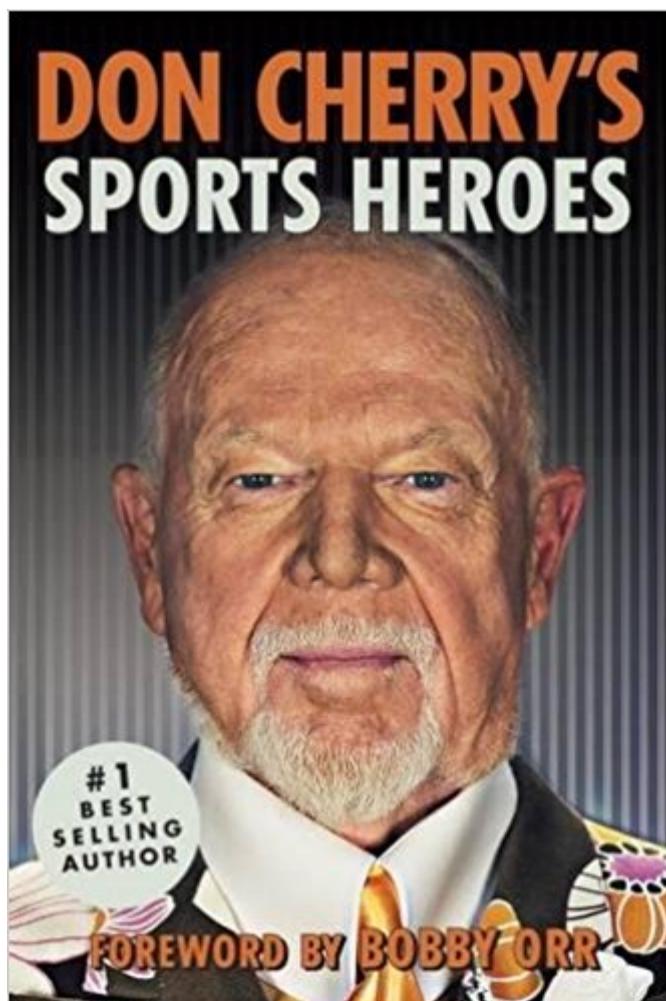


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# Don Cherry's Sports Heroes



## Synopsis

Don Cherry has become a broadcasting legend, garnering millions of fans around the world with his "Coach's Corner" segment onÂ Hockey Night in Canada. For over a decade, Cherry also hosted the TV showÂ Grapevine, which brought viewers up close and personal with the biggest names in sports. Don was the interviewer and his son, Tim, produced the show. And no one in the sports world, from hockey players to boxers to curlers to umpires, turned down an invitation to appear on it. It was on that show that Don has some of his fondest memories from his many years in the biz, and, at last, in Don Cherry's Sports Heroes, he gives us behind-the-scenes access to some of his most fascinating and revealing interviews with the all-time greats.Â Â Â Â Don has his signature candidness and sizzling humour in these interviews and stories. In these pages you'll find epic stories about hockey greats Maurice "Rocket" Richard, Wayne Gretzky, Bobby Orr and Gordie Howe, to name a few, and since Grapevine TV was the place to be in the sports world, you can revel in some unforgettable stories on players in other fields, too. Â Â Â Â Don Cherry shares with the world tales that only a true insider could know. You won't be disappointed.

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National Bestseller"Even readers familiar with many of these tales will enjoy the way 'Grapes' spins a yarn. . . . He can move effortlessly from talking about hockey icon Maurice 'Rocket' Richard to why Don Marcotte of Cherry's Big Bad Bruins was a great checker, or jump from describing Canadian snooker world champion Cliff Thorburn to recalling conversations with hockey executive Wren Blair. . . . There are even some glimpses of Cherry beyond his bravado, describing nervously stumbling

as a rookie broadcaster: 'The more I screwed up, the more the audience would laugh.' Fans are sure to be entertained." â "Publishers Weekly

A high school dropout from Kingston, Ontario, DON CHERRY laced up with the American Hockey League's Hershey Bears in 1954 to begin what would be nearly a two-decade playing career. The 20-year-old rookie would jump to a number of minor league teams in the United States and Canada over the course of his 16 years on the ice, bringing his young family with him on more than 50 moves. After being fired from his role as Coach of the Boston Bruins in 1979, Cherry went on to coach the Colorado Rockies for one unsuccessful season. A chance appearance on Hockey Night in Canada impressed CBC officials enough for them to create a platform for the bombastic ex-player and coach. "Coach's Corner" would go on to court both controversy and high ratings, as hockey fans rushed to their televisions to take in his singular mix of game analysis, cultural commentary and playful parrying with host Ron MacLean. Cherry has parlayed his broadcast success into a line of popular videos, a chain of restaurants, a syndicated radio show and lucrative endorsements. In addition to these ventures he has spent the past few years raising funds for Rose Cherry's Home for Kids, a hospice for terminally-ill children. Named after his beloved wife, who died of cancer in June 1997, Don Cherry has passionately campaigned for the Milton, Ontario, hospice. He lives in Mississauga, Ontario.

This has a different format from other recent books by don cherry. There are actual chapters with dedicated subject matter. But essentially it's the same kind of book. A hockey fan telling his stories from years in the game, bouncing off interviews he conducted years ago on his television show. There are some non hockey stories in here as well. Hope Don continues to write books. They are all very interesting.

Loved it. Can't wait for his next book.

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There are great stories here that will resonate with people of a certain vintage (like me) or the real fan who likes sports history. I can remember some of the shows Cherry talks about in the book so it appealed to me. It won't be for everyone, but for me it was a 4-star read.

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