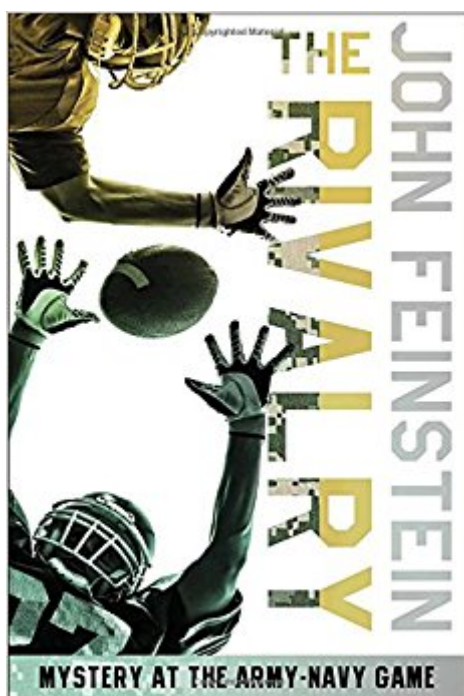


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# The Rivalry: Mystery At The Army-Navy Game (The Sports Beat, 5)



## Synopsis

New York Times bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein investigates a covert op at the Army-Navy football game in this exciting sports mystery. The Black Knights of Army and the Midshipmen of Navy have met on the football field since 1890, and it's a rivalry like no other, filled with tradition. Teen sports reporters Stevie and Susan Carol have been busy at West Point and Annapolis, getting to know the players and coaches and the Secret Service agents. Since the president will be attending the game, security will be tighter than tight. Weeks and months have been spent on training and planning and reporting to get them all to this moment. But when game day arrives, the refs aren't the only ones crying foul. . . . John Feinstein has been praised as the best writer of sports books in America today (The Boston Globe), and he proves it again in this fast-paced novel. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 6-9 "Intrepid teen reporters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson are once again granted extraordinary access to the behind-the-scenes action at a major sports event. In the course of pursuing their journalistic duties, they meet a number of real-life celebrities including journalist Bob Woodward, legendary basketball coaches Mike Krzyzewski and Bobby Knight, politico Ed Rendell,

golfer Phil Mickelson, and sports commentator Tony Kornheiser. Even Barack Obama works the kids into his schedule. Since the "mystery" (involving corrupt officials at the Army/Navy game) is not introduced until page 225, there is plenty of room for background on the service academies' rivalry, as well as other seemingly random topics (a story line on Susan Carol's participation in a swim meet, for instance, is dropped into the middle of the narrative, and abruptly abandoned). Even aspiring sports journalists will find it difficult to stick with this meandering effort. "Richard Luzer, Fair Haven Union High School, VT. (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In their latest adventure, precocious 14-year-old reporters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson get a chance to help major Washington newspapers cover the Army-Navy football game and stumble across an illegal gambling racket, perpetrated by the game's officiating squad. Along the way, the cub reporters meet a number of actual famous people (Bob Woodward and Barack Obama, among others). Some of the dropped names of retired players and other old guys will have little resonance with young readers, and fans of the series will recognize that the mystery here isn't as compelling as those in previous installments. Still, sports fans, especially college football followers, will enjoy the behind-the-scenes look at the famous game. Grades 6-9. --Todd Morning --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I read all Feinstein's tween series when trying to come up with something for reluctant readers. For middle school boys (and girls, really) who don't usually like reading, these books are fast-moving, usually involve deductions that are not beyond most 12-year-olds, and sports-related (the Final Four, the Super Bowl, the U.S. Open, etc.) If you have a sports-lover who is not wild about reading, Feinstein and Mike Lupica write books that might generate some interest.

Fantastic novel of perhaps the pure college division 1 rivalry. Probably this only major football rivalry game not compromised by greed of its alumni. I would rather enjoy the effort of these noble warriors than the Other Division 1 collegiate games which glorify the avarice of the alumni and the media mongrels. The Cadets and Midshipmen are the admirable student athletics who must offer the ultimate sacrifice. This easy read with great characters and historic background. Should that note that 20 percent of Midshipmen are Marines and they do march. Check opening scenes of A Few Good Men, Marine Colour Guard

This book explains all issues pertaining to the Army/Navy football game. I would recommend this book to anyone that does not know the history.

Book was for a 12-year-old - mystery book assignment. Easy reading. Lots of name dropping of famous athletes / sports figures, making it good for a kid who is a sports junkie but gets lost on the casual junior high sports fan. Mystery aspect was not that well developed.

blech. Stilted, poor writing, unbelievable and dated.

Great Book. Can't wait to read "Mystery at the Olympics, Rush for the Gold!" Great Book and 5 stars. Want to read the next book. Susan Carol and Stevie solve the mystery yet again! :D

It was pretty good but it was less exciting than the first 3. I think John was running out of ideas and good plots.

Another masterpiece from John Feinstein. Purchased for my kids. Difficult to find age appropriate sports books for youth, but this one is right on their level. Both of my kids loved it. Will purchase more of John's book for the kids.

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