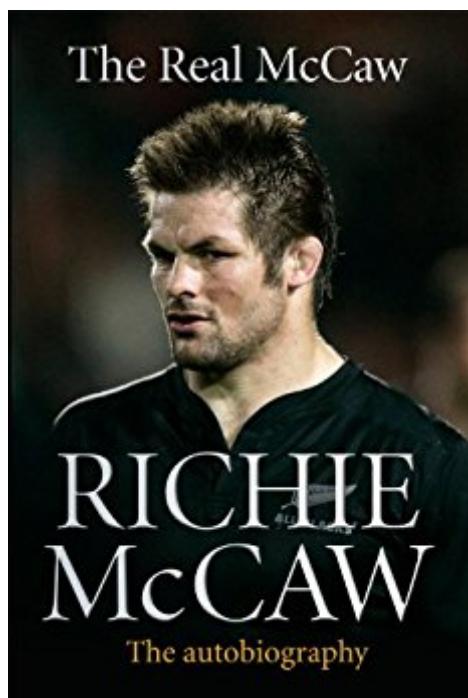


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# The Real McCaw: Richie McCaw: The Autobiography



## **Synopsis**

Richie McCaw is the New Zealand All Blacks' most capped player of all time. During the 2011 World Cup he reached 100 caps and has played over 60 Tests as Captain. When the All Blacks beat France in Final, he crowned a ten year career that started with a man-of-the-match performance against Ireland in 2001. Unquestionably the greatest player of his generation, he is arguably the most talented rugby player of all time. In his autobiography, McCaw recounts for the first time, with brutal honesty, the roots of his family life that defined his character; learning to play the game on the family farm in South New Zealand and being inspired to fly gliders by his war-hero grandfather; and how it gave him the strength to emerge from the lowest moment in his career to become the most successful Captain world rugby has ever seen. Unafraid of playing the game right at the edge and putting his body on the line for his team mates, McCaw has set the standard of what a professional rugby player should be. Hugely popular and respected, his sheer presence means that he is a natural leader of men both on and off the pitch and his story is not just a brutal account of life on the front line, but an exhilarating portrait of modern rugby.

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Even more worth a read now that the legend has retired. It's a trip inside Richie's head during those well known games as well as his loves like flying and family. A really interesting read about the making of a great man, and I took from it some fantastic methods for success. Really a motivational book and a perfect gift for the rugby fan in the family, kiwi or not.

This is a great book. It's exciting, honest and sensitive. I really enjoyed reading about all the rugby matches or interviews I'd watched on tv and reading things from a different point of view, say from perhaps the Australian media. I remember watching the All Blacks quarter final against France in 2007 and being shocked and devastated for them but this really illuminates all the plays and thoughts of every minute of the game, which I found really fascinating. This is obviously for rugby enthusiasts but I really enjoyed it as an autobiographical tale too. Such a passion for life, his family, flying and rugby make Richie not just a G.A.B but seemingly also an incredibly decent and lovely human being. New Zealand are lucky to have him on their team. A great uplifting, inspiring read!

I bought this for my son who plays rugby. He is thrilled with the book.

Kind of a typical autobiography but after getting to attend the recent Rugby World Cup in the UK and getting to see New Zealand play--not in the finals unfortunately--I was interested in learning more about this man that the New Zealand fans were raving about. Pretty interesting guy on and off the field. Good read for anyone and especially us old former club rugby players.

A superb story beautifully told. Richie McCaw and the All Blacks since 2011 went on to retain the rugby World Cup in England in 2015. There will be many books and hopefully films made about this truly spectacular achievement. McCaw from a small town in New Zealand is very much a super hero. What a great contribution he has made to New Zealand and the All Blacks brand.

If you are a rugby buff you will enjoy this book nice to get some of his personal side also. I attended the RWC in 2011 in New Zealand so was very interested in learning how the teams prepared for it.

Love richie, greatest all black, greatest rugby player of all time. Wonderful inspirational grounded kiwi with immense integrity. Book bored me, and gave up about half way. Expected more, wanted greater depth. Sorry richie, you cold have opened up more and done better.

Inspirational book.If you ever need the inspiration to rise up when the going gets tough, this is the book to look to.The story of probably the greatest Rugby player of all time.

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