

with much of his success. Michael also shares the story of how he became a Christian and the central role his faith has played in his achievements.

Boys' Life is the official youth magazine for the Boy Scouts of America. Published since 1911, it contains a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting.

The book is in three sections, the first of which comprises a set of essays looking at controversial issues facing those who administer the world game of tennis in the 21st century. Topics covered include on-court coaching, Hawk-Eye, the ATP doubles reforms, and whether the interests of TV run counter to the long-term interests of the sport.

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Autobiografie Andreho Agassiho je upřímnou výpověď jednoho z nejlepších tenistů nedávné minulosti. Agassi se šokující otevřeností popisuje svůj tenisový i soukromý život, a to od raného dětství, kdy ho – stejně jako předtím jeho sourozence – přivede tyranský otec k tenisu a nutí dennodenně trénovat. Z Andreho vyroste zázračné tenisové dítě, k tomuto sportu však cítí hlubokou nenávisť. Kniha představuje pronikavou sondu do duše i myslí mladého muže, kterému nebylo dopřáno normální dětství a musel se vyrovnávat s dominantním otcem i sám se sebou a posléze vzdorovat slávě, ztrátě soukromí, zájmu médií, která ho oslavovala i odsuzovala. V tomto nekonečném boji hledá smysl svého života a často uvažuje o konci kariéry. Agassi do nejmenších detailů analyzuje sám sebe, své niterné pocity, své tápání sportovním i soukromým životem. Obšírně se zmiňuje i o svých blízkých, přátelích, spolupracovnících a soupeřích (především Petu Samprasovi), striktně se však vyhýbá jakýmkoli bulvárním podrobnostem. Knihu napsal svérázným, ale fascinujícím stylem; vše se v ní odvíjí v rychlém tempu, s téměř filmovým vyobrazením detailů z autorova života. Andre Agassi (* 1970) se zařadil mezi nejlepší tenisty všech dob; profesionálně hrál tenis v letech 1986 až 2006. Opakovaně byl světovou jedničkou, získal osm grandslamových titulů a je jediným mužem, jenž vyhrál „zlatý grandslam“ – všechny čtyři grandslamové tituly ve dvouhře a olympijské zlato. Po ukončení sportovní kariéry se naplno věnuje své charitativní nadaci a škole pro děti ze sociálně slabých rodin v rodném Las Vegas, kde žije společně s manželkou Steffi Grafovou a dvěma dětmi.

Andre Kirk Agassi is an American retired professional tennis player and former World No. 1 who was one of the sport's most dominant players from the early 1990s to the mid-2000s. Generally considered by critics and fellow players to be one of the greatest tennis players of all time, Agassi has been called the greatest service returner ever to play the game. Described by the BBC upon his retirement as "perhaps the biggest worldwide star in the sport's history", Agassi compiled performances that, along with his unorthodox apparel and attitude, saw him cited as one of the most charismatic players in history. As a result, he is credited for helping to revive the popularity of tennis during the 1990s. In singles tennis, Agassi is an eight-time Grand Slam champion and a 1996 Olympic gold medalist, as well as finishing runner-up in seven other Grand Slam tournaments. During the Open Era, Agassi was the first male player to win four Australian Open titles, a record that was later surpassed by Novak Djokovic when he won his fifth title in 2015, and then by Roger Federer in 2017. Agassi is one of five male singles players to achieve the Career Grand Slam in the Open Era and one of eight in history, the first of two to achieve the Career Golden Slam (Career Grand Slam and Olympic Gold Medal, the other being Rafael Nadal), and the only man to win the Career Golden Slam and the ATP Tour World Championships (won in 1990): a distinction dubbed as a "Career Super Slam" by Sports Illustrated.

Read Book Open Andre Agassi

'With Andy, the sky's the limit'- John McEnroe At Wimbledon in 2005, a young, brash Andy Murray came out of nowhere and thrashed star pros Georges Bastl and Radek Stepanek. His dramatic winning run came to a end against David Nalbandian, but a legend was born, and Britain had a new sporting hero. Henman Hill was renamed Murray Mound, and Henmania became Andymonium. In 2006, Murray went stellar. He won his first ATP trophy at San Jose, California, where he beat former world no. 1s Andy Roddick and Lleyton Hewitt en route to the title. In the same month he became the British No. 1. By the end of a wonderful year in which he became one of only two players to beat Roger Federer, Murray was no. 17 in the world. But Murray is much more than a truly gifted tennis player and potential world champion. He has changed the face of the game, blowing away the Middle England cobwebs of the All England Club, and dividing opinion with his brash, straight-talking style, anti-establishment rhetoric and on-court anger and passion. A whole new generation of kids are now officially tennis fans. Andy has made tennis cool again, for the first time since the days of McEnroe, Borg and Nastase. Here, in his own words for the first time, Andy Murray will talk about the long, testing, and sometimes difficult path to superstardom. The boy from Dunblane will talk about having to deal with the constant limelight and attention from a media and a general public desperate for a genuine British tennis star, and he'll give the exclusive lowdown on Wimbledon 2007 as he prepares to go all-out guns blazing for grass-court glory. Tempermental, gifted, passionate, fiery: Murray is the dazzling new face of tennis, and a role model to a whole generation. Andy's story will enthral and excite the entire country.

Groomed since the age of eight by his obsessive father Vince Spadea, by most accounts'except Andre Agassi's, who called Vince "a journeyman" at age 25'has been a success. At the start of the 2005 season, 19th seed Spadea was the only over-30-year-old player besides Agassi to be ranked in the top-20 on the world professional tennis circuit. Now in his 13th professional season, Spadea gives a riveting account of the ultra-competitive and often hilarious world of a pro tennis player. He battles injuries, coaching and agent changes, and a slight from American Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe as he continues his improbable climb back up the rankings. Along the way, he considers taking two months off to appear on *The Bachelor*, practices with a still combative John McEnroe in a New York City tennis club, and prowls LA parties with his buddy, comedian Jon Lovitz, trying to pick up actresses like Natalie Portman and jump start his fledgling acting career. Agassi, Andy Roddick, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Martina Navratilova, Maria Sharapova, Jennifer Capriati, Tim Henman, and Marat Safin are all analyzed in more colourful and personal terms than the tennis media has ever provided. In these pages, Spadea breaks the taboo of the "whatever you see, hear and do here, stays here" locker room mentality.

« J'ai sept ans et je parle tout seul parce que je suis effrayé et parce que je suis le seul qui veuille bien m'écouter. Je murmure entre mes dents. "Abandonne, Andre, laisse tomber. Pose ta raquette et va-t'en de ce court, immédiatement." » Agassi déteste le tennis. Pourtant, vingt ans durant, il s'est battu, il a gagné souvent, échoué parfois. Et l'engouement du public pour l'athlète doit beaucoup à l'homme qu'il est, son charisme et sa force, sa vérité. Le « kid de Las Vegas » se livre sans concession : il nous parle de son père tyrannique, du chaos punk des années 1980, de ses mensonges, de son couple, de sa fondation pour les enfants défavorisés. C'est un parcours extraordinaire qui se dessine là : celui d'un homme qui a choisi d'utiliser son succès pour changer le monde.

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.

Traditional Chinese edition of *OPEN: An Autobiography* by Andre Agassi. It is regarded as an inspiring and fascinating memoir. Just like Agassi himself who is unlike most over-exposed celebrities, his memoir is not the same as other celebrity biographies. In Chinese. Distributed

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Andre Agassi had his life mapped out for him before he left the crib. Groomed to be a tennis champion by his moody and demanding father, by the age of twenty-two Agassi had won the first of his eight grand slams and achieved wealth, celebrity, and the game's highest honors. But as he reveals in this searching autobiography, off the court he was often unhappy and confused, unfulfilled by his great achievements in a sport he had come to resent. Agassi writes candidly about his early success and his uncomfortable relationship with fame, his marriage to Brooke Shields, his growing interest in philanthropy, and--described in haunting, point-by-point detail--the highs and lows of his celebrated career.

'Scott is a walking testament to what the human spirit is capable of.' - Andre Agassi 'I had matchpoints on Roger Federer, the best player in the world. Of course I was nervous. But my mind was never clearer: I'm going to step up and go for it. I'm not going to walk off this court on his terms. I'm going to walk off on my terms. And that's what I did. But not in the way I expected....' Scott Draper's entire sporting career was not what he expected. Never did he think his toughest opponents would include obsessive compulsive disorder and the cystic fibrosis he watched his wife Kellie die from in 1998, leaving him a widower at age 25. He never expected to play for two years in a fog of grief. Scott lost his motivation to play tennis, ate and drank too much and finally began working through his grief on the golf course. Several years on, Scott is a new man. He's found love and married again, retired from tennis after winning the mixed doubles at the 2005 Australian Open with Samantha Stosur. Scott's career now ranges across tennis commentary and achieving his aim of success on the US golf tour. Enhanced by commentary from his sports psychologist and mate Michael Fox, Scotty Draper's life story, *Too Good*, is both heartbreaking and inspiring. What's heaven to seven-year-old Andre Agassi? To never play tennis again. Yet his father has other plans. Mike Agassi was born in Iran, where Allied soldiers gave him a racket after the war and introduced him to the game. He shaves without soap or cream, boxed in the Olympics, and speaks five languages. The sixth is tennis. And his greatest dream is for his son to become number one in the world. A selection from the acclaimed autobiography *Open*, this is the tumultuous first confrontation between father and son, between the lines of the court: a searching portrait of Agassi before fame and success.

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