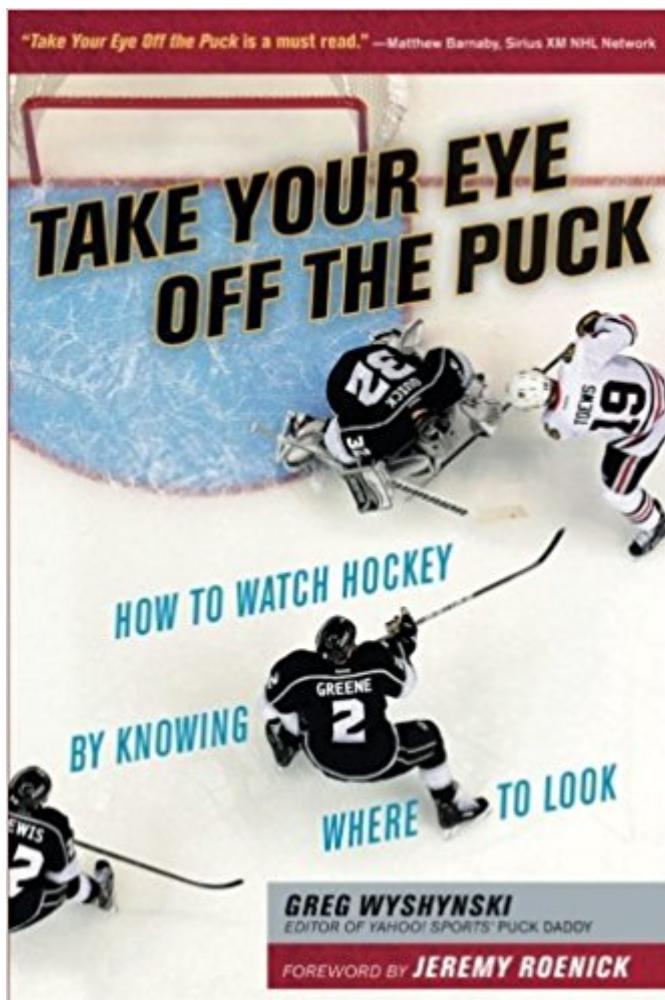


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# Take Your Eye Off The Puck: How To Watch Hockey By Knowing Where To Look



## **Synopsis**

A guide for sports fans on how to watch and appreciate the game of hockey. More and more fans are watching the NHL each week, but many of them don't know exactly what they should be watching. How does an offense create shooting lanes for its best sniper? When a center breaks through and splits between two defensemen, which defender is to blame? Why does a goalie look like a Hall of Famer one week and a candidate for the minor leagues the next? This guide for sports fans on how to watch and appreciate the game of hockey takes you inside a coach's mind as he builds a roster or constructs a game plan, to the chaos of the goalie's crease, and deep into the perpetual chess match between offense and defense. Discussing topics such as what to look for when a team goes on the power play and why playing center might be the most grueling job in sports, *Take Your Eye Off the Puck* shows fans how to get the most out of watching their favorite sport.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Greg Wyshynski is the editor of the popular Puck Daddy blog on Yahoo! Sports. He is an award-winning sportswriter and columnist who specializes in blending humor with insight in covering professional, collegiate, and amateur sports. He is the author of *Glow Pucks* and *10-Cent Beer: The 101 Worst Ideas in Sports History*. He lives in New York City. Jeremy Roenick is a member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and one of only four American-born players to score 500 or more career NHL goals. He is currently a hockey analyst for NBC. He lives in Scottsdale, Arizona.

As an ignorant travel hockey mom, I bought this book to help me understand and appreciate what is happening on the ice. While written in a fun and enjoyable way, you do need to have some rudimentary knowledge of hockey to get the most out of this book. I wish there was a chapter with the down-and-dirty basics.

Have been waiting for my Kindle version, it's here! As his fans already know, Wysh knows hockey to a depth of detail which for even committed fans can be difficult to clearly perceive. He clearly explains "systems," special teams, etc. in ways I finally get. Nice, \*simple\* diagrams and plenty of funny explanations. Subtract a star if you just don't like his sense of humor--de gustibus non est disputandum--add a sixth star if you do, & if you listen to Marek vs. Wyshinski you know already. --(And Jeremy Freaking Roenick had \*nothing\* to do with the book other than the oddly generic intro someone forced him to write, wherein the author's name does not appear. They might as well have asked Pierre McGuire and Don Cherry to collaborate on an intro. should fix this.)

Perfect book if you're looking to improve your hockey knowledge and understand little details you've never noticed watching the game. I consider myself a novice to the sport and found a lot of really interesting stuff. Plus his writing is funny and engaging

This book fills the void between "what's icing?" type books and coach's manuals. It's not too technical, yet not too basic. I've been watching hockey for 10+ years now, and this book was still a great read, and informational. Also, Wyshynski's writing style is perfect for this style of book, his humor keeping it from ever getting boring. I would recommend this book for hockey fans, or people that have an interest in hockey. If this book and watching a game or two in person doesn't make you fall in love with the sport, then nothing will.

I learned a lot of what to look for during games, but some terms left out until the end of the book. Still a good read for someone familiar but wanting to know more.

Excellent look at the hidden sides of hockey from someone who really knows the game. I consider myself a fairly astute fan, and still learned a lot from Greg. Well done!

Fantastic book. Recommended for all levels of fandom and especially for those who enjoy Greg's work at Yahoo.

I wouldn't suggest this book for beginners but if you have watched hockey consistently for one or two seasons this book does a good of filling in the gaps of knowledge you can't pick up from TV announcers.

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