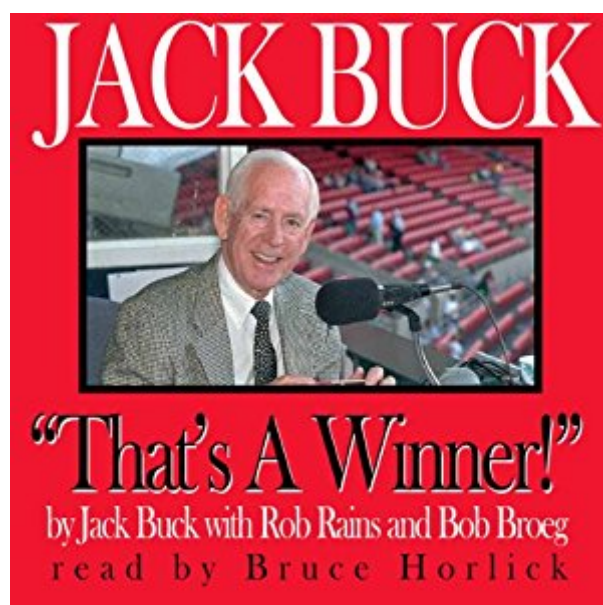


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Jack Buck: 'That's A Winner!'



Synopsis

In his forthright and honest autobiography, St. Louis Cardinal, World Series, and Super Bowl broadcaster Jack Buck entertains all of his fans once more in a different setting. Jack Buck: "That's A Winner!" does more than entertain, however. It provides readers with an inside look at a man they have listened to so often they consider him part of the family.

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I bought this book to read Jack Buck's stories about the St. Louis Cardinals. That material is there, but not in the quantity one might expect. The book is immensely enjoyable for other reasons, ones that I didn't expect when I first bought it. Buck tells a number of moving stories, in a matter-of-fact manner, about growing up poor and serving in World War II. These stories, and not the Cardinals material, were my favorite parts of the book. There are other things as well. Buck tells of getting baseball tickets for a mobster (and, later, for the FBI agents that were keeping tabs on him); enduring a Joe DiMaggio temper tantrum when Buck asked him to sign a baseball; and his relationship with Harry Caray. He also tells some unflattering stories about the Cardinals, including his dislike for some of the teams of the 1970s and 1980s and a poignant story about how he once suggested an airline meal of franks, biscuits and beans for a Cardinals team flight, and the players all refused to eat it.

If you want to read about the St. Louis Cardinals any book written by either Jack Buck or Bob Broeg is sure to provide you with solid reporting. Buck has been announcing for the Cardinals since the mid-1950's and spent many of those years with another hall-of-famer named Harry Caray. Jack provides the reader with insights into his army career prior to entering baseball, his many years as an announcer for KMOX radio in St. Louis, and those glorious years with the Cardinals of the 1960's and 1980's. He also provides us with his opinions on the changes that have taken place in both baseball and the world from what it used to be. You don't have to be a Cardinals' fan to enjoy this book. If you enjoy baseball history, reading a book written by the much-respected Jack Buck is an enviable treat.

This book really comes at sports from a perspective few think about. The broadcaster watches hundreds of games every year, and knows the games just as well as the players but few think to consider their perspective. I learned a ton from the life of Jack Buck and about sports over the past half of a century. I highly recommend grabbing this book if you have a day or two of free time.

Jack Buck was a splendid announcer, whose warm and friendly demeanor became his trademark. This was a truly humble man who cared about people; but he also wasn't afraid to confront those who were self-absorbed or shallow. His biography is a fascinating story of his humble beginnings, his slow rise to broadcasting prominence, and his remarkable ascension to the top of the mountain; very few have attained such greatness in his profession. It's no wonder he was such a revered part of Cardinal baseball folklore, and it's no wonder he's enshrined in the broadcaster's wing at Cooperstown. This story, in essence, is a wonderful anatomy of a Hall of Fame career; it's definitely a winner.

Enjoyable read about one of the best in the business.

I would like to give 3.5 stars. Good stories and thoughts, but...seems a bit "all over the place". But, reading this book is definitely a pleasure.

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