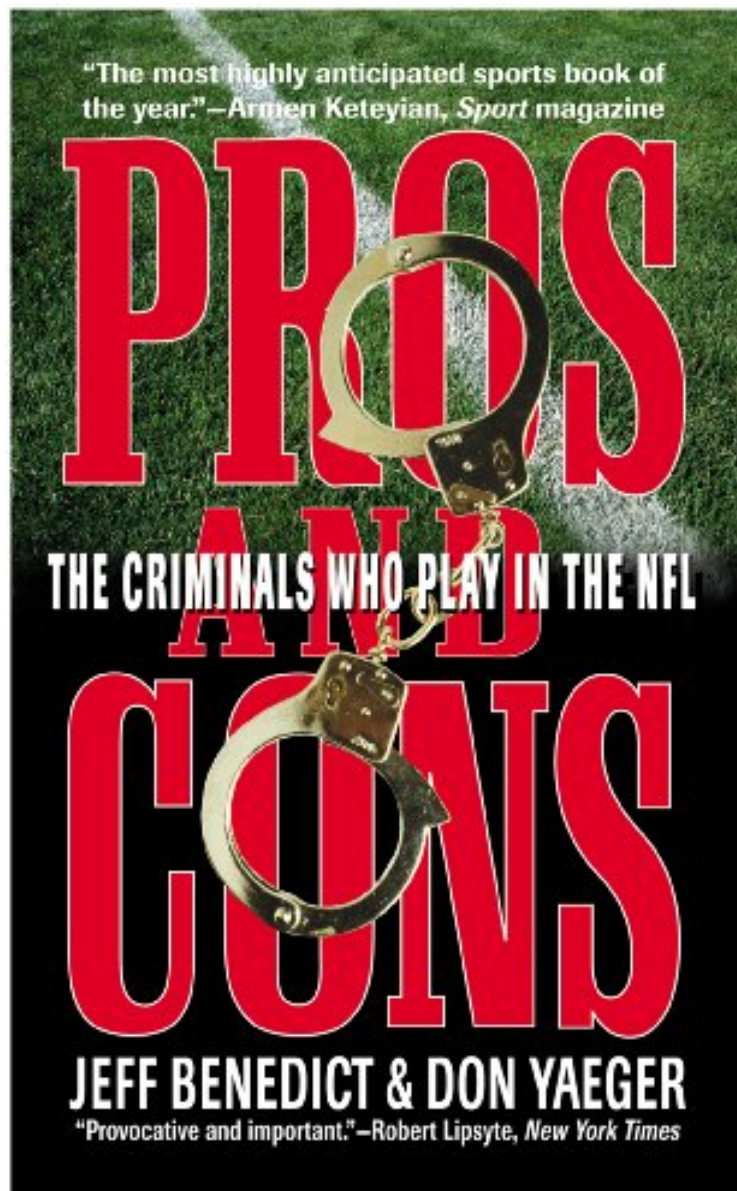


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Von Jeff Benedict, Don Yaeger : Pros and Cons: The Criminals Who Play in the NFL (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pros and Cons: The Criminals Who Play in the NFL (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The authors make their points and follow through. Von Ein KundeOnce you finish this book you'll know why the Minnesota Vikings drafted Randy Moss after several teams passed him up in the NFL Draft. After initially believing that Moss would corrupt the Vikings, this book shows how it is almost the other way around. While the chapter on the Vikings and their problems was revealing, other chapters, particularly the ones including interviews with Art Schlichter and Darryl Henley from their respective prisons, helped the authors make two key points of the book. Schlichter is imprisoned because he committed the one crime (gambling) the NFL won't tolerate and Henley is in jail as long as he is because he, like many other NFL players, really believed he was too privileged to be limited by laws. These chapters were very important to the book and made up for the chapters which include sex-related crimes where no charges were made. I had a slight she-said, he-said problem with these parts of the book. However, the book stands out as one of the best Sports books ever written due to the ability of the authors to suggest a point of view and then prove it with actual situations and factual information. You'll never view the NFL the same after you read this book.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Worth every second spent- unbelievably captivating. Von Michael Walters, mkw@carroll.comThis is a book that every sports fan with a conscience should read.No. It doesn't say that "all football players are criminals," but it does say that the behavior of male athletes off the field is not highly scrutinized before they are in the professional ranks and even when indiscretions of players or coaches (often an understatement of some of the acts described in the book) are made public while an athlete is professional, the team wants the incident swept under the rug.Parents of star high school male athletes need to see this book so they know what's going on in their students' high schools.The stories hit you one after another. They may shock you, but after the shock wears off, you'll realize you're reading a classic investigative masterpiece that could bring about change, if the forces in the NFL are willing to listen to the authors.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The author doesn't believe the findings Von Ein KundeThis review is really about a paper coauthored by Jeff Benedict (coauthor of this book) that refutes the basic conclusions of the book. The article "Criminal Violence of NFL Players Compared to the General Population," which appeared in the Summer 1999 issue of the statistical magazine Chance, reanalyzes these data, and comes to the conclusion that NFL players have, in fact, LOWER crime rates than the general population. I quote: "Thus, even though our initial assessment was that the NFL rates looked very high, we find them well below the rates for the general population" (page 14). You can buy the book for a fun read, but don't make the mistake that one of the authors now admits - these data do not support the contention that NFL players are more likely to be criminals; rather, they REFUTE it!

KurzbeschreibungDiscloses the names of the convicted criminals in the NFL, the stunning severity of their crimes, why they're still playing..deStartling in its breadth, Benedict and Yaeger's investigation into the off-the-field violence and criminal behavior that pervades the culture of professional football is as eye opening as it is disturbing. That these guys get into trouble is nothing new, but when their offenses are collected in one place--with mug shots, court records, police reports, and interviews with arresting officers--the effect is as surreal as the statistics: 21 percent of the NFL's players have been charged with a serious crime. How serious? The docket begins with assault, rape, and domestic violence and keeps spiraling out of control. These are not just blind allegations; the authors name names and match felonies to players. Some of the better-known examples: Cornelius Bennett--rape and sexual assault; Cortez Kennedy--domestic violence; Michael Irvin--cocaine and marijuana possession; Nate Newton--sexual assault; Warren Moon--domestic violence; Jake Plummer--sexual abuse; Andre Rison--aggravated assault; Bruce Smith--driving under the influence; and Deion Sanders--aggravated assault, disorderly convict, trespassing, and battery. Yet, as disturbing as the names and numbers are, Benedict and Yaeger's contention, backed by exhaustive research, is even worse: the league pretty much looks away, tacitly condoning the havoc caused by these overpaid, coddled men-children, whose very propensity for unchecked mayhem fills stadiums on Sunday. But, then, in the NFL's view of things, football is the law. Make no mistake about Pros and Cons though; as sensational as much of it is, this is a serious work with serious footnotes compiled by serious journalists, who, in the end, do something the game's establishment has avoided: they offer a detailed "Game Plan" for addressing the issues they raise. It begins with respecting law and imposing order. -- Jeff Silverman.comStartling in its breadth, Benedict and Yaeger's investigation into the off-the-field violence and criminal behavior that pervades the culture of professional football is as eye opening as it is disturbing. That these guys get into trouble is nothing new, but when their offenses are collected in one place--with mug shots, court records, police reports, and interviews with arresting officers--the effect is as surreal as the statistics: 21 percent of the NFL's players have been charged with a serious crime. How serious? The docket begins with assault, rape, and domestic violence and keeps spiraling out of control. These are not just blind allegations; the authors name names and match felonies to players. Some of the better-known examples: Cornelius Bennett--rape and sexual assault; Cortez Kennedy--domestic violence; Michael Irvin--cocaine and marijuana possession; Nate Newton--sexual assault; Warren Moon--domestic violence; Jake Plummer--sexual abuse; Andre Rison--aggravated assault; Bruce Smith--driving under the

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