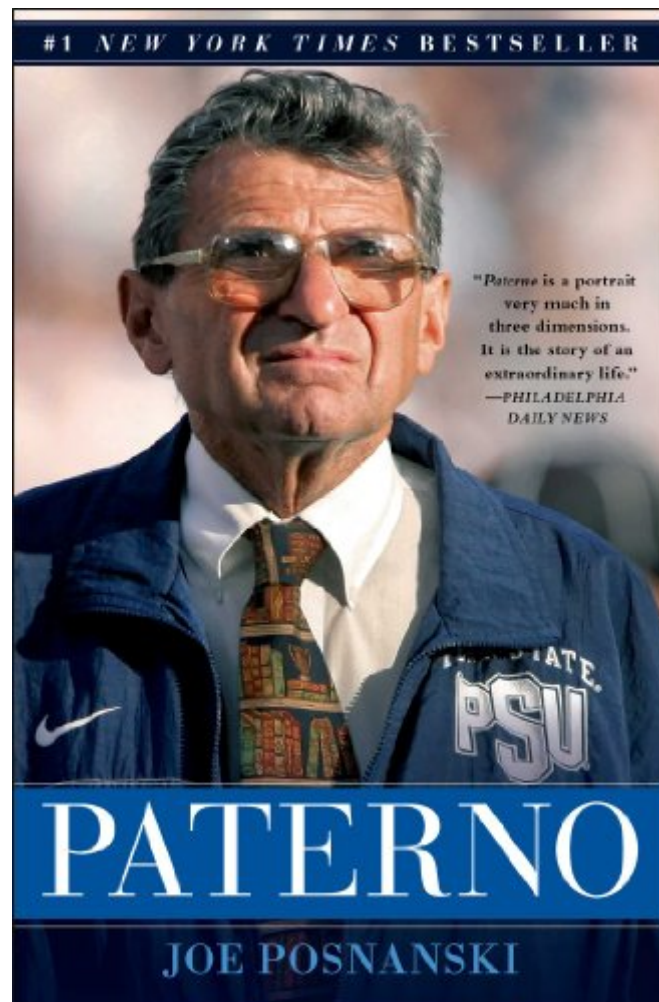


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# Paterno



## Synopsis

From America's premier sportswriter, the definitive, #1 New York Times bestselling biography of Joe Paterno. Joe Posnanski's biography of the late Penn State football coach Joe Paterno follows in the tradition of works by Richard Ben Cramer on Joe DiMaggio and David Maraniss on Vince Lombardi. Having gained unprecedented access to Paterno, as well as the coach's personal notes and files, Posnanski spent the last two years of Paterno's life covering the coach, on (and off) the field and through the scandal that ended Paterno's legendary career. Joe Posnanski, who in 2012 was named the Best Sportswriter in America by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame, was with Paterno and his family as a horrific national scandal unfolded and Paterno was fired. Within three months, Paterno died of lung cancer, a tragic end to a life that was epic, influential, and operatic. Paterno is the fullest description we will ever have of the man's character and career. In this honest and surprising portrait, Joe Posnanski brings new insight and understanding to one of the most controversial figures in America.

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## Customer Reviews

Paterno by Joe Posnanski "Paterno" is the fascinating story of Joe Paterno's life. It's the truth of his

life. "The only thing he ever asked of me was to write the truth as I found it." Mission accomplished, talented author and sports journalist Joe Posnanski, takes the reader on a life's journey, the life of Joe Paterno. With unlimited access to Joe Paterno's personal files, family, friends and former players, Posnanski weaves a captivating life that impacted many: his childhood, war, college life at Brown University and his sixty-one years of coaching at Penn State. It includes the very sad ending and the scandal that galvanized the country. This mesmerizing 416-page book is composed of the following five acts: Act I: Before, Act II: Excellence, Act III: Success, Act IV: What Comes After and the Final Act. Positives: 1. Posnanski captures the essence of Joe Paterno's life. It is well-written, well-researched and the topic was treated with the utmost care and respect. Most importantly, it was truthful. 2. Having access to Joe Paterno and all the people that interacted with him was instrumental in being able to provide the public with a truthful account. The author makes it clear that he is not out to defend Joe Paterno but to provide a truthful account of his life and succeeds. 3. The book covers Paterno's life: from his childhood, his many years as a coach to the sad end. 4. One of the joys of reading is discovering hidden gems and surprises. The author provides many interesting tidbits about Paterno. 5. As a football fan, I enjoyed the insight into coaching. The philosophy, the inner workings, the interaction with people, the impact to a community and ultimately a nation. How coaching changed over the years, the evolution of coaching.

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