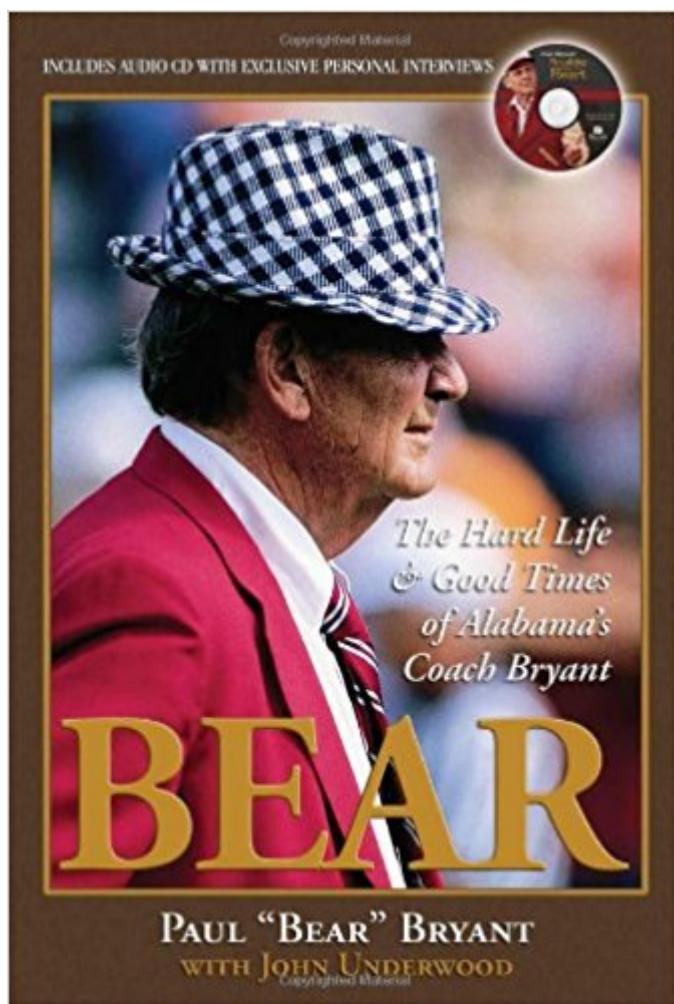


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# Bear: My Hard Life & Good Times As Alabama's Head Coach With CD



## Synopsis

A reissue of Paul "Bear" Bryant's autobiography, this edition features a completely new introduction and an accompanying audio CD of Bryant himself, in his own voice, talking about his life and football. It's all here, in his own inimitable words and with a candor that is both remarkable and eminently revealing. From his hardscrabble youth as the third youngest of 13 children of a dirt-poor farmer in Moro Bottom, Arkansas, to his playing days at the University of Alabama and fortuitous marriage to the remarkable Mary Harmon Black, to his first stabs at coaching as an assistant coach, to his 38 years as a head coach, coaching marquis names like Namath and Crow and Parilli, to his 323 victories and a record six National Championships.

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"I want to be as close as I can with a boy without destroying the coach-player relationship. I remember so well, after I played my last game, how alone I felt, and I want my boys to always feel they can come to me. And I'll say this, you can learn as much from them as you can teach them."

--Paul "Bear" Bryant "...I realized that the implications were greater than that. ...the things Paul 'Bear' Bryant did, and the things he said, achieved a relevance far beyond the context he said and did them in. Beyond anything even he would have dared imagine, actually. I believe now that the length of his shadow might very well be endless. A coach for the ages, yes. But much more." --from the Introduction by John Underwood

The great George Blanda, a football icon in his own right, once said this about Paul W. "Bear"

Bryant: "When he walked into the room, you wanted to stand up and applaud." Bryant's poignant autobiography with best-selling author John Underwood tells you exactly why Blanda's assertion was shared by so many who came in contact with the legendary coach. With 323 coaching victories and a record six national championships, Bryant was undoubtedly the most successful football coach of his era. He turned around losing teams at every college for which he coached. He coached people, not players, as Bum Phillips, one of his longtime assistants, used to say. In Bear, Bryant tells how his communication with and care for his players became a coaching methodology, and how this extended well beyond the football field. Bryant's persona and accomplishments, both on and off the field, contributed equally to his status as an American icon. His own inimitable words display a frankness that is both remarkable and revealing. Experience Bear's hardscrabble youth in Moro Bottom, Arkansas, and his playing days at the University of Alabama. Learn of Bryant's greatest challenge off the field, a defamatory accusation of game-fixing from The Saturday Evening Post, which created unbelievable heartache for him and his family. The particulars of the pain they went through to combat these lies are presented here in detail and with surprising candor. All of the experiences that shaped Bear Bryant are recorded in his words--from his earliest coaching experiences and subsequent head jobs at Maryland, Kentucky, and Texas A&M to his legendary reign at his alma mater. Despite his death more than 20 years ago, Bryant's life is still profoundly relevant. This reissue of his autobiography includes a new introduction and an accompanying audio CD, Bear Bryant: Speaking from the Heart, of Bryant discussing his life in, and outside of, football.

Country writing at its best. Weaving yarns of games past and spilling the beans regarding the butts story. Bear speaks to the reader directly. This is a dialogue book written as though it was strictly a dictation of bear speaking into a recording device.

I am a HUGE Alabama fan....so of course, I'm familiar with Bear Bryant and of course I'm going to read anything he has anything to do with and I'm going to love it. I'm not just saying that because I'm a Bear fan or a BAMA fan, well worth the read. I can just hear Coach Bryant in parts of this book....it really gives you a sense of who he was.

This book is an excellent depiction of a man (not a god). Underwood masterfully relays events and conversations first hand and resists the temptation to sensationalize. This is not just a book for Alabama fans but for any football fan or someone who simply wants to know how to win. Winning, for Bryant was an art of knowing your opponent and motivating your team. Underwood doesn't

shield for Bryant's shortcomings and displays them almost as if Bryant himself were there to say "This is what not to do". Great read

Great book to read thank you it was good book about his life and the way he coach his team

Whether you are an Alabama fan or not, this book is Awesome!

Loved it just what I wanted

The Hard Life & Good Times of...This book brought back a lot of good memories for me growing up and living in the Bear's coaching time.

Coach Bryant was very careful in this book not to offend anyone in telling his story. Everyone were really good people and became dear friends. I'll get to this later was a common statement by Bear throughout the book.

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