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# **From Reader Review Total Access: A Journey to the Center of the NFL Universe for online ebook**

## **Randall says**

Eisen has some great stories. Any football fan would enjoy reading this.

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## **Luis Perez says**

Nonfiction. A look inside the NFL and the beginnings and rise of the NFL Network, as told by longtime sportscaster and face of NFL Network Rich Eisen.

A sometimes very corny book, not well written, but for any football fan, still an enjoyable read for the anecdotes and behind-the-scenes look at life in professional football and all that is entailed in covering the nation's most popular sport.

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## **Peter says**

Interesting look at the first two seasons of NFL Network, worth reading if you're an NFL fan

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## **Robert says**

A lot of fun behind the scenes stories about the NFL (Coughlin waiting at the Spa, Rookie hazing at the Pro-Bowl, etc.) But I felt like the book was doing too much advertising for the NFL network, too. I do like Eisen though so that helps things.

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## **John Setear says**

I listened to this on CD, read by the author. He seems like a nice guy and more self-effacing than many TV personalities. The book is basically a diary of a year in the life of an NFL Total Access broadcaster. It's fairly chronological. It's not hard hitting in any way. You won't learn much about broadcasting or the inner workings of the NFL. You will learn something about Super Bowl Week, the Pro Bowl, the NFL Hall of Fame, the draft, and some particular games. You will read some funny anecdotes. I'm sure it's better than many books written by actual NFL players. I found it entertaining, and I'm glad I "read" it, but it just wasn't especially insightful or memorable.

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## **Ed Walters says**

Interesting about nfl business.

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### **Steve says**

This is a great book for any NFL fan. An easy read, entertaining stories, Eisen has a good sense of humor.

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### **Elizabeth says**

After being so disappointed in the last sports memoir I read, I was hesitant to read this one. Turns out I had nothing to worry about. I loved it. Rich Eisen is one of the reasons I love watching the NFL network so much. I love the way he brings his wit into sports broadcasting, and his wit was very much in evidence in this book. It had interesting behind the scenes information mixed with entertaining personal stories, all told with his characteristically humble sense of humor. If you're not an NFL fan, this isn't the book for you. But if you are, this really is the man with *Total Access*.

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### **Tima says**

I grew up in a family that worshiped football. Every Sunday, Monday & Thursday. Every holiday, every family gathering that I can remember has a TV with a game on, even if it was just an old game being replayed. Because, yes, my family had games on tapes. My grandmother kept team schedules, rankings, game times and scores posted to a wall in the hallway [it took up most of the hall] and everyone in the family had their own team.

Now, that being said, I still managed to know *absolutely nothing* about football. I wouldn't have even be able to tell you who was playing offense and who defense.

Then I started dating a boy, whose life also revolved around football. Draft included. He gave me this book as my initiation into the NFL during our first football season together.

I read it, all the way. Rich Eisen is a fabulous writer, hilarious and sufficiently explanatory. I wasn't ever confused or bored or smothered by technical terms. When I was done with the book, I felt I actually had a legitimately better understanding of the game, the rules and the culture.

Love it.

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### **Ken says**

Pretty good book. Some real good insight into the The Combine for college players trying to make the pros. Also a hilarious story about the week at the Pro Bowl where the author, Rick Eisen, finds himself the butt of a hilarious practical joke. Good read, dragged in a few spots, but worth the read.

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### **Grant Jacobs says**

A nice behind the scenes peek at the NFL Network and by extension the NFL. Rich, you have quite a life going, I hope you are enjoying it.

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### **Ian Oxborrow says**

Even though it is now slightly dated, what with new rules/regulations in the NFL, it is still thoroughly enjoyable and gives a brief glimpse into the world of Pro football and the media's relationship with it. I definitely recommend!

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### **Carianne Carleo-Evangelist says**

Really loved this book. It was a great look inside the NFL -- especially while enjoying Pro Bowl weekend in Hawaii. Nice to see the antics that the players, coaches and staff get into -- and how they experience our sport.

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### **Tom Gase says**

This book was a lot better than I thought it might be. Rich Eisen, aside from being a good host on the NFL Network, is actually a pretty witty writer. This book takes the reader through one year in the life of the NFL...on the NFL network. Starting with the year's Super Bowl between the Steelers and Seahawks, through the owner's meetings and the combine, through the draft and the Hall of Fame inductions, and finally to the network's first 8-game package of games during the 2006 season. A whole lot of name drops by Eisen, which gets old, but also a lot of great inside stories. I learned that Marshall Faulk is a pretty funny guy. A quick read too at 300 pages, but a majority of those pages have photos on them so it's like reading a 200 page book. Good stuff.

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### **Andy says**

Perhaps this was a case of misplaced expectations, but I wasn't real impressed with this book. I was thinking and hoping that it would be a story about the ins and outs of the NFL. Instead, what I got were the ins and outs of the NFL Network. There were some entertaining anecdotes, but I think this book would be far more enjoyable for someone wanting to learn about working at a TV network than the world of professional football.

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