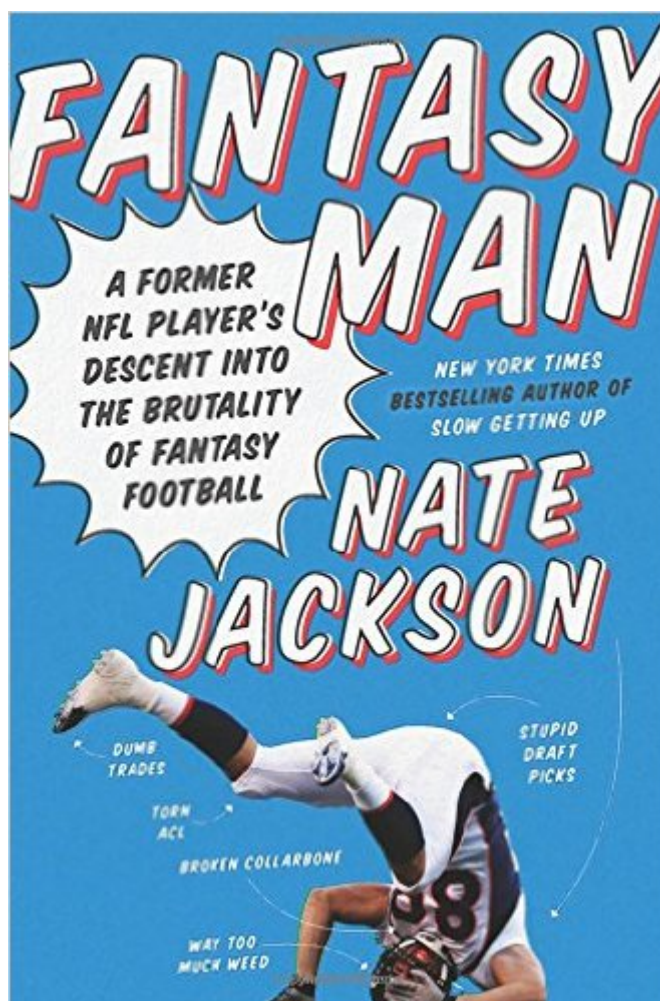


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# Fantasy Man: A Former NFL Player's Descent Into The Brutality Of Fantasy Football



## Synopsis

The New York Times bestselling author of *Slow Getting Up* chronicles his descent into the madness of early retirement and fantasy football. In *Slow Getting Up* "hailed by Rolling Stone as "the best football memoir of all time"â "Nate Jackson told his story face down on the field. Now, in *Fantasy Man*, heâ™s flat on his back. Six years have passed since the former Denver Broncos tight end wore a helmet, and every day he drifts further from the NFL Guy, the sanctioned-violence guy, the psychopath who ran head first into other psychos for money. But Nate hasnâ™t quite left the game. Bed-ridden by a recent surgery to remove bone fragments in his ankle, he's trying to defend his title in one of the millions of leagues captivating America through modern fantasy football, the interactive human poker game started by rotisserie leagues, boosted by ESPN and Yahoo!, and now elevated to that rarefied world of vaguely-legal Internet gambling by FanDuel and DraftKings.com. And this time it isnâ™t a 300-pound wall of flesh rushing to crunch his spine. Itâ™s worse. Exploring the fantasy "and the reality" of professional football after youâ™ve left the field, *Fantasy Man* is as funny, self-deprecating, and shockingly honest as *Slow Getting Up*.

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Back in December of 2013, I wrote a review of Nate Jackson's 1st book, *Slow Getting Up* (12/17/13), and showed pictures of Nate's appearance at the RBC (12/25/13). Besides all of us liking his 1st book, he was great in person. And now he's ready to release #2. I got the ARC of *Fantasy Man* through the publisher, and it comes out in September. Never mind the back flap. Here's a quick summary in my very own words (surprised? - you should be): Nate has been out of

the NFL for 6 years. Over the last 4 of those, he has been in a fantasy football league with his buddies. And he starts the 2015 football season as the 2-time defending champion. This book is about that season and that fantasy football league. BUT WAIT! It's about a whole lot more than that. To wit (does anybody use that expression anymore?):

1. Nate talks about both high school and college football playing days.
2. He discusses his connection with the Will Smith movie, Concussion, and the whole topic of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy).
3. Nate gives us some eye-opening statistics. I'll tell you one, even though I hate giving away spoilers. Because of PTSD, "Twenty-two U.S. veterans commit suicide every day in this country." Every Day! Isn't that crazy?
4. We get to learn about big-time fantasy football superpowers FanDuel and DraftKings - and how they are financially connected to the NFL and ESPN. You don't want to miss that.
5. And the one topic that Nate talks about the most is (drumroll, please) medical marijuana. Nate feels VERY strongly about using marijuana instead of all of those medicines that the players get now. And he backs up his opinion many times throughout the book. This, alone, is reason enough to read Fantasy Man.

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