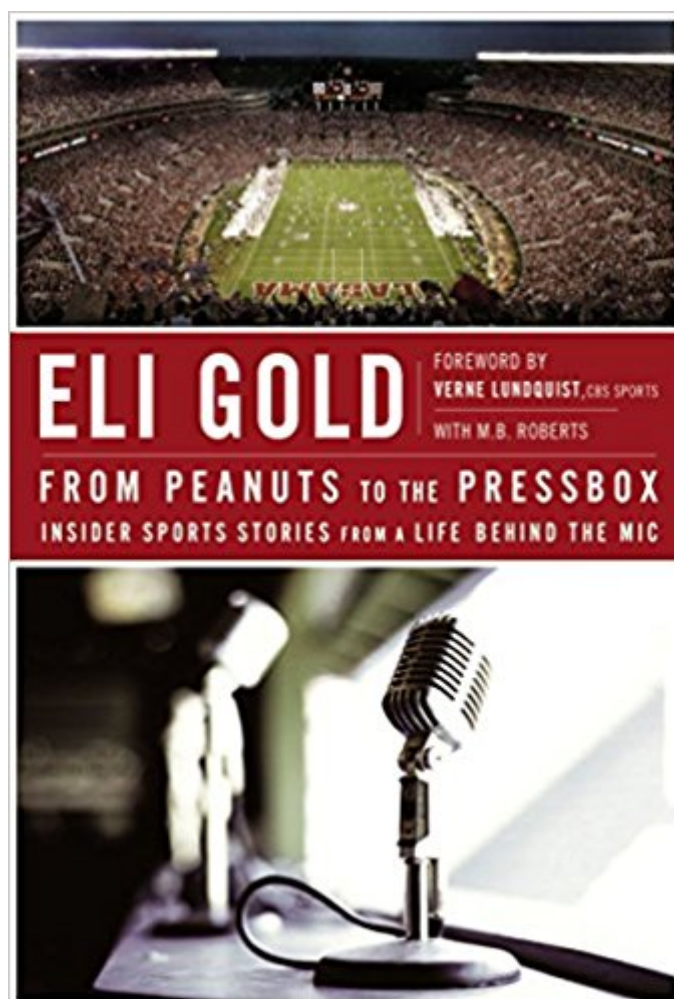


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From Peanuts To The Pressbox: Insider Sports Stories From A Life Behind The Mic



Synopsis

In this behind-the-scenes look at sports broadcasting Eli Gold tells how a kid from Brooklyn, New York, went from selling peanuts at Madison Square Garden to being one of the most recognizable voices in all of radio sports broadcasting. *From Peanuts to the Pressbox* is an intimate walk down memory lane, reliving some of the greatest moments in Alabama sports (basketball and football) and NASCAR. Gold also shares stories from his early days with Yankees broadcaster Mel Allen and Red Barber and other broadcasting greats, such as Bob Costas, Tom Hammond, Verne Lundquist, Kevin Harlan, Ron Franklin, and Mike Tirico.

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Customer Reviews

I have only skimmed through the book. However, Eli Gold is an excellent play-by-play broadcaster & I plan on reading it.

This was a good book to learn about how a boy from the Bronx grew up to be an announcer for Nascar and Alabama football. Very interesting and informative story. I would recommend this book even if you are not an Alabama football fan.

GREAT BOOK. BOUGHT TWO OF THEM ONE FOR ME AND ONE FOR A FRIEND.

Recently, as part of the Thomas Nelson Blogger Reviewer Program, I received a copy of Eli Gold's "From Peanuts to the Pressbox: Insider Sports Stories from a Life Behind the Mic". The work is an

autobiography looking back at the life of a kid from NYC who skipped most of high school to watching sporting events that found himself in the right place in the right time many times over who advanced up the ranks of sportcasting. I give the work three stars. It was an easy read; something to read while trying to fall asleep at night. For me, a sign of a great autobiography is one that the subject shares not only the events of his life, but why those events were important enough to recall as well as the lessons learned. Overall, this work is a feel-good retelling of Eli's favorite stories, without much added depth. Eli's work has been overall contained to hockey, NASCAR, Alabama football and basketball. If you're familiar with any of these sports, there will be many stories that will be quite enjoyable and fun to read. If you're not, but have some idea of the benefit of sport, there are stories that will make you laugh, or make you stop to think for a moment. All in all, a fine book.

From Peanuts to the Pressbox is a biography of Eli Gold, the sportscaster who is now the voice of the University of Alabama's Crimson Tide. The book takes us through his days growing up in New York City and describes how he always knew that he wanted to be a broadcaster. As a result, he almost never went to school and just barely graduated from high school. Instead, he spent his time volunteering/working at radio stations and sports venues to gain experience. From there the story takes us step by step through Mr. Gold's development as a broadcaster - radio, TV, baseball, hockey, basketball, sports talk shows, etc. Mr. Gold is currently best known through his associations with NASCAR and the University of Alabama, so the primary emphasis of the book is on those areas. He tells a number of excellent stories and seems to be friends with a lot of famous sports figures. The book is fun to read, and I recommend it for all sports fans.

Thanks to Thomas Nelson Book Review Blogger program I was able to review the book From Peanuts to the Pressbox: Insider Sports Stories from a Life Behind the Mic by Eli Gold. I chose to review this book because my family is big Alabama football fans and Eli Gold is known as the voice of the Crimson Tide. Personally though, I'm not a huge sports fan. That however didn't lower my enjoyment of reading this autobiography by Gold. It is told in a personable manner that captivates his audience into wanting to read more of his story. I found this book to be enjoyable. However, maybe due to subject matter it wasn't a real page turner that made me finish it in one day. It is a good book to read a few chapters a day and then come back to it when you can.

From Peanuts to the Pressbox is a story about how a little boy from Brooklyn pursued his dream to be a broadcaster. This book takes you through the life of Eli Gold from his first game at Yankee

Stadium, to having non-paid jobs at radio stations to get in the door, to a peanut boy at Madison Square Garden, to, eventually, Eli Gold becoming the "voice of the Crimson Tide". Eli Gold tells the story of himself going from literally selling peanuts in the stands to entering the pressbox and covering sporting events for radio and TV. He shares about his passion about sports broadcasting as well as the names and faces surrounding it. This is the story of how he made it his mission in life to become one of "them", and succeeded! It is more than that though. It is real stories of what it is like behind the scenes at arenas, racetracks and football fields around the country. The stories are engaging, well told and entertaining. Gold draws you in and makes you feel like you are there.

From Peanuts to Pressbox was an interesting and fun trip through the trials and successes that lead Eli Gold to go from mere sports fan to well-loved announcer. Come along with Mr. Gold as he recounts his budding desires as a kid and his eventual success in making his one true dream come true, finding a way to move out of the stadium and into the pressbox, where he knew he belonged. I have long been a sports fan, having grown up in a family that lives and breathes sports of all kinds - baseball, basketball, hockey, tennis, you name it, we watch it - so Eli Gold's story was an instant draw for me. His sheer determination and desire to become a broadcaster intrigued me while his come-what-may attitude surprised me. Not once did he ever let things get him down. With each bump in the road, he just picked himself up, brushed off the dust, and moved forward. In addition to his inspiring determination, he treats us to many funny and interesting stories from behind the scenes of the many teams he's worked for over the years, giving you a better idea of just what some of these minor league athletes -and broadcasters - have to endure on their way to the big leagues. It doesn't matter what sport you call your favorite. If you've ever loved a game of any kind, and if you've ever had that favorite voice behind the team, then you will enjoy Eli Gold's story and all of the stories from behind the mic.*A copy of this book was provided, free of charge, by BookSneeze® for review purposes.

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