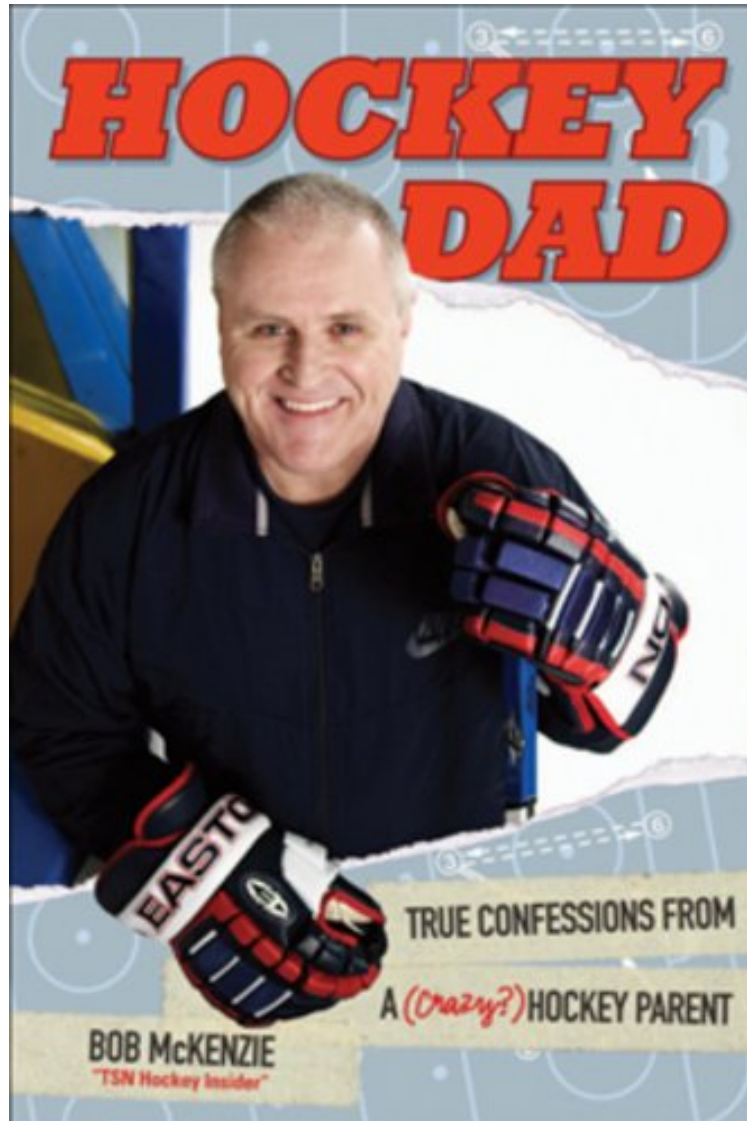


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**Bob McKenzie : Hockey Dad: True Confessions Of A (Crazy) Hockey Parent** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hockey Dad: True Confessions Of A (Crazy) Hockey Parent:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. True true confessions.....By Wil WuThe culture of being hockey parent is truly a mystery to anyone who has not been indoctrinated into the fold. Yes, some relate it to being a soccer parent, little league parent but there is nothing like waking up your little player in the wee hours of the morning, shoving something warm and nutritious into their mouths every time they yawn, driving to a rink in the dark, hauling

out the gear and lugging it to a locker room located in the deep recesses of a rink; only to find you forgot your little player in the car..., dressing him/her while trying not to gag from the funky odor permeating the room. After all is said and done, you sit, feeling like a Popsicle, for an hour or more in a rink that doubles as the local freezer storage for the town. Afterward, you reverse the process of what you did an hour ago. Yep, nothing like being a hockey parent. Bob McKenzie hit the proverbial nail right on the head or should I say, one timed the frozen biscuit into the basket. Spending the whole weekend, camped out on a lawn chair at your local rink just for an opportunity to sign your little one up for an in house league? The stories he mentions in the book has all the hockey parents of the world nodding and laughing their heads off simultaneously. For those who have yet to wander down that path, are curious what makes a hockey parent tick or just want to get a good laugh, I highly recommend this book. It's a fast and easy read. I just picked up additional copies for our coaches. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good read, but things are a little different in ...By Lilian C. Menhall As one of them I lived thru many of the author's emotions. Good read, but things are a little different in the US, thank goodness. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Book for hockey lovers By Shawzy Great book for those that played hockey and especially for those hockey parents. Being a division one player myself, I could totally relate to everything the author went through with his kids. I felt like he was telling my story without even knowing me. A definite must read. I will be sending a copy to my parents as I am sure they will get a kick out of it.

A revealing look at the good, the bad, and the ugly of minor hockey culture Known as TSN's "Hockey Insider," Canada's Bob McKenzie is synonymous with the sport and one of its most respected analysts. In *Hockey Dad*, McKenzie describes firsthand the joys and heartbreak of raising two sons, with entirely diverging athletic futures. He details their separate paths, describing Michael, a 22-year-old playing NCAA hockey on scholarship, and Shawn, now 19, whose competitive minor hockey life was cut short at age 14 because of multiple concussions. Their deeply personal stories, and the trials and tribulations of a father creating futures for them, offer readers a compelling look into the world and culture of minor hockey. Includes funny anecdotes, debates on numerous hockey issues, and personal reflections on the game and its culture With an unwavering look at his own strengths and weaknesses, as well as the entire system of minor hockey in Canada, *Hockey Dad* is an honest, irreverent and sometimes moving look at a sporting culture that is not so much a recreation as it is a way of life.

From the Back Cover Praise for *Hockey Dad* "And people think I'm crazy? This guy is the definition of crazy."—John Tortorella, Head Coach, New York Rangers "A must-read for all parents of athletes, not just hockey parents."—Brian Burke, Toronto Maple Leafs' President and General Manager "There will be ugly hockey stories this coming season, but there will, at the same time, be thousands of good ones that will go untold. This is a good one—and richly deserves to be heard."—Roy McGregor, the *Globe and Mail*. "You'll find yourself cheering for Michael and Shawn McKenzie and maybe a little bit for their father, too...if you're the parent of a young person playing this game, *Hockey Dad* is well worth the read."—Ken Campbell, *The Hockey News* Minor Hockey. Major Passion. *Hockey Dad*? Definitely. Crazy? Maybe. But only if you think that camping out in an arena lobby for 48 hours to register your son for house-league hockey is crazy. Or getting escorted out of an arena by two policemen. Or calling for a stick measurement in a game involving 11-year-olds. Twice. *Hockey Dad* is a revealing look at the good, the bad and the ugly of minor hockey culture as seen through the eyes of a committed parent/hockey coach—or is it a parent/hockey coach who should have been committed?—who also just happens to be one of the most well-known hockey personalities in North America. Hilarious, candid, and at times poignant, *Hockey Dad* is a true slice of life as thousands live it in the world of minor hockey culture. Bob McKenzie reveals himself—and his entire family—in ways you've never seen him before. These deeply personal stories, and how *Hockey Dad* dealt with the highs and lows of his sons' hockey careers (sometimes well, sometimes not so well), are a compelling look into the world of minor hockey—a major Canadian passion. About the Author Bob McKenzie, the *Hockey Insider*, has been covering the game for more than 30 years and is one of the most trusted voices and recognized names in hockey journalism. The Toronto native joined Canada's first and number-one all-sports channel, TSN (The Sports Network), in 1987 and has been a fixture on the network ever since. He was also Editor-in-Chief of *The Hockey News* for nine years and *Hockey Columnist* for the *Toronto Star* for six years.