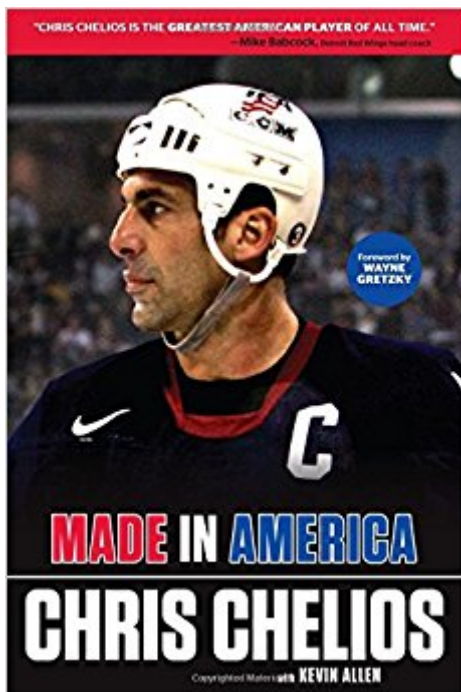


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Chris Chelios: Made In America



Synopsis

From being inducted to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2013, to serving in an executive role on the Detroit Red Wings, and signing on to become an NHL analyst for Fox Sports 1, Chris Chelios has proven himself to be a man of many talents and here he tells his story. Drafted by the Montreal Canadiens in 1981, Chelios enjoyed a long career in the NHL, playing for 26 seasons for the Canadiens as well as the Chicago Blackhawks and the Detroit Red Wings, two diehard hockey markets in which he has become a beloved figure. From the 1992 Stanley Cup final to the 2006 Winter Olympics team, Chelios shares his achievements on the ice while providing new information on his life off it to readers, making this autobiography a must-have not only for Chelios fans, but anyone who loves the game of hockey.

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"In an often colorful account, the greatest hockey player from the Chicago area details one of the game's longest and most successful careers."
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Chris Chelios was a defenseman who played in the NHL for 26 seasons for the Chicago Blackhawks, Detroit Red Wings, Montreal Canadiens, and Atlanta Thrashers. He was elected to the

Hockey Hall of Fame in 2013 and won three Stanley Cups. He is currently the executive advisor to general manager of the Detroit Red Wings. Kevin Allen is the author or coauthor of more than a dozen sports books, including Brett: His Own Story, Star-Spangled Hockey: Celebrating 75 Years of USA Hockey, and Without Fear: Hockey's 50 Greatest Goaltenders. He lives in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Wayne Gretzky, known as "The Great One" is regarded as the greatest hockey player in the sport's history. He lives in Westlake Village, California.

I really liked this book. Chelios did an outstanding job of highlighting his road to the NHL. From his childhood in Chicago, Australia and San Diego. He definitely ran with the right crowd and played Canadian Hockey before playing for Wisconsin, then US Olympic team. From there he went to NHL playing for the Habs. Seems he is living a charmed life. 3 Stanley Cups!!! I enjoyed the pranks, and coach interactions the most and would have loved to hear more. I just know that there are more stories that Cheli either forgot or doesn't want to share. I thought it was funny that he had a full size refrigerator in his dorm room stocked with beer. He had his priorities. He spends a lot of time explaining why he left the Chicago Blackhawks. This really still weighs on him. Especially the Chicago fans booing him. Not very classy - knowing that the Blackhawk owner and the coach at the time were not extending his contract, but had a spot for him in the front office. He played for 10 more years and added 2 more Stanley Cups!!!! Chicago fans should boo the Blackhawk organization. Very entertaining and quick read. Highly recommend.

Mostly a chronological telling of Cheli's career, with some amusing anecdotes and efforts to "set the record straight" on key moments. The writing level is probably middle school, which makes the book accessible for all audiences, but adults might wish for a more nuanced reflection from Chris about his life and times, the NHL, etc. Maybe he wrote in response to the questions he gets most often, but I was hoping for something a little more thought-provoking.

While this isn't as poetically presented as other similar books, there is a lot of important information, as Chelios played for 3 decades in the NHL. It's almost like a brief history of the game, and how it has changed over time. Not sure how slashing other players makes you a tough guy, but then that is the prevailing opinion amongst hockey players. The Chelios style of play isn't really prevalent today, but back in his time it was indeed important. The Mike Keenan stories are precious as usual.

Chris Chelios has been my favorite hockey player since I was a little kid. I almost never read biographies but I made an exception for Chris and I'm 100% glad that I did. It was the best book I've ever read. It wasn't one of those books that describes a person's life with absolutely no emotion or feeling at all. It was emotion filled, funny moments throughout the book and an amazing story of how he got where he is today. If you enjoy hockey, I very strongly recommend you read this book. I absolutely loved it!

It's a homer rating I know but as an American and a Badger I will not apologize. He does talk about being a Badger and even more about Madison bars. (I did find it odd that he referred to Camp Randall as Randall Stadium though.) This really fills in a lot of details in and around hockey over the last few decades. There were several stories where I remember the buzz and back story, so to hear it from the player's perspective is fun. I also enjoyed the insights into all of the different coaches he had over the years. Badger Bob: Chelios, lions don't eat popcorn!

As I read this autobiography of Chicago native Chris Chelios, I would swear that it was a discussion that he and I were having about his hockey career. Still bummed that the Chicago Blackhawks unceremoniously dismissed Chris and he finished his career in Detroit. Still as a Chris Chelios fan, this is definitely a must read!!! Hope to one day meet Cheli and have him autograph it for me!

The person I bought this for at Christmas LOVES it. I'm going to read it after he's done. It makes a difference that Chelios wrote this from his perspective. According to the reader (a former 10-year travel hockey player) he says there are some really interesting stories Chelios shares and he feels it is well worth the money.

Excellent book. Hard to put down. Kept your interest from page 1 until the end. His passion for the game and all out commitment to be the best he good be for as long as he played the game gave me a respect for Chris that more players could learn from. I can understand how other players looked up to him. His leadership qualities were second to none.

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