**B.O.S-Hockey Books List.—Feb. 6 2025 Edition.**

**—"The Break Out Sessions” Hockey Podcast.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

New books have been added to the List, and new books on the 14 Women’s Hockey Books. The brand-new book, “Masters of Hockey Scoring Magic. Linemates, Natalie Darwitz and Krissy Wendell-Pohl To The Hockey Hall of Fame” is profiled. As I finish reading a book or two, I will update the List for The Breakout Sessions hockey podcast. I am going to start with the books about the two coaches, fiery, Coach Mike Keenen and Coach Ted Nolan, and then the Hall of Famers Marian Hossa from Slovakia who won a Cup with the Blackhawks, and Hall of Famer, Islander, center, 4 Time Stanley Cup Champion, Bryan Trottier.

**Topics.**

**A). Flury of New Books-10 new books.**

**B). 14 Women’s Hockey Books.**

**C). Profiles-10 Book Profiles.**

**D). Top 12 Picks.**

**E). Brand new books to within last 5 years.**

**F). Hockey List-other hockey books.**

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**A). Flury of 10 Brand New & New Books.**

**1). “Iron Mike: My Life Behind The Bench” by Mike Keenan and Scott Morrison (Random House Canada, 2024);**

**2). “Brian Propp: Angel on My Wing: A Story of Faith Determination, and Courage” by Brian Propp and Wayne Fish (Triumph Books, 2024);**

**3). “Home and Away” by Matts Sundin, and Amy Stuart (Simon & Schuster, 2024);**

**4). “Dreamer: My Life On the Edge” by Nazem Kadri and Dan Robson (Viking, 2024);**

**5).** **“Blackness Is A Gift I Can Give Her. Race, Community and Black Women in Hockey” by R. Renee Hess (McClelland & Stewart, 2024).**

**6). “Ice in their Veins Women’s Relentless Pursuit of the Puck” by Ian Kennedy (Tidewater Press, 2024)**

**7). “Life in Two Worlds: A Coach’s Journey from the Reserve to the NHL and Back” by Ted Nolan and Meg Masters (Viking, 2023).**

**8). “Marian Hossa. My Journey from Trencin to the Hall of Fame. A Stanley Cup Champion and modern legend of the game in his own words” by Marian Hossa and Scott Powers (2022).**

**9). “All Roads Home: A Life on and Off The Ice” by Bryan Trottier and Stephen Burt (McClelland & Stewart, 2022).**

**10). “Yvan Lambert. A Glorious in the Heart of Dynasty” by David Arsenault (Hurtubise Editions, 2021)**

**B). 14 Women’s Hockey Books (2 are children’s books)**

**1). “Crashing The Net. The U.S. Women’s Olympic Ice Hockey Team and the Road to Gold” by Mary Turco (HaperPerennial, 1999).**

**2). “The Hockey Book For Girls” by Stacy Wilson (2000).**

**3). “Hayley Wickenheiser. Born to Play” by Elizabeth Etue (2005);**

**4). “Gold Medal Diary: Inside the World’s Greatest Sports Event” by Hayley Wickenheiser (Greystone Books, 2010);**

**5). “Over The Boards. Lessons From The Ice” by Hayley Wickenheiser (Viking Canada, 2021).**

**6). “Breaking the Ice: My Journey to Olympic Hockey, the Ivy League and Beyond” by Angela Ruggiero (Drummond Pub Group, 2005).**

**7). “Offside: -A Memoir-Challenges Faced by Women in Hockey” by Rhonda Taylor and Denbush Whittirgh (Government of Canada, 2019);**

**8). “I Can Play Too” by Cammi Granato (Cammi Granato, 2023).**

**9). As Fast As Her: Dream Big, Break Barriers, Achieve Success” by Kendall Coyne Schofield and Estelle Laure (Zonderkidz, 2022).**

**10). “Dare to Make History. Chasing a Dream and Fighting For Equity” by Jocelyne Lamoureaux Davidson and Monique Lamoureaux Morando (Radius Book Group, 2021).**

**11). “Breaking The Ice: The True Story of the First Woman to Play in the National Hockey League” by Angie Bullaro (Simon & Schuster, 2020).**

**12). “Blackness Is A Gift I Can Give Her. Race, Community and Black Women in Hockey” by R. Renee Hess (McClelland & Stewart, 2024).**

**13). “Ice in their Veins Women’s Relentless Pursuit of the Puck” by Ian Kennedy (Tidewater Press, 2024).**

**14). “Masters of Hockey Scoring Magic. Linemates, Natalie Darwitz and Krissy Wendell-Pohl To The Hockey Hall of Fame: by Jeff Olson (Palisade Head Press, 2025).**

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**B). Profiles-10-Profiles-Includes 3 books on women’s hockey.**

**“Masters of Hockey Scoring Magic. Linemates, Natalie Darwitz and Krissy Wendell-Pohl To The Hockey Hall of Fame” by Jeff Olson (Palisade Head Press, 2025)**

A tremendous must-read book for readers new to hockey, and for hockey veterans about the wonderful story of two of hockey’s greatest scorers, Natalie Darwitz and Krissy Wendell-Pohl, and their superb hockey skills, and monumental scoring leading both into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

They played together on the same line for much of their international hockey, and college hockey careers with magical results as scoring leaders. Their hockey artistry is described by coaches and players as “magical”; with “unparalleled hockey skills”; and as the “very top shelf players ever”.

Their story begins with the hockey development of these high-scoring, tremendously skilled players in youth hockey, to phenoms of scoring in high school hockey, and then to international hockey where they became teammates and linemates and leading scorers of their team, World Championships, and the Olympics.

Wendell-Pohl was #1 Most Points in 2000 World Championship; played in 2 Olympics: 2002-Silver & 2006-Bronze, captain of the 2006 U.S. Olympic team, and captain of the 2005 U.S. Gold Medal World Championship team, MVP of 2005 World Championships. Darwitz played in 3 Olympics: 2002-Silver, 2006-Bronze, & 2010-Silver. #1 Most Goals of 2002 Olympics. 2008 World Championships #1 Most Points; 2009 World Championships Most Points; Captain of U.S. World Championship teams 2008, 2009, Gold Medals; and Captain of the U.S. 2010 Olympic team-Silver Medal.

Their hockey journey took them to the top of the college hockey world for 3 years of college hockey together each as 3 Time All-Americans while leading their University of Minnesota team to 2 NCAA Championships: 2004 & 2005. In 2005 as linemates Darwitz #1 in scoring in college hockey for that season and All-Time Season scoring with 114 points and Wendell-Pohl #2 with 104 points. Wendell-Pohl was the 2005 Patty Kazmaier Award Winner as the best college hockey player. Darwitz and Wendell-Pohl were inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, and in November of 2024 were inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

This is the first or one of the first books about Minnesota Women’s Hockey!

--Rating \*5 Staras

**“IKE Minnesota Hockey Icon” by Willard Ikola with Jim Hoey (Nodin Press, 2015).** A terrific, wonderful biography of one of the greatest high school hockey coaches ever, and a fantastic goalie in high school, college, and the Olympics. Jim Hoey has expertly written the personal account of Coach Ikola from his youth growing up playing boot hockey in the streets of Eveleth to being the goalie in three straight Minnesota State Tournament Championship to two NCAA Championships with the University of Michigan and then leading the 1956 Olympic Silver Medal in Cortina, Italy.—Rating-\*5 Stars.

**“Wisconsin’s Top 10 NHL Greats. The Hockey Torch is Passed” by Jeff Olson (Palisade Head Press, 2024**). A great book for all hockey fans, especially all Wisconsin sports people. The book profiles 9 NHL Greats each with their own chapter of the most accomplished Wisconsin homegrown hockey players who have gone on to thrive and succeed with the greatest achievements in the NHL, and 1 coach, Coach Bob Johnson. There are also chapters on all of these players, one chapter on Hockey Hall of Fame worthy of Gary Suter, and Joe Pavelski; and one chapter on the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame.

The book describes the straight line of Wisconsin hockey elites from Eagle River near Wisconsin’s northern border with Michigan through Stevens Point to Madison near the southern border of Wisconsin with Illinois, from defensive, hard hitting, large defenseman, Craig Ludwig at 6’ 3”, 220 lbs. from Eagle River to the quick, shifty, high-scoring center, Mark Johnson at 5’ 9”, 170 lbs. of Madison.

Nine Wisconsin homegrown hockey players, who honed their skills amongst lakes and rivers of Wisconsin excelled in the NHL becoming team leaders, All-Stars, and league scoring leaders in a number of seasons. The records of achievements include a 5 Time All-Star; a Calder Trophy rookie of the year, defenseman; and one player with 3 Stanley Cups and another with 2 Stanley Cups. Each of these NHL Greats are profiled in addition to legendary University of Wisconsin coach Bob Johnson with his brilliant NHL career winning a Stanley Cup and coaching almost 500 NHL games. Rating-\*5 Stars.

**“Over The Boards. Lessons From The Ice” by Hayley Wickenheiser (Viking Canada, 2021**). The book takes the reader on a personal journey of center, high-scoring, Hayley Wickenheiser considered the greatest women’s hockey player ever, who played for Team Canada in a very long career of international hockey of Olympics and World Championships as a 15 year old in the 1994 World Championship through the 2016 World Championship with all 5 Olympics between 1988 Nagano through 2014 Sochi-4 Olympic Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medal. The book has her thoughts as lessons in life with each chapter having a theme of a lesson or two. At the beginning of the book she is devasted by the loss of Team Canada to Team USA in the Gold Medal game in the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

The journey continues through Medical School and practicing as a medial doctor in Calgary and working as an Advisor to the Toronto Maple Leafs. From her home growing up in the very small town of Shaunavon Saskatchewan playing on boys youth hockey teams to becoming a dominating high-scoring leader of women’s hockey. The reader is taken inside for the preparation for the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics and the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and her thoughts on a number of key games. For instance, the Team Canada victory over Team USA 3-2 in the Gold Medal game at the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics was Team Canada doing good work killing 13 penalties called on Team Canada (6 on Team USA).

Her passion for the game and good, sound, lessons learned is a good read for any hockey fan. \*5 Stars.

**“A Vagabound Life. Stories From a Minnesota Hockey Coach” by Tom Peart.**

This is a brand new book, (2023). It is a fun read. The format is over 275 short essays/stories ranging from a page or two that are personal, hockey stories of a coach from games, practices, and seasons. I highly recommend this book as a delight to read. Each essay has a quote that fits the development of hockey players and coaches. The quotes are fantastic! Peart grew up in Alexandria Minnesota and then had hockey coaching on many levels such as Minneapolis Roosevelt High, high school, college that included coaching St. Benedict’s women’s hockey team, and a professional team in England. It also includes his youth hockey in Alexandria, college hockey with Minnesota Mesabi Community College, and St. Cloud State University. \*5 Stars.

**“Miracle In Lake Placid. The Greatest Hockey Story Ever Told” by John Gilbert (2019). 155 pages**. Author John Gilbert was the Minneapolis Tribune hockey writer covering the University of Minnesota Men’s Hockey team in the 1970’s, 1980’s, 1990’s and after; Minnesota North Stars; and the 1980 Olympic Gilbert covered the 1980 Olympic team every day from tryouts through all practices, through the Pre-Olympic Tour games, and through each day of the Olympics. The book has some “inside information” that no one else had because Gilbert had a very close relationship with Brooks. This book is the Gold Standard for the 1980 Olympics with the story of each game brilliantly told from the inside with the players and coach. \* 5 Stars.

**“It’s A Great Day for Hockey. A Tribute to Coach Bob Johnson From His Former Players” by Mike Cowen and Peter Johnson” (2017**). The format Unfortunately, this book is presently out of print. I hope there will be an additional printing. The letters or tributes of Coach Badger Bob Johnson are incredible giving accounts, stories, and memories of playing for Coach Johnson with the University of Wisconsin Badgers in the early years, his National Championship years, and then in the NHL. The tributes are fantastic telling of Coach Johnson’s innovating drills, and practices such as playing tag, “Russian games”, and his expertise on the power play. The tributes are numerous and are from such hockey greats as Mike Eaves, the All-Time Leading Scorer in Badger history; Dave Arundel with a very well written tribute; to Jim Peplinski in the NHL playing for the Calgary Flames when Coach Johnson turned around the team. Contact Jeff Olson and there may be a way to get a book. \*5 Stars.

“**The Shot. The Reed Larson Hockey Story”.** Foreword by Larry Robinson. -Amazon Books. The story of the hardest shot in all of hockey, the story of Larson’s hockey development that includes a 26-page chapter of his college hockey playing for Coach Herb Brooks and a NCAA Championship in 1976. Available on Amazon Books.-Rating \*5 Stars.

**“Tourney Time”, an outstanding book in many ways.**

I just read the fantastic, well-written, wonderful book on the Minnesota State Boys’ Hockey Tournament, **“Tourney Time. The Stories from the Minnesota State Boys’ Hockey Tournament” by David La Vaque and L. R. Nelson** (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2020). I loved everything about this book. It is a big book in size, 8 ½” x 11”, and 275 pages; and a price of $29.95 that is well worth it.

The organization and lay-out of the book, and big photos and terrific stories make for an outstanding read. The book is organized into the 3 major periods of the 75 years of the Tournament from: The Early Years, 1945-1968; The Golden Era, 1969-1991; and The Modern Day, 1992-Today. Each tournament has two pages many time with additional pages on a player or a special story from that tournament chronologically such as “1948 The Iron Throne-Iron Range’s Eveleth Emerged As Force From The North” to “1970-Battle of 50th And France -Minneapolis Southwest Prevails in Showdown With Border Rival Edina” to “1996-Five Overtime Thriller Between Duluth East and Apple Valley As Good As It Gets”. This is followed at the end of the book by a “Top Ten Lists” section of twenty top ten lists each on its own page, big and bold and a lot of fun. These range from classic subjects such as “Greatest Games”, “Tournament Coaches”, “Forward Lines”, “Best Tournament Teams That Didn’t Win The Title”, and “Best Teams That Didn’t Make The Tournament” that makes a reader think about the order of each top ten; to real fun subjects such as “Former Goalies Who Became State Tournament Coaches”, “Little Big Men”, “Characters”, and “Nicknames”.

The personal stories are excellent and are a great connection to the players and to the excitement and thrill of the tournament. The result is the reader feels as if they are there full of the excitement of the tournament. Get this book. I highly recommend it. A rating of 5 Stars.

**C). Top 12 Picks of Hockey Picks of Jeff**

1). **“Scotty. A Hockey Life Like No Other”** by Ken Dryden. (McClelland & Stewart, 2020).\*-5

Stars. \* 5 Stars.

2). **“The Shot. The Reed Larson Hockey Story**” by Reed Larson and Jeff Olson (2023)—

Biography of Reed Larson, NHL Great, 4 Time All Star with the Hardest Shot in Hockey. \* 5

Stars.

3**). “Orr My Story” by Bobby Orr**. (G. P. Putnam’s Sons, 2013).\*-5 Stars,

4). **“IKE Minnesota Hockey Icon”** by Willard Ikola with Jim Hoey (Nodin Press, 2015). \*5 Stars.

5**). “Tourney Time. The Stories from the Minnesota State Boys Hockey Tournament”** by

David La Vaque and L. R. Nelson. (Minnesota Historical Press, 2020). \*-5 Stars.

6). **“A Passion To Win”** by Lou Nanne and Jim Bruton (Triumph Books, 2010).—[Biography of

Lou Nanne, 11 seasons playing in the NHL with North Stars and 10 seasons as NHL General

Manager. \*-5 Stars.

7). **“Crashing The Net. The U.S. Women’s Olympic Ice Hockey Team and the Road To Gold”**

by Mary Turco (HarperPerenniel, 1999). \*5 Stars.

8). **“Masters of Hockey Scoring Magic. Linemates, Natalie Darwitz and Krissy Wendell-Pohl**

**To The Hockey Hall of Fame”** by Jeff Olson (Palisade Head Press, 2025)-\*5 Stars.

9). **“No One Wins Alone. A Memoir”** by Mark Messier and Jimmy Roberts. (Gallery Books,

2021).\*-5 Stars.

10). **“The Game”** 30th Anniversary, by Ken Dryden (Wiley, 2005, first published by Triumph

Books, 1983)—Hall of Fame, goalie, Ken Dryden, writes about his last season, 1978-79, all

played with the Canadiens. Rated one of the top sports books of all-time by Sports Illustrated.

This was the first book written by Dryden. -\*-5 Stars.

11). **“The Miracle in Lake Placid. The Greatest Hockey Story Ever Told”**, by John Gilbert

(Sports Publishing, 2019). No one covered this team and Coach Herb Brooks closer and with

more inside information than author, John Gilbert. \*5 Stars.

12). **“Over The Boards. Lesson From The Ice”** by Hayley Wickenheiser (Viking Canada, 2021)-

\*5 Stars.

**Short Review by Jeff. “Scotty, A Hockey Life Like No Other”** is a brilliant biography of the greatest hockey coach ever, Scotty Bowman, written by his Hall of Fame goalie on the Canadiens, Ken Dryden. Dryden does an excellent job profiling Coach Bowman. Woven amongst the story of Bowman’s life and coaching is a description of 8 of the best NHL teams ever from different time periods, all of which Bowman personally observed or coached and then these 8 teams have an 8 team tournament with Bowman determining the winners based on how the teams strengths and weaknesses would play in a game, resulting in the best hockey team ever. A must-read book. I really enjoyed reading each of these Top 5 books, and would give each 5 Stars, yet the “Scotty” book is above all of the others. The NHL players that Coach Bowman and Dryden discuss covers the hockey greats of the life of most seasoned hockey people. It was a joy to read. Very well written. Bravo to Dryden and Coach Bowman!

**D). Brand New Books to Within the last 5 Years-published dates in 2023, 2022, primarily, and in the last 5 years.**

There are a number of books that are brand new within the last year or two.

* “**Masters of Hockey Scoring Magic. Linemates, Natalie Darwitz and Krissy Wendell-Pohl To The Hockey Hall of Fame”**, by Jeff Olson (Palisade Press, 2025)
* **“Wisconsin’s Top 10 NHL Greats. The Hockey Torch is Passed” b**y Jeff Olson. Foreword by Coach Mike Eaves. (Palisade Press, 2024). The story of the top homegrown Wisconsin players most accomplished in the NHL with a chapter profiling each player and Coach Bob Johnson. Available at Amazon Books.
* **“The Series. What I Remember. What It Felt Like, What It Feels Like Now”** by Ken Dryden (McClelland & Stewart, 2022)---The story of the 1972 Summit Series that author, Hall of Fame goalie, Ken Dryden played in on the Canada team, the best against the best, Canada and the Soviets for the first time. \* 5 Stars.
* **“Minnesota Hockey Greats. Homegrown Talent in the NHL”** by Jeff Olson (Arcadia Publishing, 2022). -This is my book with a Foreword by Lou Nanne. This is for hard cored hockey people with never before compiled records of Minnesota homegrown records. It is available at Amazon Books, Barnes & Noble online, and Barnes & Noble Stores in Minnesota and other bookstores.
* **“The Shot. The Reed Larson Hockey Story”** by Reed Larson and Jeff Olson (2023).
  + Foreword by Larry Robinson. Available at Amazon Books. \*5 Stars.
* **“Hockey Shot Guide. 8 Step Breakdown of Reed Larson’s Legendary Shot”** by Reed Larson and Jeff Olson (2023). Foreword by Bob Motzko. Available at Amazon Books. \* 5 Stars.
* **“Hockey Is For Everybody”** by Anthony Walsh. (2022). Available at Amazon Books. This is a children’s book with fantastic illustrations. \*4 Stars.
* **“A Slap Shot in Time. The Wild but True History of The Minnesota Fighting Saints”** by Dan Whenesota. (2022) Foreword by Mike “Lefty” Curran. Available at Amazon Books. \*3 Stars.
* **“The Road to Respectability. Murray Williamson’s Role in U.S. Hockey”** by John Schaidler with Murray Williamson. (Beaver’s Pond Press, 2022).
* **“Over The Boards. Lessons From The Ice”** by Hayley Wickenheiser (Viking Canada, 2021).
* **“No One Wins Alone. A Memoir”** by Mark Messier and Jimmy Roberts. (Gallery Books, 2021).\*-5 Stars.
* **“”Ike”, Minnesota Hockey Icon**” by Jim Hoey. (Nodin Press, 2015). \*5 Stars. Available at Amazon Books. --\*5 Stars.
* **“Tourney Time: Stories From the Minnesota Boys State Hockey Tournament”** by David La Vaque, and L. R. Nelson. (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2020). Came out a little bit earlier in 2020 than these other “new” books. \* 5 Stars.
* **“Scotty. A Hockey Life Like No Other”** by Ken Dryden. (McClelland & Stewart, 2020).\*-5 Stars.
* **“I Can Play Too**” by Cammi Granato (Cammi Granato, 2023).
* **“As Fast As Her: Dream Big, Break Barriers, Achieve Success”** by Kendall Coyne Schofield and Estelle Laure (Zonderkidz, 2022).

**E). The Hockey List In Additon to the Above Books:**

**“Hockey Strong. Stories of Sacrifice From Inside the NHL**” by Todd Smith (Gallery Books, 2016). \*2 Stars.

**“Red Wing Nation: Detroit’s Greatest Players Talk About Red Wings Hockey”** by Kevin Allen and Art Regner. (Triumph Books, 2015).

**“Mr. Hockey: My Story”** by Gordie Howe. (G. P. Putnam’s Son, 2014).

**“A History of Professional Hockey in Minnesota From the North Stars to the Wild”** by George Rekela. (The History Press, 2014). \*-2 Stars.

**“Henry Boucha, Ojibwa. Native American Olympian”** by Henry Charles Boucha. (2013).\*-3 Stars.

**“Gordie Howe’s Son: A Hall of Fame Life in the Shadow of Mr. Hockey”** by Mark Howe and Jay Greenberg. (Triumph Books, 2013).

**“Detroit Red Wings Greatest Moments and Players”** by Stan Fischler. (Sports Publishing, 2012).

**“J.R. My Life as the Most Outspoken, Fearless and Hard-Hitting Man in Hockey”,** by Jeremy Roenick with Kevin Allen. (Triumph Books, 2012). \*-2 Stars.

**“Puck Heaven: Minnesota State Boys Hockey Tournament Trivia”** by Jim Hoey. (Nodin Press, 2011). \*2 Stars.

**“Michigan Ice Hockey Celebrating The All-Time Greats and Most Memorable Moments**” by Greg Nelson. (University of Michigan Press, 2010).

**“Minnesota North Stars History and Memories With Lou Nanne**” by Bob Showes. (Adventure Publications, 2008).

**“Minnesota Ice Arenas. A Picture Book of Indoor Ice Rinks in the State of Hockey”** by Mike Krieter. (Media, 2007).

**“The Boys of Winter: The Untold Story of a Coach, a Dream, and the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team”** by Wayne Coffey. (Crown Publishers, 2005).

**“Blue Ice. The Story of Michigan Hockey”** by John A. Bacon. (University of Michigan Press, 2001).

**“Mo: The Mike Modano Story”** by Mike Modano and John Sanful. (Sports Publishing, 1999).

**“Gretzky: An Autobiography”** by Wayne Gretzky and Rick Reilly. (HarperCollins, 1990).

**“Remembering Herbie Celebrating The Life and Times of Hockey Legend Herb Brooks”** by Ross Bernstein.

**“America’s Coach: Life Lessons, & Wisdom for Gold Medal Success”** by Ross Bernstein. – Profiling Coach Herb Brooks and his motivational wisdom.

**“Frozen Memories. Celebrating a Century of Minnesota Hockey**” by Ross Bernstein.

**“Old Time Hockey. Memories & Musings of a Lifetime On Ice”** by Glen Somnor with Ross Bernstein.

**‘Dave Hanson. Slap Shot Original. The Man. The Foil. The Legend.”** by Dave Hanson with Ross Bernstein.

**The B.O.S. Hockey Books List**-is a list of hockey books from the NHL and from MWM-Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. The List will have new books, a brief review or profile of a book, and additions will be made to the list on a regular basis as new books come out and as we learn of more hockey books. Many of the NHL books are top notch as well as most of the books from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan-MWM. These are three excellent hockey states with many levels of great hockey from youth hockey, high school hockey, college hockey, junior hockey, and the NHL.

Each state has a gold standard Division I men’s college hockey tradition of championships and elite college hockey including the following:

**Wisconsin** with the University of Wisconsin with 6 NCAA championships;

**Michigan** with 7 Division I college hockey teams with a very impressive total of 18 NCAA championships leading the way with the University of Michigan with 9; Michigan Tech with 3; Michigan State with 3; Lake Superior State with 2; and Northern Michigan with 1; and **Minnesota** with a total of 8 NCAA championships; 5 with the University of Minnesota and 3 with UMD.

Of these three states the state of Michigan leads the way with the most high school hockey teams of these three states, and has the long, deep history with the Red Wings and Stanley Cups, and a strong hockey culture. Michigan also leads the way with the most Homegrown players in the modern era in the Hockey Hall of Fame with players such as: Mike Modano, Pat Lafontaine, and Mark Howe. A lot of hockey.

I am an avid reader of many different types of books including hockey books especially hockey biography books. I have not read all of the books on the List, yet I hope to get to all of them. On the books I have read I will give my rating.