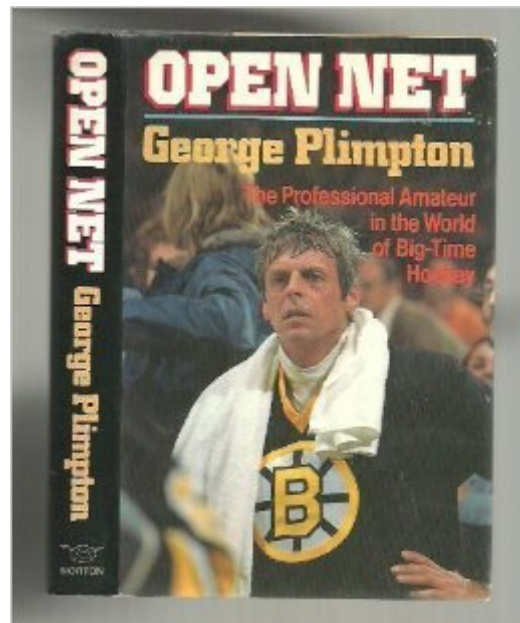


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# Open Net



## Synopsis

In Open Net, another of George Plimpton's inimitable accounts of a fearless amateur braving the world of professional sports, Plimpton takes to the ice as goalie for his beloved Boston Bruins. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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As a big hockey fan, and a goaltender, this was just required reading. Yet, it turned out to be more. This well written, quick read was a gas to enjoy and quote. I will be glad to read others by George Plimpton, and I'm already on the hunt for PAPER LION. I guess that's my ringing endorsement. If I'm looking to read a book on football, the author must be wonderful. Quick, funny, well written, and vastly enjoyable, you won't regret buying this book, no matter what the price.

This has to be George Plimpton's best book. I've read this book and could not put it down. If you are a hockey fan, or a George Plimpton fan I highly recommend this book.

This book was great! I picked it up about two years ago, and have read it three times since then!

This book was a real joy to read. It was a pleasure to take in George's unique observations as he bravely went where no non-athlete has been before, between the pipes to guard the goal of the famed Boston Bruins. What makes this book so special is George's lack of prejudice and his ability to tell a story complete with the smells, sights, thoughts, feelings and emotions of being completely

overwhelmed by a situation that he has absolutely no control over. His story-telling is succinct and yet descriptive enough so that the reader feels like s/he is in the room with George, as he talks with players, coaches, hockey wives, fans, etc. Throughout the book, it amused me to picture George holding a conversation these hockey players - his Ivy-league mesmerisms and accent remarkable proof that he is a stranger in this crowd. It is impressive that Plimpton is not judgmental in his analysis of this much maligned sport. He has a splendid time in his experiences, and I had an equally splendid time reading his book. Don't worry that this book was published in the 80s, as this is a timeless storytelling achievement.

If you're already a hockey fan, especially one who followed the sport in the '70s (and the Bruins in particular), you should enjoy this truly inside look into the pro hockey world. Plimpton, who also did a stint as QB with the Detroit Lions in the 60's, dons a goalie mask and reports on the wild and wacky life of hockey. If you don't know hockey, this'll be a real eye-opener!

Plimpton had fun as a participatory athlete and to read of his experiences was fun; this book is a bit light compared to the Golf one or others, but enjoyable to learn more about the hockey stars of past.

Plimpton is at his best in this light-hearted memoir about training with the Boston Bruins. His descriptions of the humor and characters that define the sport are spot-on. As an outsider on the inside, Plimpton gives us a glimpse of what life is really like for these professional athletes.

Open Net is my personal favorite attempt of Plimpton's career as a "professional amateur". Being a huge hockey fan and a lover of his prose, Plimpton creates new wrinkles to the "lunch pail gang" of Don Cherry's Bruins. Written during a time where fisticuffs was a big issue in hockey (before the Great One piled in all those goals), Plimpton does what Plimpton does best - act as a fly on the wall. From trying to make it as a goalie, to writing about Grapes satorial equipment, to Derek Sanderson and Gerry Cheevers, this is a great read. He always gets credit for "Paper Lion", but Open Net is an underappreciated read.

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