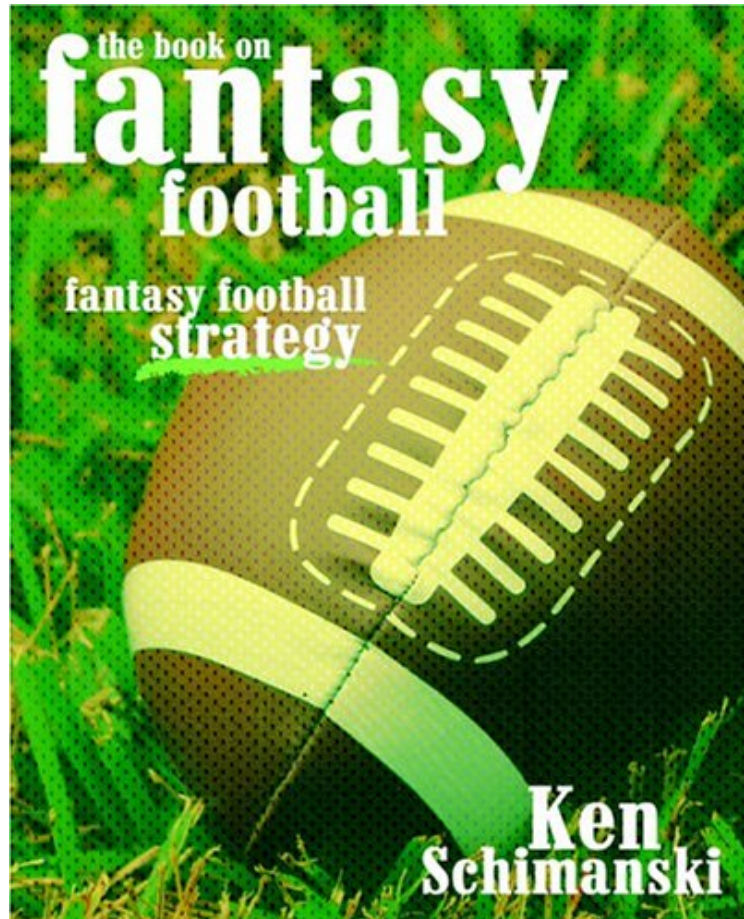


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3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Pretty, but uselessBy Jeremy CrowhurstThis is a very good looking book, well-written in the sense of being very readable, but there's really very little in it. It doesn't have enough basic stuff to be useful for beginners, and doesn't have anything advanced in it to separate it from the pack. All in all, there are two or three magazines published every year that offer all the same stuff and much, much more. The chapters are all very, very short, some as short as a two pages. Some of his key theories are palpably absurd. My favorite: load up on rookie running backs, ANY rookie running backs, because "it may not pay off every season, but when it does the dividends can be astronomical." He then helpfully adds that this strategy is particularly good in a keeper league. (It's almost like that commercial that airs from time to time where the guy tells the rookie, "don't worry about top running backs, they'll be there later on, and don't be afraid to grab your kicker early.") Another one of his grand theories is to "beware of free agent wide receivers". He gives a list of examples that didn't work out, while acknowledging two that

did (Joe Horn, Jerry Rice in Oakland). One of his points in this chapter is on Andre Rison. He strongly suggests, without actually saying, that Rison's success in Atlanta was due to the run-and-shoot offence, and not because he was an elite talent. His conclusion is based on the fact that when he left Atlanta for Cleveland, he tanked. More compelling in my view is the fact that despite seven different starting QB's, and two different head coaches, Rison had a five year stretch that is better than anybody in the Hall of Fame (with the possible exception of Lance Alworth). That, and his four consecutive all-pro selections suggests to me at least that maybe he WAS a pretty talented player. When things like this are combined with his muddled chapters on draft strategy, it makes me think that Mr. Schimanski really doesn't know very much about either real football or fantasy football. At the same time, there are some ideas here worth exploring; he just grossly simplifies EVERYTHING. Even his caution of FA wideouts has some merit, if he were to just look at it in a bit more depth. Eg, there is a difference between someone cut because he's too old (Tim Brown), someone cut because of cap problems (Keenan McCardell), someone whose contract expires and goes somewhere where he's a better fit (Joe Horn), and someone whose contract expires and goes somewhere where he's a horrible fit (Alvin Harper, Az Hakim, and a cast of thousands). But, until a book with that level of analysis gets written, stay away from this one and stick to the magazines. 8 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Highly Recommended By Mikey The book says: "strategy, not cheat sheets win championships". It is so true. You need to have STRATEGY for how you draft your team and how you manage it during the season and this book delivers on both.

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