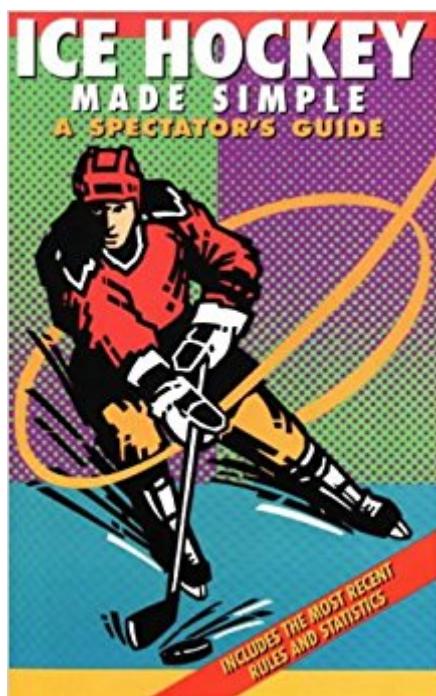


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# **Ice Hockey Made Simple: A Spectator's Guide (Spectator Guide Series)**



## **Synopsis**

This easy-to-read guide, filled with illustrations and action photographs, contains everything for the fan and non-fan alike to understand and enjoy the sport of ice hockey. Each section stands alone, so it can be used as a handy reference guide, and it is so lightweight it can easily be taken to games. The book includes:- The Rules of Hockey Simplified - The Most Recent NHL Changes - What to Look For During Play - Statistics Explained - League and Playoff Formats - Stars of the Past and Present - Awards and Records- A Complete Glossary. The National Hockey League expansion of the last decade and the increased television coverage exposed millions of new fans to hockey. The Stanley Cup is now seen in over 170 countries, while annual sales of NHL merchandise today exceed \$1 billion. Yet hockey remains one of the least understood sports. With the help of this guide, you can learn to follow the excitement of America's fastest-paced sport in no time at all.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

P.J. Harari and Dave Ominsky co-authored this book while pursuing their MBAs at the Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA. However, it was while working as an attorney prior to enrolling in business school that Harari first came upon the idea for a Spectator Guide. Her clients often conducted business meetings at basketball or hockey games and she spent her time feigning interest or pretending to understand what was going on. Harari went in search of a book of rules hoping to solve her dilemma. Surely the local library would have something, she thought, or perhaps a local bookstore. But she had no luck. She resorted to teaching herself football by watching games

on television, weekend after weekend of sitting alone in her living room. Harari did the same with hockey and basketball. And as her expertise grew, she was visited by peers, male and female alike, who would close her office door and quietly confide that they knew nothing about sports and desperately needed or want

This is a nice book for the casual spectator. I've always enjoyed watching hockey, but haven't necessarily understood what's going on all the time. This book explains things very simply and will allow you to understand what's going on in even the fastest paced games. If you're looking for something to actually be able to PLAY hockey, this probably isn't the best choice. There are other more detailed guides focused on playing that will better suit your needs. For a new fan, parent of a hockey player, or casual fan, this is an excellent guide.

Ice Hockey for Dummies - in a good way. If you know absolutely nothing about the sport (with the exception of the fact it's played on ice and a lot of the players are attractive - albeit missing their real teeth) then this is the book for you. It covers basic vocab and rules, while touching on some strategy and history of the sport. Nothing fancy, but helpful to someone who is completely new to the world of ice hockey.

I love ice hockey. Always liked it but when I got a chance to sit at Center Ice and the players came crashing into the Plexiglas I became a lover. However, I didn't understand the fine points - well even some of the main rules, etc. But this book makes it so simple to learn and follow. I still have a little trouble following but that because hockey is so fast and moving not because of the book. It gives you everything - from history, positions, rules, penalties, gear, stats. What I like is that it's written for the spectator and not as a how to learn to play hockey. And it doesn't "talk down to you". I'm afraid I'm not making this clear. But the book does make how the game is played and why.

Very nice concise hockey primer. Would make a good reference for an older kid or for any fan of the sport. Clear explanations provide condensed info that is readily accessible to anyone. It needs another run through for me (for non fiction I often have to read multiple times). I also have *Hockey For Dummies* and, to me, this little book is actually as good if not better. HFD is larger and the text is laid out in such a way (as are all dummy books) that it is actually much less texty than it appears. *Ice Hockey Made Simple* really is just that - simplified but thorough coverage. Highly recommended!

This book was published in 2012 and a few things have changed since then but the information here is essential if you like hockey but do not understand what is actually going on. This book explains rules, symbols, the meaning of terms, and has diagrams as well. It is an excellent reference book and if you think you know all about hockey- read this and you will be surprised with what you don't know.

Great hockey guide!

I'm giving it five stars 'cause it's just what I was looking for. As a 64 year old grandpa who never watched a whole hockey game in his life, I needed to know what the heck is going on out there when the grandson is playing. Now I know a hat trick from a high stick and much, much more. . .

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I'm trying to get my husband interested in hockey seeing as how I learned to enjoy Nascar Racing so I'd have someone to talk with on weekends. We live in Rhode Island and I love the Boston Bruins. This book is well written and explains the basics without confusing him. By this fall I expect him to understand a lot more than he did this past spring.

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