

# Roger Federer And Rafael Nadal The Lives And Careers Of Two Tennis Legends

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**Footsteps of Federer** Dave Seminara 2021-03-02 Roger Federer could live anywhere in the world, but he always returns to the place he loves most: Switzerland. Dave Seminara is a mad traveler and tennis lifer who has written about Federer for The New York Times and other publications. A pair of autoimmune diseases and a knee surgery kept Dave from playing tennis for years, but as he inched toward recovery, he had a bright idea: why not start his tennis comeback on hallowed ground—courts that his hero Roger Federer graced in Switzerland. *Footsteps of Federer* is a funny, novella-length account of Seminara's travels across seven Swiss cantons in search of insights into Federer's character, which is inextricably linked to his deep roots in, and love for, his country. Seminara timed his unique pilgrimage to the 2019 Swiss Indoors, where he had a chance to ask Roger a number of offbeat questions before and after Federer hoisted his record tenth title there. Seminara's Federer pilgrimage took him to Switzerland's most important abbey, where he prayed with Abbot Urban Federer; to the vineyard of Jakob Federer from Berneck, where the Federer clan originated from; to the stunning villa where Roger and Mirka were married; and to many of the neighborhoods and tennis clubs where Roger has lived and trained at over the years.

**Roger Federer** Anne K. Brown 2011-11-14 Admired for his perfect form, style, and finesse, tennis star Roger Federer has been ranked as the number one player in the world, and is arguably the greatest player in the history of tennis. He holds the record for the most wins in Grand Slam tournaments and has spent the most consecutive weeks as the number-one ranked player in professional tennis. This volume charts Federer's rise to fame, from his early start as an impulsive but talented youth to the tournament wins that established him as a world-class athlete. The author also explains how Federer earned a reputation as a fair player, a polite and considerate sports hero, and a humanitarian.

Roger Federer Jeff Savage 2009 Looks at the life and accomplishments of the Swiss tennis player who became the first man to win five straight titles at two different Grand Slam events.

**The Roger Federer Story** Rene Stauffer 2007 Regarded by many as the greatest tennis player in the history of the sport, this authoritative biography is based on many exclusive interviews with Federer and his family as well as the author's experience covering the international tennis circuit for many years. Completely comprehensive, it provides an informed account of the Swiss tennis star from his early days as a temperamental player on the junior circuit, through his early professional career, to his winning major tennis tournaments, including the U.S. Open and Wimbledon. Readers will appreciate the anecdotes about his early years, revel in the insider's view of the professional tennis circuit, and be inspired by this champion's rise to the top of his game.

**Rod Laver** Rod Laver 2017-01-01 'From my earliest tennis memories, Rod Laver stood above all others as the greatest champion our sport has known.' Roger Federer Rod Laver's autobiography tells the inspiring story of how a diminutive, left-handed, red-headed country boy became one of the greatest ever sporting champions. Rod was a dominant force in world tennis for almost two decades, playing and defeating some of the greatest players of the twentieth century. In 1962, Rod became the second man to win the Grand Slam - that is, winning the Australian, French, Wimbledon and US titles in a single calendar year. In 1969 he won it again, becoming the only player ever to win the Grand Slam twice. His book is a wonderfully nostalgic journey, transporting readers from the early days of growing up in an Australian country town in the 1950s, to breaking into the amateur circuit, to the extraordinary highs of Grand Slam victories. Away from on-court

triumphs, Rod also writes movingly about the life-changing stroke he suffered in 1998, and of his beloved wife of more than 40 years, Mary, who died in 2012 after a long illness. Filled with anecdotes about the great players and great matches, set against the backdrop of a tennis world changing from rigid amateurism to the professional game we recognise today, this is a warm, insightful and fascinating account of a great sportsman.

*Rafael Nadal: the Inspiring Story of One of Tennis' Greatest Legends* Clayton Geoffreys 2017-12-10 Learn the Inspiring Story of One of Tennis' Greatest Legends, Rafael Nadal! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device. This holiday season, if you buy the print edition as a gift, you can keep the Kindle edition for yourself! In *Rafael Nadal: The Inspiring Story of One of Tennis' Greatest Legends*, you will learn the incredible story of one of tennis' best players, Rafael Nadal. For the last two decades, three men have dominated the game of tennis: Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, and Rafael Nadal. Nadal will likely go down as the greatest clay-court player to ever grace the court. At the time of this writing, Nadal is just 31 years-old, meaning he will likely have a few years of his career left to capture more grand slams. In this unauthorized biography, we'll explore Nadal's journey to becoming one of the all-time greats, and learn what it has taken him to reach where he is today. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Early Life and Childhood Junior Years and Early Career Teenage Years and Early Pro Career Nadal's First Grand Slam Title, the 2005 French Open Nadal's Rise to Stardom Nadal's All-Time Rivals Nadal's Personal Life Rafael Nadal's Legacy An excerpt from the book: In the early part of the 21st century, Spain has provided the world with two significant contributions to the sports world. One lasted for nearly a decade, and the second continues to amaze as he enters the twilight of his career. The first is the Spanish national soccer team, who revolutionized the way the game is played thanks to their "tiki-taka" style of quick passing in triangles, emphasis on possession, and intelligent runs into space that stretched opposing defenses. A group of stars led by Andres Iniesta, Xavi, Gerard Pique, Sergio Ramos and many others had an unprecedented amount of success as they bracketed a 2010 World Cup title with European Championship crowns in both 2008 and 2012. The aesthetic beauty of the tiki-taka in which players feint and move in rapid succession as the ball is effortlessly caressed around the pitch is a stark contrast to the violent beauty of Spain's other notable sports export, tennis star Rafael Nadal. A naturally talented yet self-made player, Nadal has turned one of the hardest-hit two-handed shots in the game into a cottage industry of success. His 15 Grand Slam titles are second all-time to arguably the greatest player in the sport's history and his generational peer Roger Federer. His unrivaled dominance of the clay-court surface, highlighted by his record 10 French Open titles, did not just harken the names of Bjorn Borg and Mats Wilander to tennis historians. They also fall in line without debate behind the man known as "Rafa," a spitfire of energy who punctuates his key points with a fist pump and a cry of "Vamos!" In a period when men's tennis was blessed with three of its greatest players, here is the story of the man who not only challenged greatness but became great himself in the process. This is the story of Rafael Nadal Parera. Tags: rafael nadal, nadal biography, roger federer, andy murray, novak djokovic, rafael nadal, stan wawrinka, serena williams, wimbledon, australian open, tennis greats, tennis legends, tennis books, tennis biographies, pete sampras, john mcenroe

*Federer* Iain Spragg 2019-05 This superb biography, filled with photographs from his sensational career, follows Roger Federer from his first steps in tennis in the juniortournaments right through to the main professional circuit. Federer: Portrait of a Tennis Legend is an illustrated biography of a man who has graced

the world of tennis for more than two decades, playing with grace, panache, and magnificent sportsmanship. He who has transcended tennis to become one of the greatest sportsmen of the twenty-first century. This portrait illustrates his great rivalries, his great matches and his great victories.

**Seeing Serena** Gerald Marzorati 2021-06-15 A riveting, revealing portrait of tennis champion and global icon Serena Williams that combines biography, cultural criticism, and sports writing to offer “a deep, satisfying meditation” (The New York Times) on the most consequential athlete of her time. There has never been an athlete like Serena Williams. She has dominated women’s tennis for two decades, changed the way the game is played, and—by inspiring Naomi Osaka, Coco Gauff, and others—changed, too, the racial makeup of the pro game. But Williams’s influence has not been confined to the tennis court. As a powerful Black woman who struggled to achieve and sustain success, she has emerged as a cultural icon, figuring in conversations about body image, working mothers, and more. *Seeing Serena* chronicles Williams’s return to tennis after giving birth to her daughter—from her controversial 2018 US Open final against Naomi Osaka through a 2020 season that unfolded against a backdrop of a pandemic and protests over the killing of Black men and women by the police. Gerald Marzorati, who writes about tennis for The New Yorker, travels to Wimbledon and to Compton, California, where Serena and her sister Venus learned to play. He talks with former women’s tennis greats, sports and cultural commentators—and Serena herself. He observes Williams from courtside, on the red carpet, in fashion magazines, on social media. He sees her and writes about her prismatically—reflecting on her many, many facets. The result is an “enlightening...keen analysis” (The Washington Post) and energetic narrative that illuminates Serena’s singular status as the greatest women’s tennis player of all time and a Black woman with a global presence like no other.

**Pete Sampras: Greatness Revisited** Steve Flink 2020-09 Pete Sampras is a central figure in the history of tennis, the dominant force in the game during the 1990's, and the greatest American male player of all time. Gradually, after a fairytale finish to his career when he won the 2002 U.S. Open, Sampras was somewhat forgotten by fans who were exhilarated by the exploits of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. In this career biography of the redoubtable Sampras, Hall of Fame author and historian Steve Flink recaptures the magic of the man, recalling the supreme hold he had on his era, bringing this singularly gifted player vividly back to life. Flink portrays Sampras as a rare champion who was in many ways larger than the game he played.

*Roger Federer: The Greatest* Chris Bowers 2011-05-02 Roger Federer is a legend not only in the world of tennis but also in the wider sporting arena. With a record-breaking tally of 16 Grand Slam titles to his name, he shows no sign of slowing down and in 2010 added another Australian Open win to his collection, as well as taking the trophy in the end-of-season ATP World Wide Tour Finals in London. This authoritative and affectionate biography traces the rise of Federer, from his first tentative strokes with a tennis racket to how he dealt with being sent away to a training academy where he struggled to communicate in a French-speaking part of Switzerland; and how he handled the sudden death of his first real coach and mentor. It looks at his development as a sportsman and how he has matured into a family man with his marriage to Mirka Vavrinec and the birth of their twin girls. It also examines how Roger bounced back from arguably one of the most challenging periods of his career as, following a serious illness and a dip in form, his run of successive Wimbledon championship wins was ended and he was toppled from the number one spot by his long-time rival Rafael Nadal. In characteristic style, Federer silenced his critics by winning the French Open title for the first time, reclaiming his Wimbledon crown and ending 2009 at the number one position for the fifth time.

*Rafa: My Story* Rafael Nadal 2011-08-18 The Sunday Times bestselling autobiography from the greatest tennis player of his generation 'A winner' Independent 'A terrific sporting memoir, full of memorable anecdotes' New Statesman 'As exciting as Rafa himself' Woman's Own No tennis player since Andre Agassi has captivated the world like Rafael Nadal. He's a rarity in today's sporting arena - a true sportsman who chooses to let his raw talent, dedication and humility define him. With a remarkable 16 grand slam victories under his belt, and with friend and rival Roger Federer's record haul of 20 in his sights, Nadal is an extraordinary competitor whose ferocity on court is made even more remarkable by his grace off it. This book takes us to the heart of Nadal's childhood, his growth as a player, and his incredible career. It includes memorable highs and lows, from victory in the 2008 Wimbledon final - a match that John McEnroe called the

'greatest game of tennis ever played' - to the injury problems that have frequently threatened his dominance of the sport, to becoming the youngest player of the open era to complete a career Grand Slam in 2010. It transports us from Nadal's lifelong home on the island of Majorca to the locker room of Centre Court as he describes in detail the pressures of competing in the greatest tournament in the world. It offers a glimpse behind the racquet to learn what really makes this intensely private person - who has never before talked about his home life - tick. And it provides us with a story that is personal, revealing and every bit as exciting as Nadal himself.

*Roger Federer* René Stauffer 2021-04 René Stauffer has been closely covering Roger Federer's career for nearly 25 years. In this comprehensive biography, Stauffer talks at length to the man himself, his family, friends, coaches and rivals to paint an unrivalled picture of the greatest male tennis player of all time. From his early life in Basel, Switzerland, where he first picked up a tennis racquet, to the heights of his 20th Grand Slam victory and all points in between, Stauffer reveals the secrets to Federer's success, the hardships and doubts that he has faced and examines the legacy that Federer has created in the modern game.

*Roger Federer A Short Unauthorized Biography* Fame Life Bios 2022-02-18 Roger Federer: A Short Unauthorized Biography is a short unauthorized biography produced from electronic resources researched that includes significant events and career milestones. Ideal for fans of Roger Federer and general readers looking for a quick insight about one of today's most intriguing celebrities. This must-read short unauthorized biography chronicles: Who is Roger Federer Things People Have Said about Roger Federer Roger Federer is Born Growing Up with Roger Federer Roger Federer Personal Relationships The Rise of Roger Federer Significant Career Milestones Roger Federer Friends and Foes Fun Facts About Roger Federer How The World Sees Roger Federer Roger Federer A Short Unauthorized Biography is one of the latest short unauthorized biographies from Fame Life Bios. Check it out now!

*Federer* Roy Brandon 2017-02-28 Attention Tennis Fans: Great Story for Kids to Learn and be Inspired by Roger Federer Fully illustrated children's book of the story of one of the best tennis players Roger Federer who overcame all the challenges and became one of the tennis players in history. Perfect gift for any tennis fan. Perfect inspirational gift for a sporty kid Beautiful graphic for hours of entertainment. The great story of a young boy who follows his dream, works hard and never gives up to finally become one of the greatest tennis players in history Learn the life of Roger Federer, and be inspired to be like him one day. Get this book now and enjoy the rise to stardom of Roger Federer.

**Viking Myths and Sagas** Rosalind Kerven 2017-09-15 This definitive and unique collection presents thirty-four of the most important Viking myths, heroic legends, and historical sagas, many previously known only within the academic world. Gods, giantesses, dwarfs, valkyries, ghosts, and dragons mingle with real-life queens, kings, slaves, lovers, and outlaws. Visions of the mythical creation and end of the world contrast with a graphic account of the Vikings' discovery of North America. It includes tales of the cursed ring that inspired Tolkien and the story behind Shakespeare's Hamlet. Written by a master storyteller in consultation with leading scholars, the book also contains proverbs, spells, poems, riddles, detailed notes and a comprehensive glossary, offering a unique insight into Viking Age culture and beliefs.

**Rafael Nadal** Tom Oldfield 2010-06-01 Spanish tennis legend Rafael Nadal was 19 years and two days old when he won the 2005 French Open in his very first appearance at the event. A left-hander with a booming forehand, Nadal had been known as a clay-court specialist since playing his first pro tournaments in 2001. His aggressive style, flowing hair, and muscular build have made him a fan favorite as well. He won his first singles title in 2004, and had a breakout season in 2005, winning at Monte Carlo, Rome, Barcelona, and Stuttgart as well as at Roland Garros. He won the French Open again in 2006, 2007, and 2008, defeating rival Roger Federer in the final each time. In 2008 he broke through at Wimbledon, beating Federer to win the men's singles title in a spectacular fashion. Here is his unbelievable story.

*Roger Federer: the Inspiring Story of One of Tennis' Greatest Legends* Clayton Geoffreys 2017-03-12 Learn the Inspiring Story of One of Tennis' Greatest Legends, Roger Federer! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device. This holiday season, if you buy the print edition as a gift, you can keep the Kindle edition for yourself! In *Roger Federer: The Inspiring Story of One of Tennis' Greatest Legends*, you will learn the inspirational story of one of tennis' premier players, Roger Federer. Few players have dominated the game of tennis as much as Federer. As of early 2017, Federer holds eighteen Grand Slam singles titles, the

most in history for a male tennis player. When Federer ultimately retires, he will easily go down as one of the greatest to ever play the game. Federer has demonstrated not only what it means to be a champion, but how to carry oneself as a champion on and off the court. In this unauthorized biography, we'll explore Federer's journey to becoming one of the all-time greats, and learn what it has taken him to reach where he is today. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Early Life and Childhood Junior Years and Early Career First Major Title 2003 Wimbledon Rise to Number 1 and Dominance Federer's Rivals Federer's Personal Life Roger Federer's Impact The Legacy of Roger Federer An excerpt from the book: There are four things for which Switzerland is globally renowned: Chocolate, precision timepieces, neutrality, and Roger Federer. The last allows the Swiss people to blissfully ignore the third when it comes to discussing where the superstar tennis player ranks in the sport's pantheon. Federer has enjoyed a playing career that is at the sunset of a second decade, and his recent recovery from knee surgery and Renaissance to win the Australian Open in January 2017 shows that the Swiss maestro still has something left in his bag of tricks, even at age 35. His 18 Grand Slam singles titles are the most of any player in the Open Era. That number is more impressive considering that his career intersected the sport's history at a time where Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic tied for second and fourth place in that category with 14 and 12, respectively. These three players have had a stranglehold on major titles for nearly a generation, winning the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and the U.S. Open a combined 44 times dating to Federer's first Wimbledon crown in summer of 2003. But it is the elegant Federer who currently stands above the gritty Nadal and the jack-of-all-surfaces Djokovic, due in large part to his metronome-like consistency at an elite level for more than a decade. On the path to becoming arguably the greatest of all time in his sport, Federer's rise was one seen in the distance, starting with his play in juniors. He had to mature from petulant teenager to talented and promising young player on the ATP Tour. Federer then had to absorb match and life lessons from his peers to become a better player. And since the summer following his first victory at the all-England club, Federer's place in tennis lore has come by way of reaction and evolution. He has honed his already finely tuned all-around game and enhanced it with strategy. That often kept him one step ahead of the chasing pack, though now in the autumn of his playing days, it is helping him try to emerge from it. Tags: roger federer, federer biography, andy murray, novak djokovic, rafael nadal, stan wawrinka, serena williams, wimbledon, australian open, tennis greats, tennis legends, tennis books, tennis biographies, pete sampras, john mcenroe

**The Best Tennis of Your Life** Jeff Greenwald 2007-11-13 Play with Freedom...And Win More! The Best Tennis of Your Life is an inspirational and practical guide that will help players of all levels finally master the mental game. Author Jeff Greenwald draws from his unique background as a world-class player, sports psychology consultant, psychotherapist, and former coach to provides 50 specific tools you can immediately apply in any match situation. This comprehensive guide will show you how to: • Embrace nerves and play even better under pressure • Maintain confidence to win more consistently • Develop a pin-point focus • Access an ideal level of intensity • Play with a renewed sense of passion and freedom Why wait any longer to play the best tennis of your life? Get the mental edge with this invaluable resource and watch your game soar.

**US Open** United States Tennis Association 2018-08-14 Timed to coincide with the US Open's 50th anniversary, this exquisitely produced book celebrates the most electrifying event in tennis. All of the key moments and unforgettable personalities from the competition's 50-year history are brought to life by vibrant, exclusive photography. This book provides a comprehensive look at the tournament, from the early years of tennis legends such as Billie Jean King and Arthur Ashe to iconic players such as Roger Federer and Serena Williams. Original contributions from journalists, players, coaches, and notable fans stand alongside gorgeous photography of the many household names who have made their mark competing on the game's biggest stage. A perfect gift for any tennis fan, this book is a richly visual tribute to the sport, its fans, and its champions.

**Rafa Nadal** Dominic Bliss 2022-05-24 This book is the complete guide to one of the greatest tennis players of the 21st century, winner of 22 grand slam men's singles titles, and undisputed King of the tennis court, Spain's raging bull, Rafael Nadal. This fully illustrated biography charts his journey to the top, from his early days being coached by his uncle Toni in Mallorca and dreaming of being a professional footballer, through his early tournament career, turning professional, his first senior ATP win, first grand slam win at Roland Garros,

first Wimbledon win and first Olympic gold medal and record breaking 21st Grand Slam win. Written by Dominic Bliss, a veteran tennis journalist who has followed Nadal's career closely both on and off the court, this biography tracks Rafa's journey from painfully shy pin-up boy to senior statesman on the ATP Tour who continues to conquer worldwide, most recently claiming his 14th Roland Garros and 22nd Grand Slam title at the French Open in June 2022. Structured around 10 key matches in his long career, it takes readers from his first national junior championship win at age 14 (when he played with the pain of a broken finger on his racquet hand) through to his 21st Grand Slam title in January 2022, where he came back from two sets down to defeat Daniil Medvedev in an epic 5-set match. From his need for water bottles to be arranged 'a certain way' on the court, to his charity work raising \$17 million to help the Red Cross' efforts to support those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, this book examines every angle of Rafa as a human being, a model athlete, a serial winner. This definitive work on one of tennis' all time greats is not to be missed!

**The Master** Christopher Clarey 2021-08-24 AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! A major biography of the most iconic men's tennis player of the modern era. There have been other biographies of Roger Federer, but never one with this kind of access to the man himself, his support team, and the most prominent figures in the game, including such rivals as Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, and Andy Roddick. In *The Master*, New York Times correspondent Christopher Clarey sits down with Federer and those closest to him to tell the story of the greatest player in men's tennis. Roger Federer has often made it look astonishingly easy through the decades: carving backhands, gliding to forehands, leaping for overheads and, in his most gravity-defying act, remaining high on a pedestal in a world of sports rightfully flooded with cynicism. But his path from temperamental, bleach-blond teenager with dubious style sense to one of the greatest, most self-possessed and elegant of competitors has been a long-running act of will, not destiny. He not only had a great gift. He had grit. Christopher Clarey, one of the top international sportswriters working today, has covered Federer since the beginning of his professional career. He was in Paris on the Suzanne Lenglen Court for Federer's first Grand Slam match and has interviewed him exclusively more than any other journalist since his rise to prominence. Here, Clarey focuses on the pivotal people, places, and moments in Federer's long and rich career: reporting from South Africa, South America, the Middle East, four Grand Slam tournaments, and Federer's native Switzerland. It has been a journey like no other player's, rife with victories and a few crushing defeats, one that has redefined enduring excellence and made Federer a sentimental favorite worldwide. *The Master* tells the story of Federer's life and career on both an intimate and grand scale, in a way no one else could possibly do.

**The Master** Christopher Clarey 2021-08-24 Widely regarded as one of the greatest ever sportspeople, Roger Federer is a global phenomenon. From his humble beginnings as a temperamental teenager to becoming symbol of enduring greatness, *The Master* is the definitive biography of a global icon who is both beloved and yet intensely private. But his path from temperamental, bleach-blond teenager with dubious style sense to one of the greatest, most self-possessed and elegant of competitors has been a long-running act of will, not destiny. He not only had a great gift. He had grit. With access to Federer's inner circle, including his wife, Mirka, his longtime trainer and based on one-on-one interviews with Federer, legendary sports reporter Chris Clarey's account will be a must read retrospective for the loyal sports fans, and anyone interested in the inner workings of unfaltering excellence. *The Master* tells the story of Federer's life and career on both an intimate and grand scale.

**Roger Federer** Peter Bodo 2012-06-30 Well-known sports journalist and writer of the #1 tennis blog on the web, TennisWorld, Peter Bodo's newest eBook is devoted to the player who holds six Wimbledon titles and countless others, Olympic gold medalist Roger Federer. With his unique insights into The Mighty Fed's playing style, greatest rivalries, stunning winning streak (and possible decline), and even his fashion choices, Bodo chronicles the golden middle period of Federer's career, 2006-2009. Including interviews with Federer himself, this book provides a quick-paced, passionate look at tennis's greatest superstar.

**The Circuit** Rowan Ricardo Phillips 2018-11-20 Winner of the 2019 PEN/ESPN Award for Literary Sports Writing "The Circuit is the best sports book I've read in years, maybe ever." —Rich Cohen, author of *The Chicago Cubs and Monsters* "As sports writing goes, *The Circuit* is unusual in the very best way. Rowan Ricardo Phillips writes with such fluidity, and packs the book with bursts of brilliance. This is a compulsively readable guide to one truly Homeric year of professional tennis." —John Green, author of *The Fault in Our*

Stars An energetic, lyrical, genre-defying account of the 2017 tennis season. In *The Circuit: A Tennis Odyssey*, the award-winning poet—and *Paris Review* sports columnist—Rowan Ricardo Phillips chronicles 2017 as seen through the unique prism of its pivotal, revelatory, and historic tennis season. The annual tennis schedule is a rarity in professional sports in that it encapsulates the calendar year. And like the year, it's divided into four seasons, each marked by a final tournament: the Grand Slams. Phillips charts the year from winter's Australian Open, where Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal renewed their rivalry in a match for the ages, to fall's U.S. Open. Along the way, Phillips paints a new, vibrant portrait of tennis, one that captures not only the emotions, nerves, and ruthless tactics of the point-by-point game but also the quicksilver movement of victory and defeat on the tour, placing that sense of upheaval within a broader cultural and social context. Tennis has long been thought of as an escapist spectacle: a bucolic, separate bauble of life. *The Circuit* will convince you that you don't leave the world behind as you watch tennis—you bring it with you.

*Fedgraphica: A Graphic Biography of the Genius of Roger Federer* Mark Hodgkinson 2018-05-24 FEDERER is almost universally recognised as the greatest tennis player of all time; he might also be the greatest athlete. Adored around the world, Federer has become one of sport's most iconic and popular figures. In this innovative graphic biography, Federer's genius is explored and celebrated like never before, with beautiful infographics looking at his serving patterns, the speed of his shots, the spin he generates, his movement, as well as his performance in high-pressure situations such as tiebreaks and Grand Slam finals. Federer's astonishing records - no man has won more majors, or spent more weeks as the world number one - are also showcased against his rivals and the legends of the game. Drawing on his conversations with Federer, as well as exclusive interviews with those close to the Swiss, Mark Hodgkinson tells the story of how a young hothead from Basel transformed himself into a calm and poised athlete who came to dominate tennis. And who, while deep in his thirties, has continued to seek improvements, to challenge men many years younger than him and to contend for the sport's biggest prizes. The infographics, stunning photography and insight and analysis - from Federer's rivals, idols, coaches and members of his inner circle - will give you a new appreciation of his greatness and how his tennis has moved so many people.

**Federer** Chris Bowers 2016-05 This admired biography traces the rise of Roger Federer, from his first tentative strokes with a racket to legendary status, and perhaps even the title of greatest tennis player ever. It looks at his development as a sportsman and how he has matured into a family man after his marriage and the birth of twin girls, followed by twin boys in 2014. With his remarkable return to top-level form after his grim 2013, culminating in his sealing Switzerland's Davis Cup triumph in November 2014, and his narrow loss to Novak Djokovic in the 2015 Men's Singles at Wimbledon, a fuller picture of the player's career can be painted. Far from being an endless recitation of tennis matches won and, sometimes, lost, however, the book also examines how Federer bounced back from arguably one of the most challenging periods of his career when he suffered a serious illness and a dip in form. In characteristic style, he silenced his critics by winning the French Open title for the first time, reclaiming his Wimbledon crown, winning Olympic gold, and in 2015 recording his 1,000th career win—a feat achieved by only two other players—as well as beating both Djokovic and Murray, the world Nos 1 and 2, to win the Cincinnati Masters for the seventh time. This masterly biography brings the player's story up to date, while also considering Federer the man and the player, as well as his place in tennis and sporting history.

**Rafael Nadal** Belmont and Belcourt Biographies 2012-06-01 Rafael Nadal is one of the greatest players in the history of tennis. Most fans are aware of his double digit Grand Slam titles and his Career Golden Slam, but in order to truly understand Rafael Nadal, you must first understand where he came from. "Rafael Nadal: An Unauthorized Biography" explores Nadal's upbringing and details his breakthrough into professional tennis, all the way through his 2012 victories at the Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters and the Barcelona Open. Nadal's exceptional talents have fans and critics alike wondering where his career will take him next. Inside, you will discover where it all started and learn why so many fans love Nadal so much. From family to tennis to the future, all you need to know about Rafael Nadal is right here, right now, in the most up to date coverage of Rafael Nadal's life.

**Rafa Nadal** Marta Barroso 2017-04-11 Thanks to his modest personality, from an early age the great tennis player Rafa Nadal discovered what really matters, and the values that would be the guiding principles for his

life. Guided Reading Level: P, Lexile Level: 930L

**Roger Federer** Chris Bowers 2010 "For several years, tennis aficionados wondered whether they could really call Roger Federer the greatest ever tennis player. In 2009, Federer ended that debate by completing his collection of career Grand Slams and overtaking Pete Sampras' all-time record of 14 major titles. With his olympic gold medal from 2008, Federer is now recognised as the greatest tennis player and has achieved legendary status in the wider sporting world. This authoritative and affectionate biography traces the rise of Federer, from his first tentative strokes with a tennis racket to how he dealt with being sent away to a training academy where he struggled to communicate in a French-speaking part of Switzerland; and how he handled the sudden death of his first real coach and mentor. It looks at his development as a sportsman and how he has matured into a family man with his marriage to Mirka Vavrinec and the birth of their twin girls. It also examines how Roger bounced back from arguably one of the most challenging periods of his career as, following a serious illness and a dip in form, his run of successive Wimbledon championship wins was ended and he was toppled from the number one spot by his long-time rival Rafael Nadal. In characteristic style, Federer silenced his critics by winning the French Open title for the first time, reclaiming his Wimbledon crown and ending 2009 at the number one position for the fifth time."--Publisher's description.

**Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal** Sebastián Fest 2018-07-10 Since 2004, two names have dominated men's tennis: Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer. Each player is legendary in his own right. The Spanish Nadal is the winner of sixteen Grand Slam titles, including five consecutive French Open singles titles from 2010-2014, and is the only player ever to win a Grand Slam for ten straight years. Federer, from Switzerland, has spent over three hundred weeks of his career ranked as the number-one player in the world and has won twenty Grand Slam titles and two Olympic medals. But neither player's career would have been nearly as successful without the decade-long rivalry that pushed them to rise to the peak of tennis excellence. Nadal and Federer have met thirty-eight times over the course of their careers, and have shared the distinction of being ranked the two best players in the world for an astounding six years in a row from 2005-2009. In *Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal*, international sports journalist Sebastian Fest uses information gleaned from his numerous interviews with both players over the last decade to narrate the rivalry, and its impact not only on the players, but on the sport itself. Documenting their respective wins and losses, hopes and disappointments, and relationships with their rivals, Fest formulates a unique biography of two of the greatest players of tennis. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Sports Publishing imprint, is proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in sports—books about baseball, pro football, college football, pro and college basketball, hockey, or soccer, we have a book about your sport or your team. In addition to books on popular team sports, we also publish books for a wide variety of athletes and sports enthusiasts, including books on running, cycling, horseback riding, swimming, tennis, martial arts, golf, camping, hiking, aviation, boating, and so much more. While not every title we publish becomes a *New York Times* bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

**Rafael Nadal** Geoffrey M. Horn 2009-08-07 Profiles the life and accomplishments of the successful Spanish tennis player.

**A Champion's Mind** Pete Sampras 2008-06-10 Pete Sampras is arguably the greatest tennis player ever, a man whose hard-nosed work ethic led to an unprecedented number one world ranking for 286 weeks, and whose prodigious talent made possible a record-setting fourteen Grand Slam titles. While his more vocal rivals sometimes grabbed the headlines, Pete always preferred to let his racket do the talking. Until now. In *A Champion's Mind*, the tennis great who so often exhibited visible discomfort with letting people "inside his head" finally opens up. An athletic prodigy, Pete resolved from his earliest playing days never to let anything get in the way of his love for the game. But while this single-minded determination led to tennis domination, success didn't come without a price. The constant pressure of competing on the world's biggest stage—in the unblinking eye of a media machine hungry for more than mere athletic greatness—took its toll. Here for the first time Pete speaks freely about what it was like to possess what he calls "the Gift." He writes about the personal trials he faced—including the death of a longtime coach and confidant—and the struggles he gutted his way through while being seemingly on top of the world. Among the book's most riveting scenes are an early devastating loss to Stefan Edberg that led Pete to make a monastic commitment to delivering

on his natural talent; a grueling, four-hour-plus match against Alex Corretja during which Pete became seriously ill; fierce on-court battles with rival and friend Andre Agassi; and the triumphant last match of Pete's career at the finals of the 2002 U.S. Open. In *A Champion's Mind*, one of the most revered, successful, and intensely private players in the history of tennis offers an intimate look at the life of an elite athlete.

**Tennis** Clive Gifford 2009 "An introduction to tennis, including techniques, rules, and the training regimen of professional athletes in the sport" --Provided by publisher.

**Federer-Nadal** Richard Kent 2013-11-07 *Federer-Nadal* is a book which deals with the history of the greatest tennis rivalry of all-time, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. It takes the reader from their opening match right through 2013 and discusses the fact that the 2 have never met at the US Open, but have met at all the other Majors. It includes interviews with both players as long as comments by some of their other rivals.

*Federer and Me* William Skidelsky 2016-05-03 "First published in Great Britain in 2015 by Yellow Jersey Press"--Title page verso.

**Strokes of Genius** L. Jon Wertheim 2009-06-01 The executive editor of *Sports Illustrated* offers an in-depth analysis and behind-the-scenes look at the historic 2008 match between tennis titans. In the 2008 Wimbledon men's final, Centre Court was a stage set worthy of Shakespearean drama. Five-time champion Roger Federer was on track to take his rightful place as the most dominant player in the history of the game. He just needed to cling to his trajectory. So, in the last few moments of daylight, Centre Court witnessed a coronation. Only it wasn't a crowning for the Swiss heir apparent but for a swashbuckling Spaniard. Twenty-two-year-old Rafael Nadal prevailed, in five sets, in what was, according to the author, "essentially a four-hour, forty-eight-minute infomercial for everything that is right about tennis—a festival of skill, accuracy, grace, strength, speed, endurance, determination, and sportsmanship." It was also the encapsulation of a fascinating rivalry, hard fought and of historic proportions. In the tradition of John McPhee's classic *Levels of the Game*, *Strokes of Genius* deconstructs this defining moment in sport, using that match as the backbone of a provocative, thoughtful, and entertaining look at the science, art, psychology, technology, strategy, and personality that go into a single tennis match. With vivid, intimate detail, Wertheim re-creates this epic battle in a book that is both a study of the mechanics and art of the game and the portrait of a rivalry as dramatic as that of Ali-Frazier, Palmer-Nicklaus, and McEnroe-Borg. "Deftly touches on all the defining factors of contemporary tennis." —San Francisco Chronicle "Illuminates a kingdom changing hands. An engrossing

book." —Bud Collins

**Love Game** Elizabeth Wilson 2016-05-06 Tennis is defined by its head games, its demands for physical prowess, and its plethora of outsized personalities. It mixes chess and dance, intellectual geometry and aesthetic joy. People who love tennis love it like few others love other sports. Some fans build their lives around the calendar of tourneys, and events like Wimbledon and the U.S. Open remain, year after year, popular and well attended. Wilson's captivating cultural history embraces the rich and intertwining stories of the sport, and tells the story of its evolution from upper-middle-class hobby to global TV spectacle. Wilson marshals and conveys all the passion for a game known for its players grunting, growling, sweating, and pursuit of sweet spots. No wonder, as Wilson says, each match starts with love. "

**The Clay Ran Red** Peter Bodo 2010-05-20 A close study of the rivalry between Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer at the French Open, *THE CLAY RAN RED* is the latest collection of tennis insight by the well-known author, journalist, and blogger, Peter Bodo. Federer and Nadal played their first match at Roland Garros in the semifinals of 2004, where Bodo—courtside and reporting on every meeting of the tennis titans in Paris—picks up the story. He weaves together his on-the-scene dispatches to create an illuminating narrative that covers every aspect of this great rivalry, from the underlying psychological issues, to tactics and the place of each man in tennis history, culminating with the final of 2009. Along the way, Bodo also introduces secondary characters and rivals, and gives a richer and deeper understanding of clay-court tennis taking into consideration the unique demands it makes on the players.

**Rafael Nadal** Tom Oldfield 2010 The must-have biography for all fans of the electric Olympic gold medalist and six-time grand-slam champion, updated to include the full 2009 season, including injuries and successes Here is the unbelievable story of Spanish tennis legend Rafael Nadal. He was 19 years old when he won the 2005 French Open in his very first appearance at the event. A left-hander with a booming forehand, Nadal had been known as a clay-court specialist since playing his first pro tournaments in 2001. His aggressive style, flowing hair, and muscular build have made him a fan favorite as well. He won his first singles title in 2004, and had a breakout season in 2005, winning at Monte Carlo, Rome, Barcelona, and Stuttgart as well as at Roland Garros. He won the French Open again in 2006, 2007, and 2008, defeating rival Roger Federer in the final each time. In 2008 he broke through at Wimbledon, beating Federer to win the men's singles title in a spectacular fashion. No Nadal fan will want to be without this comprehensive biography.

**Federer** Chris Bowers 2020-11 - The outstanding English-language biography of the great Swiss star, arguably the greatest tennis player of all time, now exhaustively revised and updated