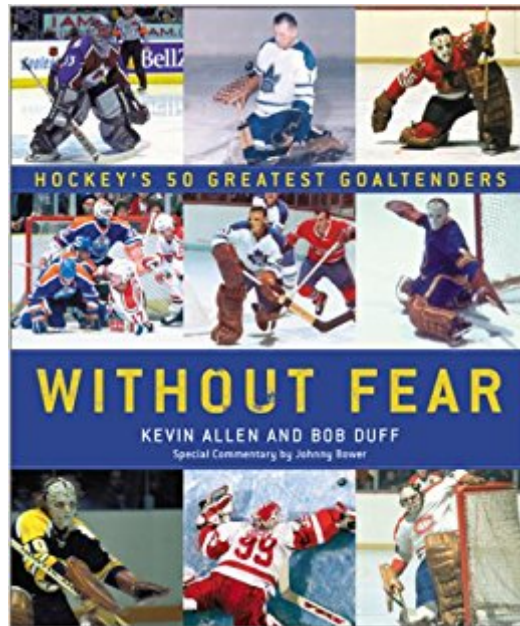


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# Without Fear: Hockey's 50 Greatest Goaltenders



## Synopsis

Sports fans love to argue. About which strategy should be used. About whose team is better. About which coach is the best. But nothing revs the motor of a sports fan more than a debate about who are the greatest players of all time. This book attempts to settle at least one of these debates: Who are the greatest hockey goalies of all time. And it does so with an all-star lineup of experts just as impressive as the 50 men selected as the best goalies of the 20th Century. Indeed, *Gladiators* may just end the debate once and for all. Kevin Allen, the esteemed hockey writer for USA Today, and Bob Duff, respected columnist for the Hockey Weekly, team with Hall of Fame goalie and super scout Johnny Bower and dozens of NHL greats who played outside the net to provide a provocative and sharply persuasive list of the best goalies ever. Bower's critical eye, he provides incisive evaluations of each goalie, and the commentary by such luminaries as Gordie Howe, Bill Gadsby, Dino Ciccarelli, Brett Hull, Marcel Proust, and others, who provide the equally compelling perspective of those who tried to score against them, give *Gladiators* an unprecedented credibility. Allen and Duff give it an unprecedented polish. Not only do the authors list the 50 greatest, they rank them one through fifty. The well-rounded list includes such old-timers as Terry Sawchuk, Ken Dryden, and Georges Vezina and the stars of today, such as Patrick Roy, Dominik Hasek, and Curtis Joseph. Bracing descriptions of each goalie as a player and a person accompany Bower's technical analysis and the insights of the scorers.

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Former National Hockey League all-star Bobby Hull has stated that goalies are different. How true,

considering what it takes to stand between two pipes and attempt to stop a frozen piece of rubber traveling in excess of 100 miles per hour. Hockey enthusiasts often debate the question, Who are the greatest goalies? Authors Allen (USA Today) and Duff (Hockey Weekly) provide the answer in this book, in which they pick the top 50 goalies and explain why they made the list. The contents are divided into six sections: the rankings, innovators, winners, perfectionists, tragic figures, and underappreciated players. With the exception of former U.S.S.R. sensation Vladislav Trekiak, the book is a who's who of N.H.L. goalies, from Patrick Roy, Turk Broda, and Jacques Plante to Glenn Hall, Ken Dryden, and Terry Sawchuck. The legendary Gordie Howe wrote the foreword, and longtime Toronto Maple Leafs net minder Johnny Bower offers the commentary. Complete with archival photos from the Hockey Hall of Fame, this is essential reading for aficionados of all ages. Larry R. Little, Penticton P.L., BCCopyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

When I heard that USA Today sports writer Kevin Allen had authored this book, I bought it right away. His knowledge of hockey is excellent and unbiased. He offers insight that makes him the gold standard. In this case, the book is about goalies and what makes/made them great. Each article is short and easy to read. The addition of input from Mr. Bauer is also very nice. I'd recommend it for any hockey fan.

hi! this book has all the information you'll need to make your case for who the best goaltender was. nice photos, and complete bio's for each of the 50 goaltenders chosen by author. see if your favorite was listed! as for me,patrick roy over ken dryden? i dont think so!!

"WITHOUT FEAR" by Kevin Allen and Bob Duff is one of the best books ever published on the history of NHL goaltenders. This just published 280 page hard cover coffee table edition is a must for hockey fans of all ages, and especially all those junior goalies out there? The 50 greatest goalies in history are ranked and profiled in great detail. Hockey legend Johnny Bower gives his commentary on each selection as well. One can't argue with the selection of the 50 goalies, but you can have fun with friends, arguing if Patrick Roy[#1 ranked]is the greatest of them all? All the great names of the past and present are here to read about, like Terry Sawchuk, Glenn Hall, Jacques Plante, Ken Dryden, Eddie Giacomin, Tony Esposito, and Gump Worsley just to name a few from the old school. Modern players like Patrick Roy, Martin Brodeur, Dominik Hasek, Ed Belfour, Mike Vernon and Curtis Joseph are some of the newer entries. Some of the goalies profiled like Rogie Vachon, Lorne Chabot, Davey Kerr and Roger Crozier were never elected to the hall of fame, but

are surely deserving of consideration? I consider this book to be a bible of goaltending history, and a must have book to make any hockey library complete.

If you aren't aware of hockey's great goalies of the 20's thru 60's, this is the book for you. Being older than I care to admit, I saw Crozier, Worsley, Plante (have their autographs), Bower, Hall, Sawchuk & a dozen others who are now little more than a footnote or a color commentator's time-filler. This book will remedy that, giving a good background into some of the most outstanding goalies of the "Golden Age" of hockey. Of particular interest is the categorizing of many of these men as "unsung", "tragic" etc. I'll be referring to it often.

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