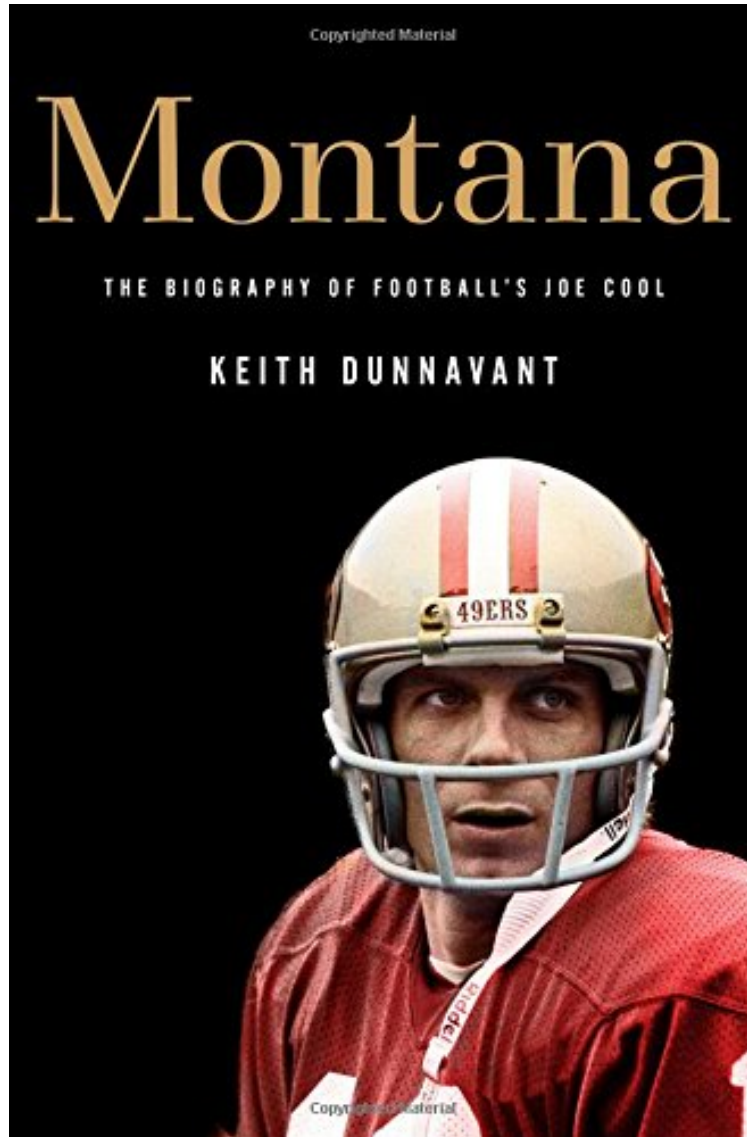


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Keith Dunnavant : Montana: The Biography of Football's Joe Cool before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Montana: The Biography of Football's Joe Cool:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very good but left me wanting more By John S. I am and always will be a huge Joe Montana fan. From the first time I ever saw him play as a Niner it was obvious he was a once in a lifetime quarterback! I was really looking forward to this book and while I enjoyed it very much I was hoping for more

insight from Montana himself. This is a good place to start learning about the man I think is the greatest quarterback ever. Some could argue for Unitas, Favre, Brady, etc. But in the clutch I would always argue for the magic of Joe Cool, especially after how close he brought the Chiefs to the Super Bowl at the end of his career. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Solid offering
By PeterJoe Montana is one of the greatest QB's the sport has ever known, his work with the 49'ers was legendary and he appears to be one of those players that left the sport with a clean reputation and has maintained that ever since. This book was my first in-depth look at Montana and I found that it is quite a lot like the man himself, there is very little dirt in it, no dark side to his character, a very clean book which necessarily means that it isn't as exciting of a read as some of the more "adventurous" players like Terrill Owens etc. That being said, I enjoyed the writing style of Keith Dunnivant and found he has written an understated biography of a true legend of the NFL. It would appear that the author did not have a big interaction with Montana at all in the writing but he has done well with what he did have. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. There is No There There
By CustomerThis reads like a term paper with a lot of filler. Granted JM has never been a guy who lit up the media but he comes across so superficially it's hard to think of this as a true biography. Not even sure I'd tell the die-hard Montana fan to buy this.

As long as football is played, Joe Montana will be synonymous with the heart-pounding rally. Seemingly impervious to the pressure of a scoreboard deficit, the quarterback known as Joe Cool brought a steady calm to every huddle, especially when the situation seemed especially dire. His reputation for miracles began to take root at the University of Notre Dame. In the 1979 Cotton Bowl, he overcame the flu, hypothermia and a 22-point deficit to lead the Fighting Irish to a stunning victory over Houston. This narrative continued in the NFL, as he engineered 31 fourth-quarter comebacks, including victories known in professional football lore as The Catch and The Drive, forever casting his career in a heroic glow. In MONTANA, acclaimed author Keith Dunnivant sketches the definitive portrait of a man who repeatedly defied the odds, on and off the field. While leading the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl championships over a nine-year period, establishing a new standard for passing efficiency, and twice earning the league's Most Valuable Player award, Montana became the signature quarterback of the 1980s and one of the greatest ever to play the game. Overcoming his own limitations, which caused him to be underrated coming out of Notre Dame, he quickly mastered Bill Walsh's West Coast Offense, and thereby, helped reinvent offensive football. But it was rarely easy. Like the rallies he so often produced, his life was filled with the sort of tension that made his journey seem routinely dramatic: The father who pushed him. The high school coach who challenged his commitment. The college coach who very nearly squandered him. The back surgery that almost ended his career. The younger athlete who tried to take his job. Rich in anecdotal detail, insight and context, MONTANA is a powerful story about a man who was defined by his intense competitiveness, and how this intangibly helped him become one of the iconic figures in football history.

"Dunnivant builds his portrait through research and dozens of personal interviews with those who have known Montana. Fans will remember Montana's triumphs in the NFL, but this thoroughly engaging volume also tells the less familiar story of Montana's early career and his battles with his high-school and college coaches, both of whom were slow to recognize Montana's talent. That changed in San Francisco, where Montana and coach Bill Walsh were the perfect match. That special relationship is portrayed skillfully in this carefully researched and fluidly written biography. Sure to be of interest in any sports collection." ?Booklist "The story of Joe Montana has been always been captured in moments frozen in time from "The Catch" to the laser to John Taylor to win Super Bowl XXIII. Because these memories have so long endured, we feel like we know Joe Montana. It turns out we don't. Until now. In "Montana" Keith Dunnivant paints a multi-dimensional picture of a man who is so much more than "Joe Cool." Through thorough research and extensive interviews, Dunnivant unlocks the real reason why the underrated kid from Pennsylvania became his generation's best quarterback and a cultural icon. The reason might surprise you." ?Tony Barnhart, SEC Network "America's Quarterback is a well-researched, deeply personal account of a college and NFL icon. Luckily for us Keith Dunnivant chose Bart Starr as a subject. This is a fascinating read." ?Dennis Dodd, CBSSports.com on America's Quarterback "Dunnivant has done it again. I was mesmerized by Montana. I don't know what was more enjoyable---watching Montana play quarterback or reading Dunnivant's stunning account of his life and times. A truly memorable and magnificent book. A riveting read." ?Paul Finebaum, ESPN radio host "Dunnivant does a great job... revealing the truly impeccable character of Starr and that of his wife, Cherry.... This is an important book about one of the NFL's most important players ever." ?Bookgasm.com on America's Quarterback "MONTANA is one of the best sports books I've ever read. When Keith Dunnivant tackles a project, he nails it to the wall. You will love this definitive account of Joe Montana's life." ?Pat Williams, senior Vice President, Orlando Magic and author of Extreme Winning "Tastefully written and complimenting the true spirit of Joe Montana. A winner and always a champion." ?Former teammate and believer in the magic of Joe Montana, Daniel "Rudy" Ruettinger "Joe Montana imagined greatness and made it happen when it mattered most. In his richly detailed biography, Keith Dunnivant shows how football's best quarterback turned science into art and changed the game forever." ?Dave Kindred, author

of Sound and Fury“Keith Dunnivant is one of the most gifted writers and researchers in American book-writing. He brings depth and clarity to Bart Starr the same way he did with Bear Bryant in Coach. I love this book and will proudly display it next to Coach Bryant.” ?Jim Dent, author of *Courage Beyond The Game on America's Quarterback*“This superbly crafted profile not only explores the heart and soul of one of the game's greatest players, but Keith Dunnivant's "Montana" provides locker room access to some of football's most memorable moments and takes the reader on a journey through a golden era of the NFL.” ?Blair Kerkhoff of *The Kansas City Star*“An insightful, engaging biography about the best quarterback of modern times.” ?Tim Wendel, author of *Summer of '68*"The first serious biography of the quiet legend...well written and researched, this title will be of interest to a wide range of sports fans." - *Library Journal*About the AuthorKeith Dunnivant is the author of several books, including *The Missing Ring* and definitive biographies of football icons Paul "Bear" Bryant and Bart Starr. The founder of four magazines and the director of the documentary film *Three Days at Foster*, Dunnivant was an award-winning writer and editor for *The National*, *Adweek*, *Sport*, and *Atlanta*. His expertise on football history has been featured on ESPN, CBS, HBO and Showtime. Dunnivant lives near Atlanta.