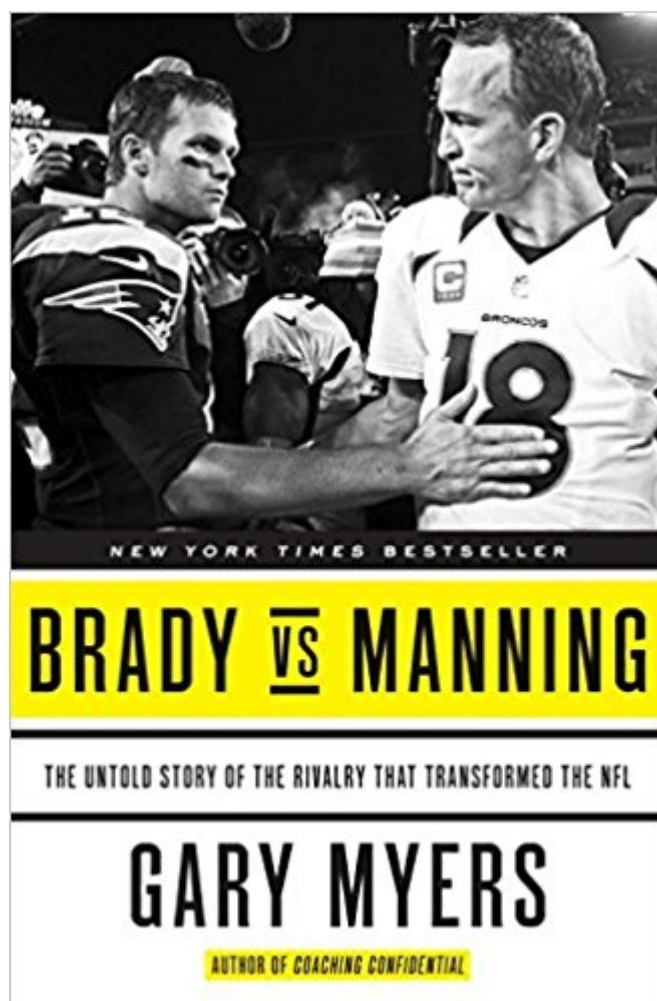


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Brady Vs Manning: The Untold Story Of The Rivalry That Transformed The NFL



Synopsis

New York Times Bestseller—From Acclaimed sports journalist Gary Myers comes the definitive inside account of the greatest rivalry in NFL history. Tom Brady and Peyton Manning are perhaps the two greatest quarterbacks of all time. They are living legends who have come to embody the quarterback position and shape an entire generation of the NFL. They have also been fierce rivals every step of the way, and their many epic duels have not only ranked among the best and most exciting games ever played, they have fundamentally shaped the lives of and careers of both men. But for all their shared brilliance, they are a study in contrasts. Tom is the underdog turned ultimate winner, an unheralded draft pick who went on to win a miraculous Super Bowl and become the leader of one of the NFL's greatest dynasties. He is as firmly associated with big game brilliance as anyone who has ever played. Meanwhile Peyton was born into NFL royalty and a mountain of outsized expectations, yet somehow lived up to and exceeded all the hype, claiming virtually every passing record along his path to football immortality. The contrast in greatness—between the overachieving underdog and the crown prince of football, between postseason brilliance and statistical dominance—has served as an endless source of fascination for fans and media, and over the years as the two players have faced off again and again in classic games, the argument has only intensified. But until now, there has never been a definitive treatment of the debate that tells the real story. What do Tom and Peyton actually think of each other? What do their coaches think of them? What about teammates and opposing players? What are they like behind closed doors and in the locker room, and how does that influence their careers? How did their vastly different upbringings shape them, and how has each handled the injuries, setbacks and defeats they've dealt with over their careers? In this extraordinary book, veteran NFL correspondent Gary Myers tackles this subject from every angle and with unprecedented access and insight, drawing on a huge number of never-before-heard interviews with Brady and Manning, their coaches, their families, and those who have played with them and against them. The result is a remarkable collection of the most entertaining and revealing stories ever told about Peyton and Tom, from how they developed their vastly different leadership styles, to the unlikely friendship they've built over the years, to their respective exploits as locker room pranksters. Wildly entertaining and deeply thought-provoking, Brady vs Manning is essential reading for anyone who truly wants to understand these extraordinary players.

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"I feel like I've spent a third of my professional life covering Manning and Brady. I thought I knew everything there was to know about each. Gary Myers took me to school not only on one of the great sporting rivalries of our lives but on what makes two important sportsmen tick. This is Gary's best work."--Peter King, editor in chief, Sports Illustrated's The MMQB "Tom Brady and Peyton Manning. It's this generation's football version of Mantle vs Mays, or Wilt vs Russell. Everyone has an opinion, but some count more than others. Gary Myers has decades of experience covering and reporting on the NFL. He has long been one of the sports most respected and credible writers. His long standing access to both Hall of Fame quarterbacks, plus countless sources who competed with and against them, brings exceptional insight to Myers' take on one of football's most compelling and ongoing debates." - Bob Costas, NBC Sports "Get behind the scenes with two of the NFL's all-time greatest players in one ultra-compelling story. Gary Myers tackles Tom Brady and Peyton Manning in a way that very few defenders ever have. Brady and Manning always have been must watch; here they are must read."--Adam Schefter, ESPN NFL Insider "Peyton and Tom are to today's NFL, what Magic Johnson and Larry Bird represented in their NBA careers. Both duos are known as champions, leaders and fierce competitors. Given how their time in the spotlight corresponds with the league's incredible popularity surge, the story of their connection is one that needs to be told. Gary's decades of covering the NFL and his unique relationships with the biggest names in the game, make him the perfect person to tell the intertwined story of these NFL legends." - Mike Tirico, ESPN Monday Night Football "Gary Myers has captured the essence of this epic rivalry: Manning and Brady have illuminated this era as Chamberlain-Russell, Ali-Frazier, DiMaggio-Williams dominated

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GARY MYERS has covered the NFL for more than three decades. He is currently a football columnist for the New York Daily News. Myers is the author of *The Catch* and *Coaching Confidential*.

I really enjoyed this book a lot. I've watched Gary Myers periodically on the NFL analyst shows over the years. He always seemed to have a very good presentation when it came to discussing issues around the league. Once I found out he wrote this book, I had to get it. I wasn't disappointed. He keeps it relatively simple but informative. There were things about these two greats I never knew about until I gave this book a shot. What I learned definitely deepened my understanding of these two great yet different quarterbacks. If someone asked me who is better, I would say that both of them are cornerstones for their time and place in the game. Both are great for different reasons. A large part of Peyton's greatness lies in his regular season records and stats, not to mention his almost cosmic approach to preparation for games. He is also just a class act on and off the field. Brady's journey to greatness is rooted in his constant battle to prove that he can play the game. He never had anything given or laid out for him. It took a long while for him to get the opportunity to truly shine the way he believed he knew how. Once again, a great book which I will most certainly refer back to in the near future. Thanks.

This is a good read for anyone and everyone who is a football fan. Yes, I am biased as I was born and raised in Massachusetts. I've been fortunate enough to be alive while the Patriots are dominating the league year in and year out. And I've also enjoyed the "rivalry" that Brady and Manning have shared over the years. Of course, as a Brady fan, I've never thought it was actually in question who was better and it's especially not a debate now that Brady's got 4 rings. But in any case, this book shares a lot of inside stories of both quarterbacks and paints them both in very favorable light. You won't finish the book and feel that it favors one over the other. Myers writes it very fairly and includes a lot of detail that I was not familiar with despite having a small library of Patriot literature. You'll finish this book quickly and without trouble as it's a pretty good read.

There are some great anecdotes in here, and overall it provides some really good insights into the characters of both players. But the book feels rushed, with many anecdotes repeated twice. There's little narrative flow and no rhyme or reason to its organization. Which is a pity, because the author clearly knows his topic, had good access to his subjects, and obviously cares about the story. In short, his editor let him down. Still, if you're interested in the subject, there are several chapters here - the middle ones, 5-8, are the best - that illuminate the QBs well. The rest is skimmable. Could have been great. Instead, it's so-so.

Just finished this while on vacation. A very quick and easy read but overall, just okay. There really wasn't any new info provided that avid Brady and/or Manning fans already knew. There were a few stories that were interesting. For example, some of the factors in Manning's decision making process after getting released by Indy. A few other tidbits that make it worth reading, just have low expectations. And as a few other reviews have noted, the writing is very choppy and repetitive. All that being said, I would still recommend this book. If you're like me and prefer easy and light books while on vacation...and you're a football fan, this is a solid book.

A decent story about two football greats. The story does tend to get repetitive at times like the author was trying to fill up pages. Other than that it did offer some insight into the backgrounds and struggles that each of these elite quarter backs have faced.

Last one - the author stated that the Broncos lost 2 super bowls wearing orange jerseys. They in fact lost four.

The book is an interesting inside look into who these two iconic quarterbacks are behind the scenes. There is good reporting on how they got to where they are and how their relationship had evolved. The writing and editing are not great. It feels like a string of newspaper articles loosely tied together. If you are a fan of either quarterback you'll enjoy reading it.

I found the book interesting, although I thought there was a lot of repetition. I was surprised to learn that they are such close friends. Too bad the general public doesn't get that impression from all the media.

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