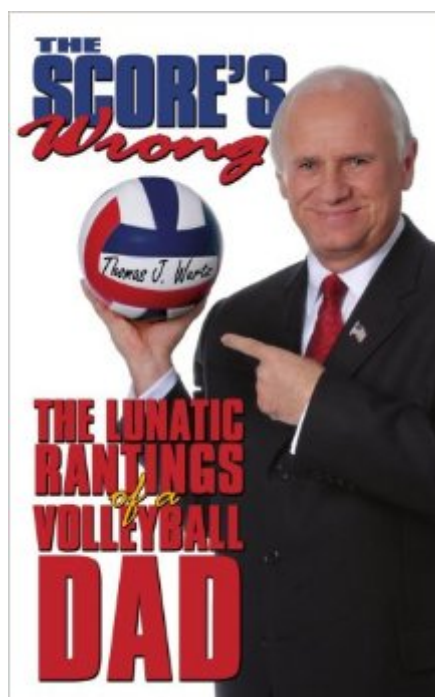


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The Score's Wrong: The Lunatic Rantings Of A Volleyball Dad



Synopsis

This is Tom's second book and illustrates his bizarre, humorous and emotional ten-year journey in the world of club volleyball. Tom's three daughters participated in this roller-coaster environment for several different club teams. When Tom says, "Lunatic Rantings of a Volleyball Dad," he is not kidding. He loses his composure many times in the book and relates stories that are not normally discussed in polite conversation. He humorously takes on everyone who is associated with club volleyball: The players The coaches The volleyball officials The volleyball club rules Volleyball traditions The parents His wife Himself This book is for everyone. The young athletes will enjoy the book as much as the adults. The craziness found in club volleyball is probably relatable to all club sport teams. Enjoy! Tom's favorite volleyball cheer is, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, pretty girls don't play volleyball so let's get ugly." I think Tom has taken "ugliness" to a whole new level.

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This book does provide some insight and humor into our crazy world of club volleyball. Not every story was right on target, however (though I did enjoy the story about his need to go to Kmart mid-tournament). While I agree that some coaches (too many) are just b*tsh1t crazy, there are thankfully enough that are motivating, encouraging, great teachers and role models, to keep me hopeful for the future. The author says he hasn't found them - I'd say look at the many great resources found at USA Volleyball (John Kessel, others) and surely he has observed great coaches in the many tournaments he attended. I say this because, if you're a parent new to this world, or on the outside looking in, perhaps considering it for your kid, I'd say that it CAN be (should be) a great

experience, but you need to pick your clubs/coaches carefully. I remember when my oldest was first looking at teams, I wanted her just to make "a" team, didn't care which, as I didn't know enough to know that there were real differences. If one wants to steal my idea, fine, but I've thought for sometime of some sort of "CoachRate" online database, perhaps like Angie's List, where parents can rate the coaches. Why not, we pay too much money, spend way too much time, and have our kids under the "care" of these adults that can really affect them, positively or negatively; we shouldn't go in blind and just hoping for the best. And hey, I'm a club coach too, and I have nothing to hide - no one is going to say I'm crazy and that their daughter had a bad experience. It's my job to build each of them up and teach them volleyball and life. My .02, it's a good quick read.

Tom does a great job of capturing the craziness of girls club sports and VolleyBall score keeping. I laughed the whole way through and loved his attempt to transfer the wisdom of Volley Ball coaching techniques to the boardroom. I also appreciated the wonderful example of what it takes to be a caring, loving, father to young girls caught up in the drama of their teenage years.

Our daughters are 14 and 11 years old. Daughter #1 is entering her 5th year of club volleyball, playing 15u this year on the best team in the area which happens to be 2 counties away, of course;) Daughter #2 is playing her 4th year of 12u. For real, she started playing at age 8 on a 12u team. We have witnessed first hand club volleyball insanity. Hubby has been club director and coach for daughter #1 for 3years & daughter #2 for 2 years. He has had it with the parents and sent out his I'm done/resignation effective end of upcoming season. God help us, and pass me some bourbon!!! We know all about drama, and I try my best to sit back and watch the show with inner peace and a diet coke or Starbucks if it is convenient and allowed on the hallowed grounds. You nailed this one. We have recommended your book to all the club volleyball parents that will listen to us. Should be required reading;) hope to witness your sarcasm and your wife's FVM one day at nationals!!! Just kidding, hope you can both find inner peace:)

I thoroughly enjoyed this book from start to finish. Being a parent of two volleyball children(a boy and a girl), there are so many parts of this book that are so true and allows you to laugh at the frustrations. My husband and I quote this book at every match we go to. It really is insightful and has some great words of wisdom at the same time you will laugh so hard at times you cry. Thank you for such a delightful read!!

It's just funny, flat out hilarious! It's a series of true stories about a man who deals with daughters who are volleyball players and their coaches. It's outside the scope of what he normally writes about and it's definitely one of the best volleyball books ever written.

As a volleyball mom, I could truly relate to this book. Funny stories, all of which I've seen or experienced. Great fun, quick read.

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