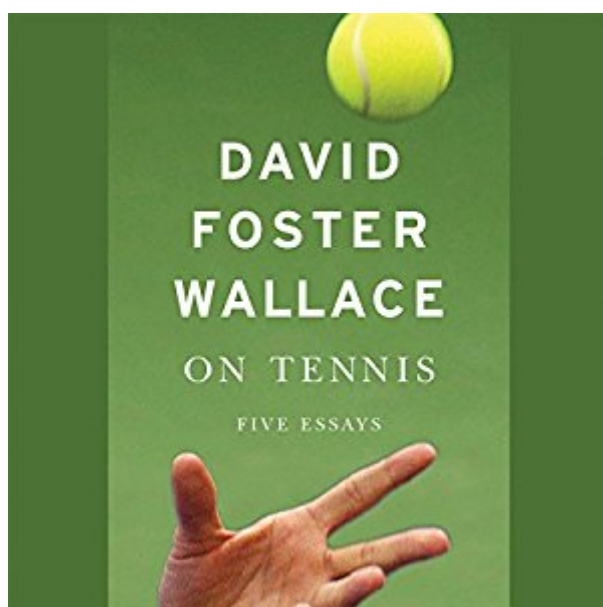


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# On Tennis: Five Essays



## Synopsis

David Foster Wallace's extraordinary writing on tennis, collected for the first time in an exclusive audio-original edition. A "long-time rabid fan of tennis" and a regionally ranked tennis player in his youth, David Foster Wallace wrote about the game like no one else. On Tennis presents David Foster Wallace's five essays on the sport, published between 1990 and 2006, which have been hailed as some of the greatest and most innovative sports writing of our time. This lively and entertaining collection begins with Wallace's own experience as a prodigious tennis player ("Derivative Sport in Tornado Alley"). He also challenges the sports memoir genre ("How Tracy Austen Broke My Heart"), takes us to the US Open ("Democracy and Commerce at the U.S. Open"), and profiles two of the world's greatest tennis players ("Tennis Player Michael Joyce's Professional Artistry as a Paradigm of Certain Stuff About Choice, Freedom, Limitation, Joy, Grotesquerie, and Human Completeness" and "Federer Both Flesh and Not"). With infectious enthusiasm and enormous heart, Wallace's writing shows us the beauty, complexity, and brilliance of the game he loved best.

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If you are a tennis fan, there is absolutely no excuse for not owning this masterful collection. If you are NOT a tennis fan, there is still absolutely no excuse for not owning this masterful collection. DFW's tennis pieces are not your everyday sports writing. They are the work of a genius, literary and other, who also happened to be a top notch junior player. If you are a tennis fan, there's a good

chance you are familiar with DFW's famous piece on Roger Federer, "Federer as Religious Experience." If you are a book nerd, then you are no doubt familiar with Wallace's most famous work, "Infinite Jest." Keep in mind that the articles you might have read in magazines or online are usually heavily edited down for space. This collection represents the pieces as DFW intended them to be. Buy it now!

Very interesting and very well written. This author has a fascinating and imaginative style of writing. He is also quite knowledgeable about tennis on a highly professional level--he discusses technical aspects of hitting the ball, choosing angles, and so forth. I look forward to reading more of his books.

If I had to pick the best tennis book I have ever read, it would be this one. Wallace is an amazingly creative and inventive writer who can make the smallest details fascinating. His unique writing style with it's long sentences, unusual use of vocabulary and acronyms is both lyrical and clever and funny at times. These five essays stand alone and are linked through his particular interests which even if one knew nothing about tennis would none the less be engaging and enjoyable to read. His sheer skill at writing, his keen observation and use of language make these essays riveting. I couldn't recommend them more highly. Treat yourself and explore this genius if you don't know his works.

Fantastic quick-reading essays. DFW had a command of the English language that was pretty well staggering. His insight into the world and play of tennis is great for players and non-players alike. A little footnote heavy, but the footnotes ended up being great reads, as well.

I am speechless. I just finished reading this book. This is the best book I've read in a decade. David Foster Wallace analyzes and dissects tennis and tennis players like no one else can and write about it. I almost died of laughter reading the Tracy Austin part.

I liked this. I'm not an avid tennis player not do I play at all but the writing dragged me in and I learned a lot about the beauty and mathematics of the game.

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