrinski thehockeywriters.com 2011-11-25)Rated E - Excellent, enduring, everyone should see it!Lorimer's non-fiction series Recordbooks is designed to help reluctant readers understand history and social issues through the lens of an actual sports hero. The hero in this case is hockey...This book is a well-paced and deceptively informative read and need not restrict itself to those who are reluctant readers. (Lesley Little Resource Links 2011-12-01)"The writing is accessible for intermediate level students but the text would also be a good starting point for high school assignments dealing with identity/heritage in 20th century courses." (George Sheppard Canadian Teacher 2014-01-15)

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This was not the book I was expecting when I bought it. It turned out to be like a children's book, written in large font but in a small book, about the size of a kindle. I was expecting a serious book about the 72 summit series and didn't.

When my husband opened the book the room reading was for an 8th grader or less... but he still enjoyed the illustrations. Packaging was clean and sturdy. Shipping was fast.

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