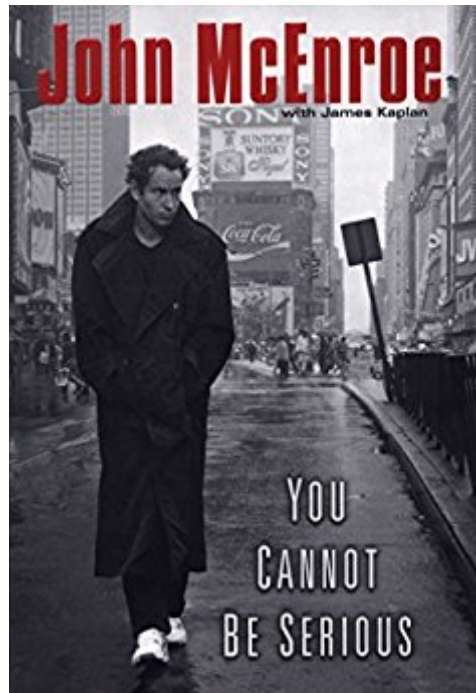




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Synopsis

John McEnroe stunned the tennis elite when he came out of nowhere to make the Wimbledon semifinals at the age of eighteen—and just a few years later, he was ranked number one in the world. *You Cannot Be Serious* is McEnroe at his most personal, a no-holds-barred examination of Johnny Mac, the kid from Queens, and his “wild ride” through the world of professional tennis at a boom time when players were treated like rock stars. Here he candidly explores the roots of his famous on-court explosions; his ambivalence toward the sport that made him famous; his adventures (and misadventures) on the road; his views of colleagues from Connors to Borg to Lendl; his opinions of contemporary tennis—and his current roles as husband, father, senior tour player, and often-controversial commentator—in a “bracing new serve-and-volley autobiography” (The Boston Globe).

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Customer Reviews

Very honest. Pretty interesting although I got tired of all the tournament data towards the end. His marriage to Tatum O'Neal was pretty interesting, too. When he starts talking about Patti Smith and

marrying her, I thought, No way! I was thinking of the Patti Smith who wrote Just Kids. It's not that Patti Smith. McEnroe's mother is referred to only a few times, but when she is referenced--she really sounds like aan unkind, insensitive person. Maybe John got a bit of his nutso behavior on the court from her. He sounds like a very good dad, though. And honest about why his first marriage didn't work out. He was an admittedly selfish guy, but he does change over time. Recommended

I was always a fan when John played on the pro circuit. I thought his serve and volley style to be refreshing. This book relates all the aspects of his life that most people don't know. It really demonstrates the struggles John faced both on the circuit and off. I found the book enlightening and humorous. I like Johnny Mac even more now.....

Great read. The story started out with the 9/11 terrorist attacks as Mr. McEnroe is a resident of Manhattan. Plus, he seemed to recall hundreds of match scores from matches played many, many years ago. I found this book fascinating.

Poorly written, and too slow.

Nobody translates into common words what it means to play tennis at the world championship level like John McEnroe. If you're a player or just a fan, this is one tennis book you don't want to miss. Terrific play-by-play descriptions of notable matches. Great descriptions of famous personalities. And a clear and fascinating look at what life is like for the very rich and very famous people of our time. McEnroe doesn't brag about his enormous successes in tennis, but explains "the life" that comes with such success in believable and matter-of-fact style. This is good writing. This is fascinating information.

I love a good tennis read. McEnroe was/is quite the character. Gives you a good backstory on his rise/fall in the tennis world.

similar to the book "shot and a ghost" by squash champion James Willstrop, its good to read something special from the heart of a player instead of another me-too so called biography...i guess i expect nothing less from these two true champions - jl fr hk

I loved this book. John gives a detailed account on his tennis career which I was most interested in.

It was sad to read about his decline in tennis. I blame tatum lol. But seriously I feel this is a good read especially if you are a huge tennis fan. I feel he was good for the game despite his antics. At the time he was the bad boy of tennis and he made it exciting.

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