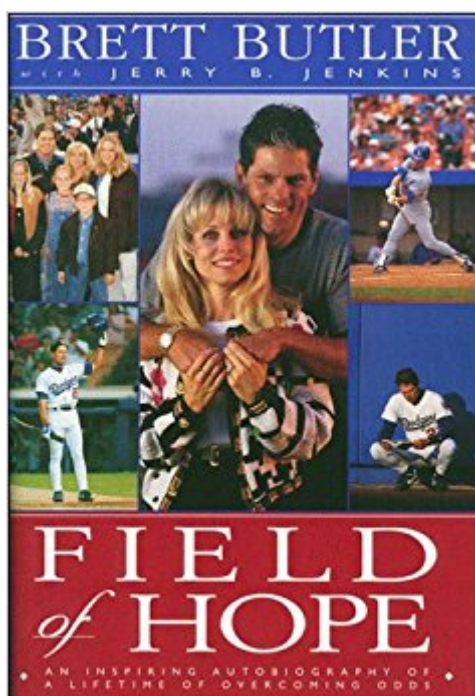


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Field Of Hope: An Inspiring Autobiography Of A Lifetime Of Overcoming Odds



Synopsis

Brett Butler, the Los Angeles Dodger who defied all odds to become a big leaguer, has had his share of battles. All his life he's battled the "bigger guys" to play. He battled the "big guys" during the baseball strike and the "other guys" for his outspoken faith. He's also battled a serious eye injury, life-threatening throat cancer, and more recently a broken hand. Yet Butler has a lot going for him, too. In this straightforward and candid autobiography, he credits his wife, family, friends, and more importantly, God, with the success he has experienced and the amazing comebacks he has enjoyed.

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Customer Reviews

I ordered the book because I'm a lifelong Dodgers fan. I knew about Brett Butler's amazing comeback story. I remembered a lot about it because I was a teenager when this all happened. Reading the whole story of Brett Butler's life, dream, and faith was more fulfilling than I had anticipated. It's nice to read about his story and know that his life is about more than just being a ballplayer. It's a book that's worth reading and sharing (even the parts about his years as a pesky Giant). If you like baseball, if you have an interest in comeback stories, if you like stories about people battling adversity, then I would definitely recommend this book.

Brett Butler has led a life of overcoming the odds. In his youth Brett was told he was too small to make it in pro baseball. Brett kept fighting and he finally made it. Once in the majors, Brett was told he would never be a star. Again he kept fighting and he made the All-Star team. When Brett found

out he had cancer, he decided to fight once again. Once again he won. Butler reveals his thoughts throughout all of his triumphs and disappointments. He discusses his Christianity without coming across as preachy. He is a man of faith and love and he proudly expresses this. The book is very uplifting. It is a real inspirational story from truly one of the good guys!

Being familiar with this story, I was curious to know more details, especially after hearing Brett Butler speak in person.

I read this years ago and loved it! I went to school with Brett when we were young. Irvington elementary school in California. Many years later my husband surprised me with tickets to see Brett play. After the game we went to meet Brett at the players gate and he said he had no idea who I was. I told him all about playing 4 square and tether ball with him. He was my childhood "crush" LOL! Even though he didn't remember me at all he gave us tickets to the next nights game. He spoke with my husband and he told us to bring cameras the following night so we could have family photos with him. We did! And we have such fond memories of this kind man. He is one in a million! And we were blessed to have been his guests.

Brett Butler's "Field Of Hope" looks back on a life in which the author was told he was "too small" or that his odds were lousy. The "Hope" in the book's title could just as well have been "courage" or "determination"--qualities Mr. Butler possesses in abundance. Not even a starter on his high-school baseball team, Brett Butler parlayed time spent in Arizona State's program into a shot with a smaller school in Oklahoma. From there, he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves. The story could've ended right there and been a marvelous tale of unlikely success, but Butler not only made the Major Leagues--he has remained there for seventeen seasons. Not bad for a guy "too small" to make it. Still, with all of that, Butler claims he would not have been driven to write his autobiography if it weren't for the events of the past two years. In 1996, what at first seemed to be tonsillitis turned into cancer, and Butler, the unlikely success story, was in for his bi

"Hope" is an inspiring story of a man who was told in his early life he wouldn't make it in baseball. Mr. Butler proved that hard work and determination does indeed payoff. He is refreshingly honest about his shortcomings and his belief in Jesus Christ. His wife, Eveline, narrates a good portion of the book giving her views on their life together, with the trials and tribulations that goes with any marriage. Another title for this book could have been, "Winners never Quit". They are both just that,

winners, only they're winning in the game of life.

An inspiring, touching story. I followed Brett's career ever since I first saw him play in Atlanta in 1982. His story is a glowing example of the power of our living God. Hopefully this book will bless you the way it has blessed me. I've read it four times now, and still enjoy it every time. Oh, I have the honor of saying a letter I wrote the day he was diagnosed is on page 218 of this book. God bless you, Brett.

Brett Butler's story is an inspiring one that is based on his faith and hope in Jesus Christ. It is fun to follow along as Butler accomplishes difficult milestones in his life, often against great odds. His battle with throat cancer is especially inspiring. While this may not go down as a literary masterpiece, it does leave you feeling good when you are finished.

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