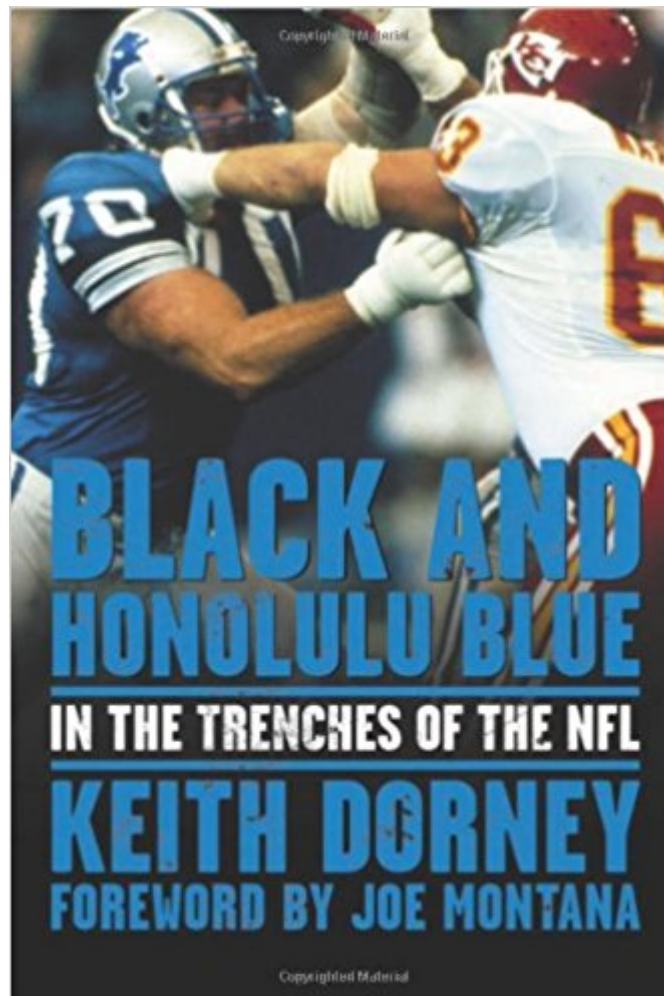




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Black And Honolulu Blue: In The Trenches Of The NFL



Synopsis

An unfiltered view of life as a big-time college and NFL player, this autobiography follows Keith Dorney, an All-American at Penn State and an All-Pro with the Detroit Lions and his views of football at the highest levels. Written without the aid of a ghostwriter, Black and Honolulu Blue articulately and candidly explores life in the trenches of college and professional football. Like Jerry Kramer and Tim Green before him, but from the unique perspective of football's most grueling position, Dorney has produced a groundbreaking work that will change the way you think about life in the NFL.

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Customer Reviews

Dorney was a solid, dependable offensive lineman first for Penn State and then for the Detroit Lions, outfitted in "Honolulu blue," in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and this book is a solid look at his daily life as a professional football player, which will be enjoyable for the average fan. This is not by any means an exposé; Dorney admits that what inspired him to write were his positive memories about "striving to play the best game possible with the same fierce intensity each and every week." Along the way, he details the brutality of the typical NFL summer camp; the gruesome nature of the dozen or so orthopedic operations he endured during his career; and the pleasure of searching for the "perfect hit" with which to clobber his opponents. He also provides looks at some of the characters he's crossed paths with over the years, most notably legendary Penn State coach Joe Paterno. Two sections separate this title from a typically good but run-of-the-mill sports book and show Dorney's ability to move beyond clichés when he wants to. The first is a look at one of his

typical football games written from the point-of-view of his wife in the stands. The second is an unabashedly sentimental account of a postretirement visit to the Lions locker room, which shows how much the game has changed even in the past 10 years. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Keith Dorney is a Pennsylvania native who played for the Penn State Nittany Lions and professional football for the Detroit Lions. He is currently a high school English teacher in Santa Rosa, California. He lives near Sebastopol, California. Joe Montana is a Hall of Fame quarterback.

First, I was very impressed with Dorney's honesty and style. I felt a connection to him. Maybe it's his ability to make me feel part of the club as a former player. I can relate to the injuries and chronic pain. After playing seven years as a running back, kick off and punt return man, I still feel many hits my body took. Back surgery, knee surgery and neck issues are the result. I can relate to the connections and bonds formed and as a proud Michigan resident and Lions fan. I can relate to the frustration of losing seasons. Thanks for the memories Keith Dorney and thanks for always giving it your best...

Well written. This provides an insiders look at the "trenches", the offensive line in the NFL. Any football fan would enjoy this insightful book. And he pulls no punches when talking about being on team (Detroit Lions) that loses more games than it wins. And he has especially harsh words for the old Silverdome field and what it did to players.

I went into the Penn State book store at the Indiana game to buy a hat and I purchased this book, because after listening to this 2 time All-American from PSU / All-Pro Detroit Lion talk on the PSU radio show that morning, Keith sounded very articulate and I wanted to see if he wrote as well as he talked. Was I surprised! This book was not a book about how great a player he was, and he was a terrific player, but it showed, as the title states. "life in the trenches in the NFL." I felt like I was experiencing the nightmare of rookie camp, and how difficult it is for a player to adjust to football at the pro level. Keith talks about injuries, harsh playing conditions, what it is like to be a "big guy", and my favorite part of the game... the hitting. As a frustrated athlete who only played a little high school football, this book helped me experience the rigors of football at the college and pro level. Oh yes, Penn State fans, he also has a chapter on Joe Pa, what it was like to play for him, and some inside stuff that the reader may not have heard. As other reviews have stated, this book is a must read for

everyone, whether you are a fan or not, because it is well-written and deals with how to overcome obstacles in life and how to succeed by keeping a positive attitude in whatever you do. I signed on to to order 3 more for gifts. Great job Keith!

Keith shares with you his life and his love. As a man Keith bares his soul for everyone to look at and into, if you have the guts. Because looking into his, you've got to look into yours and that isn't always easy. Keith knows MOTIVATION, from the inside out and back again. He also teaches motivation to young students of the game and to executives at Fortune 500 companies. You will learn a lot about yourself reading this book. In fact you'll learn a lot about life, the ups, the downs, the joys, the pains, but more importantly what it means to get up off the ground one last time and keep going. Thank you Keith for writing this important work.

Best book ever written. Joe was a great QB. I recomend this book for people who love football as much as I do. GO ST.LOUIS RAMS!!!

Awesome book,I really enjoyed reading this book and look forward to more from the Author.It is a must read for football and even non football fans.I found the book hard to put down and wanted more at its conclusion,Bravo Mr. Dorney (big cheese)I really enjoyed the memories you shared it brought back alot of good ones for me also.Keep up the good work!!!

This book makes it feel as if your are there watching it in real life. This book expresses the typical life of an NFL player. It also shows the drawbacks like having to have orthapedic surgery. Overall this book is a great book to read. FRENCHIE

Hey Dorney, This is Eddy W. Well your book was good and as I'm reading these reviews, they seem to be from students. Anyway, I thought the book was very enjoyable and you have got to get me the movie rights. Don't worry. I'll get get David Spade or somebody to play you.See Yah!

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