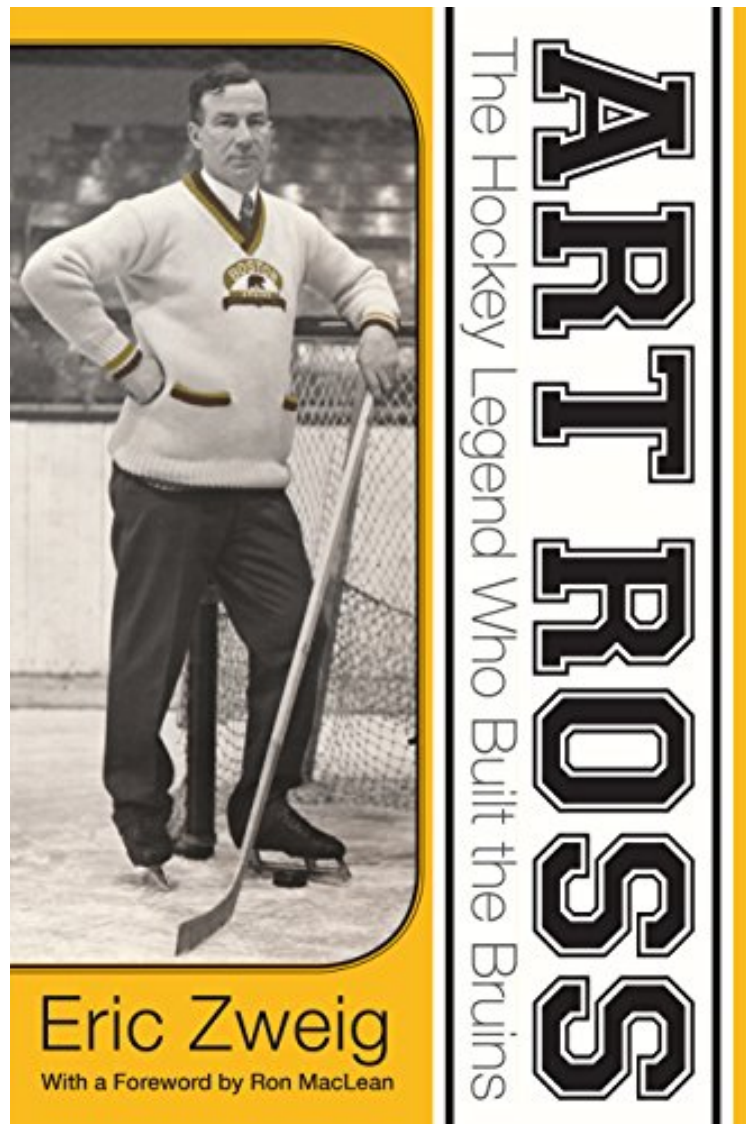


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his brains, surfaced early: By age 10, Ross spoke English, French and fluent Ojibwe. Ross went on to star in football and in hockey, but his road to success had many potholes as he played for teams like the Saskatchewan Sheiks in his efforts to break out of small-town sports. It's fascinating to follow the twists and turns as the ambitious Ross parlays his success as a player into coaching and then ownership and eventually big-time, big-city sports. As Zweig writes, "Ross became one of the founding fathers of the Boston Bruins, holding the positions of coach, general manager and vice president." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Husband loved it. As a 40+ hard-core hockey fan By Melanie Witte Husband loved it. As a 40+ hard-core hockey fan, who still plays himself, he still learned things he didn't know. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The man who set the course for the Bruins in the beginning and it goes thru today By William Carr Great read, with a lot of info, the franchise he built still carries the traditions he set up, he was a true original when it came to hockey

The first authorized biography of Art Ross, Hockey Hall of Famer, founding father of the NHL, and long-time member of the Boston Bruins. Gordie Howe, Bobby Orr, Wayne Gretzky, and Sidney Crosby have all hoisted the trophy that bears his name. Learn about Ross's early crusade for players' rights, and why he was a key to the NHL's success.

Zweig does fine work, breathing life into 100-plus-year-old details; his descriptions of Stanley Cup matches from the era of the rover and the "60-minute men" manage to evoke the excitement of those bygone times, while his detailed analysis of the power struggles and high drama in which Ross was fully involved in the early days of the NHL, and the National Hockey Association before it, are both educational and entertaining, even if the reader has little to no prior knowledge of the subject. (Winnipeg Free Press) It's a big, fat slice of hockey past, one of those books that will delight those who consider themselves scholars of the game. (Sun Times) A fascinating read. In fact, when I started reading it I could hardly put it down until I completed it. What a pioneer Art Ross was hellip; a great story. (Scotty Bowman, Hockey Hall of Fame builder and the winningest coach in NHL history) No one would believe this wild tale if it were a movie hellip; A child of the Canadian wilderness, who may well have been the country's greatest athlete, becomes a player, coach, manager, and inventor who likely affected the game of hockey more than anyone else. Those who say they should change the Art Ross Trophy to a more recognizable name would cringe in embarrassment after reading Eric Zweig's magnificent biography. (Roy MacGregor, bestselling author and Globe and Mail Columnist) It is hard to talk about the history of hockey without mentioning the name Art Ross hellip; from being a player, coach, manager, and on-ice official, to the history of the goalie net, to having a trophy named after him hellip; just to name a few things Art Ross did over his years. Zweig has uncovered some great stories. A must for all hockey fans. (Phil Pritchard, Vice President and Keeper of the Stanley Cup, Hockey Hall of Fame) With his wonderful, many-layered, anecdote-rich study of Art Ross, author Eric Zweig does a masterful job of profiling an important figure who was a player, coach, executive, inventor, and innovator during the professional game's crucial, formative years. In Montreal, more than 50 years after Ross's passing, this hockey pioneer has been forgiven ? almost ? for having been an architect in the building of the Boston Bruins. (Dave Stubbs, Montreal Gazette) No, Art Ross didn't invent hockey. You can forget that, sometimes, reminded of the extent to which he shaped the game we know today. On the ice, he was skilled and as wily a goal-scoring defender as there's ever been. Off it, a tireless innovator of rules and equipment, he also coached, managed, and gave the Boston Bruins the feisty spirit that defines them still. It's high time his formidable tale was told; Eric Zweig does it with a vim and an eye for detail that delights the fan in me as much as the historian. (Stephen Smith, author of Puckstruck) I enjoyed it very much. I had no idea Art Ross had been such an athlete in his day before he came to Boston. I think this book really has a place in Canadian history, in hockey history, and in NHL history. It was fascinating. (Harry Sinden, former coach, general manager, and president of the Boston Bruins) A diligently researched portrait of a canny, controversial, colourful hockey icon. Recognition for a hockey genius long overdue. As Cherry would say, "Two thumbs up, Eric!" (Brian McFarlane, bestselling author and former sportscaster) hellip; a superb addition to any hockey library hellip; one of the most readable hockey historians [with] the books to prove it. (The Fischler Report) Painstaking research by one of the best in the business on one of hockey's most influential pioneers. (Toronto Sun) About the Author Eric Zweig is a managing editor with Dan Diamond Associates, consulting publisher to the National Hockey League. His books include Fever Season, Tough Guys: Hockey Rivals in Times of War and Disaster, Star Power: The Legend and Lore of Cyclone Taylor, and, most recently, Twenty Greatest Hockey Goals. He lives in Owen Sound, Ontario.