

Tennis Hobo is not about the glamor of the big time, but rather it is the untold story of someone who makes all that possible — the teaching pro. It is about Stretch and his friend, Hammer; and it is about an inner city kid who becomes their protégé. It is also about disillusionment and life, and a longing for the old days. But there are plenty of laughs, too. John Gruberg delivers the real thing — club players, public-parkers, hungry young pros, and anxious tennis parents. Fascinating instruction bits and witty insights to the game are a bonus.

Tennis Hobo hits home with poignance as it glances back into that unparalleled era of McEnroe, Borg, Connors / Navratilova, Evert, King.

“Tennis players will not look at themselves the same after reading this jewel. Quite simply, *Tennis Hobo* is perhaps the best on its subject.” ... Alan Hager
Chair Emeritus, Department of English, University of Illinois

“A refreshingly different strata of the tennis world with a literary vibe like *A Handful of Summers* by Gordon Forbes.” ... Andrew Weldon
Former Conductor, Burlington Northern Railroad

“What a great, entertaining and FUN read! John Gruberg has nailed this one — don’t miss it or the many laughs it provides.” ... Dick Gould
Director of Tennis, Stanford University

“Two California pros investigate off-the-beaten-path money tournaments, hobo trains, and life in the not-so-fast lane; while simultaneously negotiating the joys and sorrows of teaching the game. Great stuff!” ... Sean Sloane

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