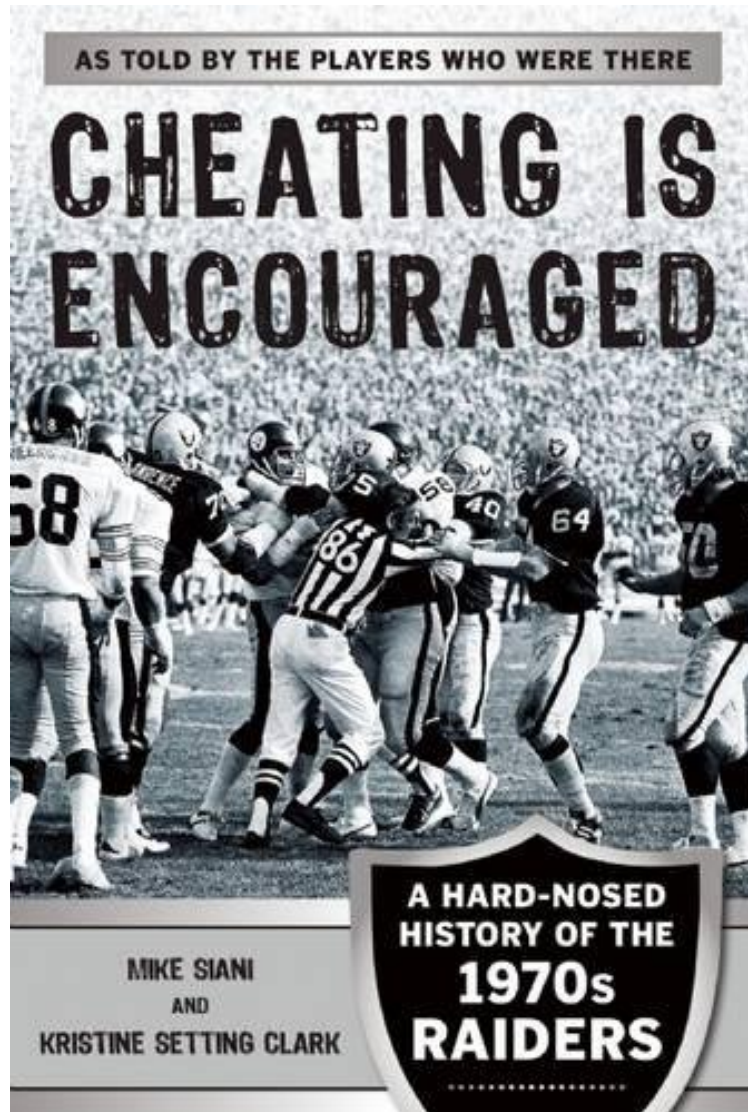


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accurate to say it was "put together." The jacket cover intro is replicated in the book itself--this is just one glaring example of the overall shoddy job done getting this book together. I would not buy another book put out by the same publisher...giving a less-than-passing-grade-in-high-school effort to a hardcover new release is unacceptable, period. It's difficult to believe that this book was not just a schlock job hurried out before the holiday season to take advantage of Raiders fans. The lackluster production of the book takes away from what could have been a real solid book with the sources quoted and interviewed. The "writer" and publisher of this book should read the "Monsters" book that Cohen wrote on the Bears and published by FSG last year, if they read that masterful book they will realize what a poor effort they put in on this one.

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By A Customer
Mike Siani has written a nice book at the behind the scenes look into the Raiders of the 1970's. While some information may not surprise you, there are some things that will definitely raise your eyebrows to stop and wonder, how could they get away with that ?? From the early years when Al Davis took over, you will learn what it meant to be a Raider and what was expected of you to be part of the group. Late night parties, drinking, sex and just about anything else you could imagine. Covered also are the rivalries with the Steelers, Chiefs, and Broncos. Has nice information on teammates bio's, week by week results for each year during the 70's along with controversial unforgettable games as "The Immaculate Reception", "Sea Of Hands", "Ghost To The Post", and "Holy Roller". Overall a good read on one of the NFL's most notorious teams, whether a fan of the Raiders or not, if you grew up during this era, this is the stuff you never heard about at the time. Would also recommend the following for more good info from the NFL during the 70's when "real football was played by real men".

1) Badasses by Peter Richmond
2) The Super '70s by Tom Danyluk

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Funny stories, poorly written.
By Ike Lassiter
Some laugh out loud moments. Some boringly poor recaps of games one paragraph at a time. Constant quotes of people talking about other people and you don't know who is talking about who. While I'm glad to have the funny stories, I think the editing of the book and the writing are poor.

Straight from the mouths of the legends of the Silver and Black, Cheating Is Encouraged recapitulates the many as infamous stories from the last team to play "outlaw" football. Regardless of whether you loved or hated them, the Oakland Raiders of the 1970s were an amusing cast of outlaws, misfits, and anomalies that made up one of the greatest pro football teams of their era. The Raiders' roster consisted of a collection of mavericks and rebels, some with behavioral issues, such as John "Tooz" Matuszak and Lyle Alzado, as well as castoffs like the aging George Blanda and the sandlot player Otis Sistrunk, who were passed over or disregarded by other NFL teams. To say that this group of outlaws had "attitude" would be a gross understatement. They were the Oakland Raiders, the Silver and Black, and Al Davis's dream of "Just win, baby." Gridiron characters (such as the Snake, Foo, the Assassin, the Hit Man, Dr. Death, and many others) chronicle the notorious on- and off-the-field exploits, away-game adventures, and the party-hard attitudes that are reflected in the team's intimidating and glorified mix of renegades. Cheating Is Encouraged defines an era that can only be considered the last days of "real football played by real men." Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Sports Publishing imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in sports—books about baseball, pro football, college football, pro and college basketball, hockey, or soccer, we have a book about your sport or your team. Whether you are a New York Yankees fan or hail from Red Sox nation; whether you are a die-hard Green Bay Packers or Dallas Cowboys fan; whether you root for the Kentucky Wildcats, Louisville Cardinals, UCLA Bruins, or Kansas Jayhawks; whether you route for the Boston Bruins, Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal Canadiens, or Los Angeles Kings; we have a book for you. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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