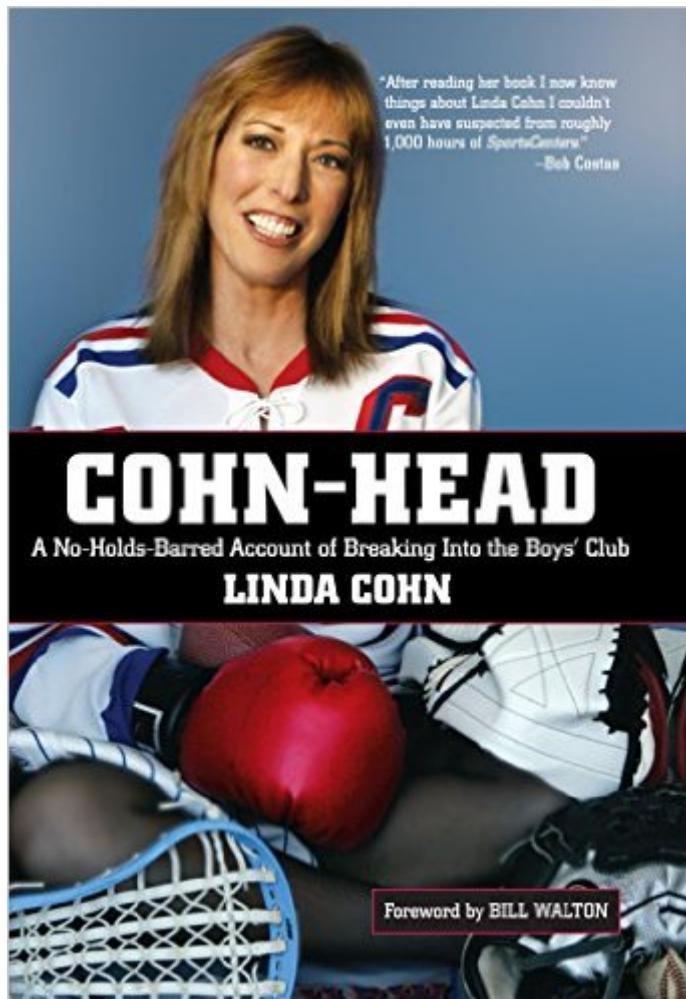


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# Cohn-Head: A No-Holds-Barred Account Of Breaking Into The Boys' Club



## **Synopsis**

In "Cohn-Head," one of America's most successful female anchors lays bare her hard-fought rise to the top of the sportscasting boys' club and her life inside the ESPN empire, talks candidly about sports personalities she has met, and reveals her personal top ten lists plus much, much more. After tracing her upbringing in a dysfunctional family, Linda Cohn tells how she became a diehard sports fan and a goalie on her high school (boy's) hockey team--setting the stage for college hockey stardom, when she was affectionately known as "Cohn-Head" by her teammates. From here she moves on to her first break in sportscasting. Along the way she describes her close encounters with the likes of Michael Jordan, Matthew McConaughey, and Jay Z. Written with verve, "Cohn-Head" is a riveting read--a must for sports fans male and female alike, as well as anyone who seeks insight into how one woman made a man's world her own.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is a great read for both male and female sports fans! It's funny, witty, personal and eye-opening. I was already a big Linda Cohn fan, but now I have new found respect for this pioneer.

Cohnhead is a must read for any sports fan or any female ready to take on the world! I found myself laughing hysterical at vivid descriptions of a childhood-Cohn has an amazing talent for delivering a well woven story with a lot wit and humor! Cohn's contagious passion for sports literally leaps off each page. It's no wonder why Cohn is THE most respected sports anchor-male or female!

What a great read! I recommend this book for non-sports fans too. This book is written in a style that is very enjoyable and Linda's personality shines through. It was interesting to read how she got to where she is today. She shares insight and guidance, and clearly wants to help others achieve their goals as well.

Really enjoyed the book and can be read in a sitting. It gave me a great insight into one of the pioneers of women in sports broadcasting. Very revealing and honest. I truly enjoyed the stories - they were so vivid, I almost felt as if I were a part of them.

I read a lot of those hockey "auto"-biographies allegedly written by a player, coach, or other such individual - who actually sat down with some sportswriter, provided some background, and then let him or her do the actual writing. I enjoy the material, even though I know that the personality's words were interpreted by some professional journalist or other writer. Cohn-Head is just like that - sort of. But different. Linda Cohn's claim to fame isn't her hockey playing days, even though she did spend time in high school and college between the pipes for the school's team. It's that she's a journalist. SO ... the book goes off in different directions, and the author really IS the author, without someone else trying to organize her thoughts and put them in sentences that sound like the book's subject actually wrote them. Linda Cohn shows herself to be a lot more than "just" the pretty face on SportsCenter. As stated earlier, her love of hockey comes honestly with a college hockey background. Her career shows the benefit of hard work ... and breaks ... and not giving up because an earned opportunity doesn't come OR a challenge arises OR ... Before I read this book, I thought that Linda Cohn would probably be a very interesting person to have a lengthy conversation with - after reading this book, I know she would be. Perhaps the only weakness in the book is the weak ending ... but even there, it shows that her life and career is still moving forward, and picking a certain period of time to write your memoirs does not mean that the moment is going to end on a momentous event that wraps everything up! It's a quick read. Read it. P.S. Several of the reviews I've read mention Linda's self-admitted self-absorption. Yes, the book centers around her - but it's her frickin' autobiography, what did you expect / want it to be about??

Linda Cohn may think she has an interesting life story--but she's wrong. She spends the first 75 pages just getting out of college where the most exciting thing to happen is that her boyfriend hides her contacts. Then she skips around to different stations, where she admittedly should have been fired. She was an underachiever at school and work before she grew up and became a

self-proclaimed groundbreaker (even though there were MANY other women who were sportscasters before her!). She doesn't even get to ESPN until about 2/3's of the way through the book. The ending to the book is sad and tragic. Throughout the book she puts down her devoted husband and at least four times she tells him she wants to split with him. Finally, just before the book is published, she leaves him and her kids--and that's how the book ends. Not only was she a mostly-absent mother to her kids, but she constantly took her husband's support for granted. She may see herself as a role model to female-empowerment people but she also paints herself as a bad mother and terrible wife who probably has mental health issues. She admits early in the book to being totally self-centered and by the end of the book she doesn't seem to have changed. You come away from the book admiring her husband but disliking Linda. She seems like a sweet person but she has a dull life story and doesn't have much to write about other than the fact that she's a female sportscaster. She takes little everyday things that are normal to most people (interning, childbirth, etc.) and makes it sound like she's the first person to ever experience these things. She even admits throughout the book that she's boring and "simple." Not the exciting read that ESPN fanatics will be looking for.

I picked this one up when I wanted something to read as I'm on the go. I remembered Linda Cohn from the late night Sports Center when she was involved with ESPN. Mostly this is an autobiography that details her childhood, growing up and playing street hockey for the first time and being the best at street hockey then she gets into the journalistic aspects of her work and going to Seattle for work before heading back to work at the headquarters of ESPN. There is a biographical photo spread in the middle of the book with plenty of photos. I think I did pick this one up and go do something else and then come back to it and then go do something else and then come back and pick it up again and so forth, it is that type of book that is very funny in some parts and sad and dramatic in others so it isn't at all boring but it is so detailed I had to take off and then come back to read the rest later on. While she was at ESPN she was fulfilling a dream that she always wanted to do. I didn't have any problem following along it is for sure filled with a lot of adventure and she had to go to interview more than once to get into the spot she wanted. I want to be very clear that it's not a slow read but not fast either and the best part of it is the funny moments and her behind the scenes accounts of her interactions at the studios with her coworkers. I finished this one, there are some books I start on and almost finish, but overall I was able to maintain interest. Not too bad and not as boring as some of the reviews say. I mean she was sacked but she was in a male dominated industry and did a good job at what she loved the most which is sports. Good to take this one on a

trip. I am going to give it 5 stars because it was well written and has so many ups and downs it's just like a soap opera lol. Overall, recommend.

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