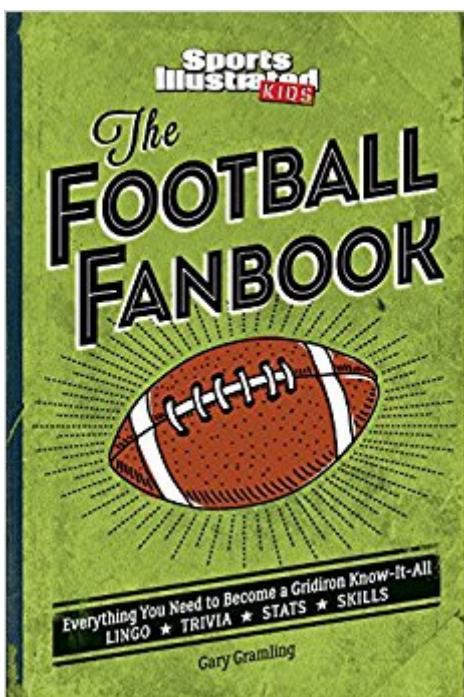


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The Football Fanbook: Everything You Need To Become A Gridiron Know-it-All (A Sports Illustrated Kids Book)



Synopsis

Everything You Need to Become a Gridiron Know-it-AllSo you're a football fan and now you want to take your passion for the game to the next level? The Football Fanbook from Sports Illustrated Kids is just what you need. A key addition to every young sports fanatic's library, The Football Fanbook is filled with fun trivia and unique lingo to impress friends, illustrated behind-the-skills how-to's, important game-winning strategies, and much more. Readers will sound like experts in no time.

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"A mini football encyclopedia...packed with updated stats and tidbits that you may not have known." - Youth Football Online "I wish I had this book when I was a kid. You'll be a smarter fan after reading this." - Peter King, Editor-in-chief, The MMQB, and Sports Illustrated NFL expert "A must-have for football fans...solid information and fantastic photography." - School Library Journal

A definitive go-to guide for kids or anyone just learning about the game. Quite a few arm chair quarterbacks could learn a thing or two from reading this work. Highly recommend.

I would like to start with a couple of disclaimers. 1. I am not a child. I haven't been one for some considerable time. I am however a British adult who has only recently got into (American) Football having given up fighting my brother's attempts to get me interested a few years ago and, since

attending 7 live games in the London International series, I now have the basics off pat. The reason I wanted to read this book was that, even though I now "get" the game, there is a whole lot of history I feel is missing in my overall knowledge of the sport itself. I also want to be able to talk the talk and feel more included when we meet up with other more hard core fans of the game without resorting to stop the conversation and ask for explanations of some of the terms being used.2. I read an ARC of this book in PDF format so I have no idea what the finished product will look/feel like. I am only able to comment on what I saw on my screen and the actual content rather than the overall technicolour finished article. Right. That's the boring bit out of the way. I have explained my reasons for wanting to read this book and I can report that I have come out the other side with what I feel is a whole better knowledge and understanding of the NFL, its current and past players, its history, a greater understanding of the actual game, and I also have a bunch of fun facts to inject into conversations at appropriate moments. I was actually quite proud of myself and my existing knowledge as I did find myself smiling on occasion when I read something I already knew. We start off with a bunch of stats; games, seasons and career over various categories. All very well explained and illustrated. Then we have some facts, some very interesting, others rather amusing. Some that spring to mind now include the Brown's name and their helmets and my favourite one the "Steagles". I was also quite happy to see the mascots used in the illustration for the never played in a superbowl fact. I am a bit of a mascot fan, sorry! Then we go on to skills to master, again some more interesting than others, yes I have a Fantasy team - and have won the Lombardi Trophy in my league the past two years (thanks mostly to my co-manager-brother). The strategy parts were also quite interesting and well explained for the layman (me). Then we come to the current / past comparisons. I was pretty chuffed to actually recognise most of the current guys and it was interesting to see them compared with others that have gone before, some of whom I had also heard of. Team Tidbits came next, a page per team so limited space but all the important stats were there, a couple of the famous players, and a little interesting story. If I had had this a few years ago, it would have made picking my team to follow a little easier. Finally, we have what all good books of this ilk should end with; a glossary of football terms. Some I knew, most impressively the Flea-Flicker (everyone knows the Hail Mary, surely), some I have squirrelled away to bring out at a later date. All in all, I now know an awful lot more about NFL. I can't speak for the completeness of my new-found knowledge as I obviously don't know what I still don't know. But, what I do know is what I have learned is interesting, insightful and I am assuming accurate, and I am looking forward to the new season so I can put my knowledge to good use. So, if you are like me, a new adult to the sport and wanting to know a bit more, ignore the fact that this is targeted at children and dive in. Fun

facts, stats and explanations presented in an easy to understand (but not at all patronising) way. My thanks go to the Publisher and Netgalley for the chance to read this book.

I'm not the world's biggest football fan, but being a New Englander, I haven't missed a Patriots game (on TV) in probably 10 years. But the older that I get and the longer I watch football, the more I realize that while I love watching the Pats, I really don't know that much about the game. For the past year or so I've been thinking that I'd like to know a lot more than I do--and then I stumbled onto this book. While this book is aimed at an audience of kids, it is exactly what I was looking for, a book that was fun to read, had a lot of information and didn't require me to get out a white board and start graphing out things to understand exactly how a flea-flicker happens. I started reading this book the moment it arrived because it is just a fun flipping book and I didn't put it down for two hours. You can just open it anywhere and start reading it (which I think means it's destined to become a bathroom book, lol) and find something fun or interesting to read that you didn't know before. The chapter called "Obscure Facts" is really a lot of fun. I know that I'll probably never memorize enough of these odd facts to spew back out during a game, but it's still interesting to read them and kids will memorize them right away. For example, do you know who the only football player is to have ever played in both the World Series and the Super Bowl? I probably knew at one time, but I'd long forgotten and it was fun to come across it in a book (spoiler alert....here comes the answer....Deion Sanders). I also didn't know that Brett Favre and Jerry Rice have something in common (I won't spoil that one). The book is full of a ton of interesting things like that. For kids there are also some great pages on skills to master--everything from how to throw a spiral to kicking a a perfect punt to getting an autograph. How cool is that? There's also a short but nice look at coaching skills. And there's a very interesting chapter that compares modern football stars to some legendary players from the past ("The Current Guy" vs "The Old Guy"). I think that if you have a daughter or son that likes watching or playing football they'll love this book. It's written and illustrated in a really easy-to-read and entertaining way and the author Gary Gramling probably had a blast writing this (and I'm guessing he has a second volume in mind). I hope Time Life/Sports Illustrated keep the series going, it's a lot of fun. If you have a kid into football, buy him or her this book, they'll love it.

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