
As A Long Time Fan...

One of the most highly regarded names in racing, Sir Jackie Stewart is the winner of three F1 World Championships and 27 Grand Prix races, and is ranked in the top five drivers of all time. In the 1960s and 1970s, with his black cap, sideburns, and aviator shades, Stewart was an unmistakable icon and his life was one of excitement, tragedy, controversy, and stunning success. On retiring from the circuit, he went on to build an massive international business career. This is the compelling tale of a life spent battling against the odds and achieving world-wide recognition as an outstanding sportsman, a role model, and a highly accomplished businessman. Includes a specially produced DVD featuring rare and previously unseen footage, personal photographs, conversations with Stewart discussing key moments in his life, plus interviews with business leaders, friends, and family.

My Personal Review:
If you are even looking at this book, chances are you are very interested in F1. Jackie describes his life in words that sound wonderfully simple, genuine and heartfelt, making sure to connect everything with racing. If you've watched Jackie speak, you will undoubtedly hear his voice while reading this book. The man's personality really comes through.

His love for racing is clear, but his love for the people in his life comes through even more strongly. The strength and depth of relationships and his attention to the smallest details when dealing with people are amazing. I bought this book expecting to learn about the man. Instead, as an aspiring entrepreneur, this book turned out to be exactly what I needed. The deftness, honesty and tact with which Jackie approaches opportunities is marvelous.
The book is one-sided in that it contains only positive things. Given that Jackie is still alive and still working on business partnerships, I guess it makes sense that he would leave out some of the not-so-rosy stuff, but it does reduce the force of some of the words, especially later in the book. Also, be prepared for a lot of emotions and crying. There really is a lot of crying going on here and it starts to get a wee bit too much.

Despite the problems, this book really inspired me to work even harder and pay attention to a lot of things in my life that I wasn't. Yes, this book did change my life and I will heartily recommend it, especially to young people.

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