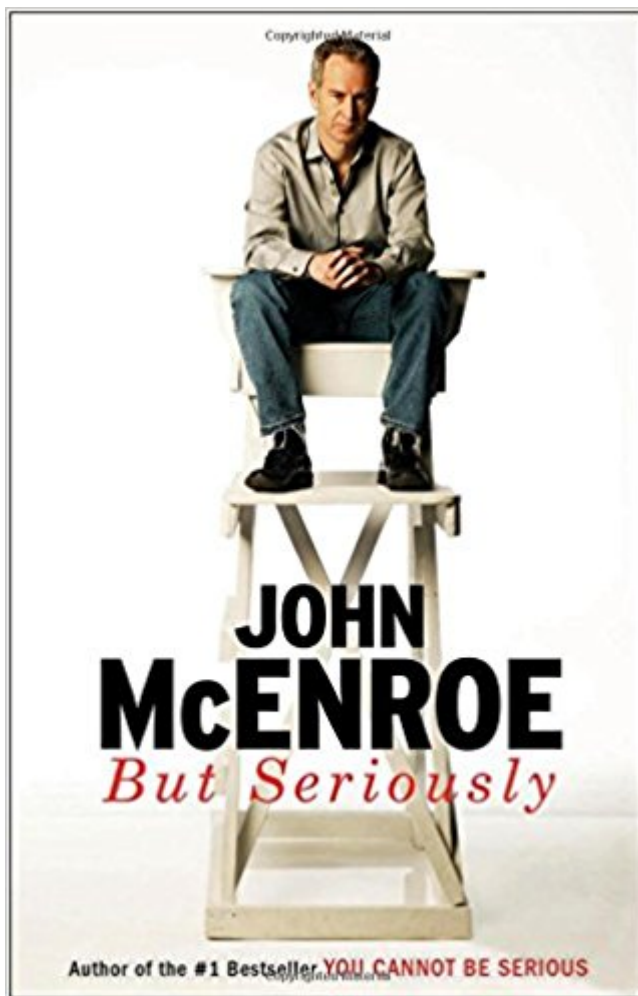




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# But Seriously



## Synopsis

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER John McEnroe's long-awaited follow-up to his #1 bestseller *He Is One of the Most Controversial and Beloved Athletes in History*, a tennis legend and a volcanic, mesmerizing presence. But after reaching the top of his game - what came next? Fifteen years after his international number-one bestseller *You Cannot Be Serious*, John McEnroe is back and ready to talk. Now the undisputed elder statesman of tennis, McEnroe has won over his critics as a brilliant commentator at the US Open, Wimbledon, and other Grand Slam tournaments - with outspoken views on the modern game, its top players, and the world of 21st century sport and celebrity. Who are the game's winners and losers? What's it like playing guitar onstage with the Rolling Stones, hitting balls with today's greats, confronting his former on-court nemeses, getting scammed by an international art dealer, and raising a big family while balancing McEnroe-sized expectations? In *But Seriously*, John McEnroe confronts his demons and reveals his struggle to reinvent himself from champion and tennis legend to father, broadcaster, and author. The result is a richly personal account, blending anecdote and reflection with razor sharp and brutally honest opinions, all in McEnroe's signature style. This is the sports book of the year: wildly entertaining, very funny, surprisingly touching, and 100% McEnroe.

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## Customer Reviews

Praise for *But Seriously* "A brutally honest memoir in which [McEnroe] writes with characteristic brazenness about the sport, broadcasting and fatherhood." [CBS News](#) "Tennis fans... will not be disappointed.... With his signature irreverence, tempered just a bit by age, McEnroe serves

up a juicy, revealing look at how his tennis afterlife is playing out off the court." — Kirkus

John McEnroe is a former World No. 1 professional tennis player. He won seven Grand Slam singles titles, nine Grand Slam men's doubles titles, and one Grand Slam mixed doubles title. He has also managed a highly successful broadcasting career, and currently works for ESPN at Wimbledon and the US Open, NBC and Eurosport at the French Open, and the BBC at Wimbledon. In addition, John is a father of six, an art collector, musician and businessman. He and his wife Patty Smyth live in Manhattan. He is the author of the bestselling memoir *You Cannot Be Serious*.

I've been a long time Johnny Mac fan, in fact he is the reason I began playing Tennis. I own his first book, and of course this his second book. I bought *But Seriously* in hardcover, Kindle, as well as Audible. There is an advantage to each. The hardcover has some cool vintage pictures, the Kindle I can take with me anywhere, and it is a nice touch that John himself reads on the Audible version. As for the content on the book itself, I find it to be a great balance. There is, of course, Tennis in it to interest fans of the sport, and enough varied content to connect with people who might like to learn the entertaining inner workings of his life. The tone of the book is very relaxed and conversational. I also liked that part of the book is written (and read) by his Wife, Patty Smyth, whom offers a great perspective. I definitely recommend this autobiography. Seriously.

McEnroe is funny, insightful, knows one or two famous people and can really tell a story. Who knew that the kid from Queens known as "Super Brat" would grow up to be the elder statesman of tennis? This is a well written amusing, enlightening book with the added bonus of having his wife drop in and give her version of things. Priceless!! Get it, read it, keep it! keep writing John you're good at it

Did not enjoy this read very much. Used to enjoy watching Mac play tennis back in the day, you never knew what he was going to do. Would have enjoyed more of his telling of his rivalries with Borg, Connors etc. This book was more about his career as a broadcaster which is okay, but would have preferred more about his intense rivalries.

Almost stopped reading at the third chapter but I am in the process of finishing the book. Too much information that I couldn't care less about but once it more into tennis it became more interesting.

I have always respected and admired McEnroe as a player and commentator. I think he has done

more for USA tennis than almost any other player. His first book was entertaining and insightful, interesting and fresh. I just found this mildly entertaining and frankly dull. Regardless I enjoyed

For any one who has any interest in tennis, this is a great read. McEnroe is both opinionated and knowledgeable about the sport and the other greats of the game. Have really enjoyed both his books.

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Great, easy reading, honest, conversational approach. Despite his reputation, he is a decent, intelligent, analytical guy.

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