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Good Luck Have Fun: The Rise Of ESports



Synopsis

A Close-Up Look at the Global Phenomenon of Competitive Video Gaming Esports is one of the fastest growing and most cutthroat industries in the world. A confluence of technology, culture, and determination has made this possible. Players around the world compete for millions of dollars in prize money, and companies like , Coca Cola, and Intel have invested billions. Esports events have sold out Los Angeles's Staples Center, Seoul's World Cup Stadium, and Seattle's KeyArena. Hundreds of people have dedicated their lives to gaming, sacrificing their education, relationships, and even their bodies to compete, committing themselves with the same fervor of any professional athlete. In Good Luck Have Fun, author Roland Li talks to some of the biggest names in the business and explores the players, companies, and games that have made it to the new major leagues. Follow Alexander Garfield as he builds Evil Geniuses, a modest gaming group, in his college dorm into a global, multimillion-dollar eSports empire. Learn how Brandon Beck and Marc Merrill made League of Legends the world's most successful eSports league and most popular PC game, on track to make over \$1 billion a year. See how Twitch pivoted from a video streaming novelty into a \$1 billion startup on the back of professional gamers. And dive into eSports's dark side: drug abuse, labor troubles, and for each success story, hundreds of people who failed to make it big. These are the stories of the rise of an industry and culture that challenge what we know about sports, games, and competition.

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A very comprehensive look at the world of esports. I think that the book is suitable for both newcomers and the more seasoned veterans. I've been following the scene eagerly for years now, but it's very interesting reading about how we've arrived where we are today. A topical and relevant subject, and Li covers it well.

Roland Li has crafted a well-researched and comprehensive look into the world of eSports, covering everything from its humble beginnings to the multi-million dollar tournaments of today. CS, League, Starcraft, and DOTA are all reported on, with a slight emphasis on DOTA 2, particularly towards the end. There are also fascinating insights into the rise of Twitch.tv. If you like eSports even a little bit, you should read this book.

I never realized how big eSports is. Mr. Li explains in a fascinating way.

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