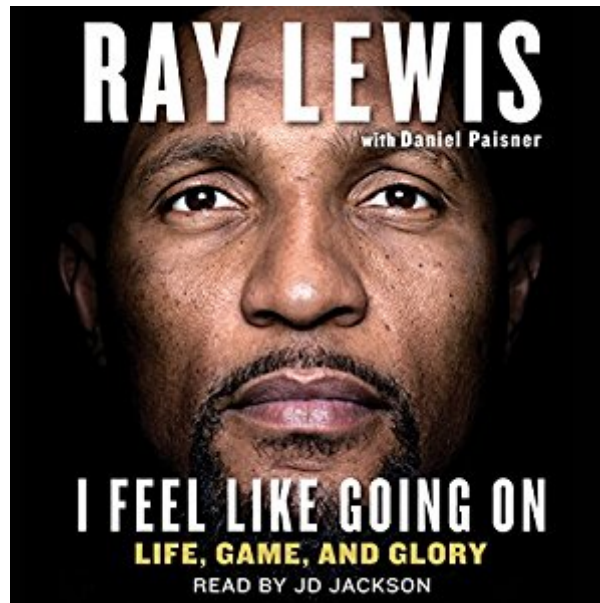




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I Feel Like Going On: Life, Game, And Glory



Synopsis

Ray Lewis, legendary Baltimore Ravens linebacker and one of the greatest defensive players of his generation, holds nothing back on the state of football as well as his troubled childhood, his rise to athletic greatness, the storm that threatened to ruin his NFL career, and the devastating injury that nearly cost him a final moment of glory. A lot of folks, they know my game, but they don't know my deal. This audiobook right here, it tells the story of my 17-year NFL career. It tells of my two Super Bowls, the mark I was blessed to be able to make on the game, on the city of Baltimore. But it also tells the story of how I grew up - abandoned by my no-account father, raised with my siblings by our God-fearing, hardworking single mother. It tells how I sometimes struggled off the field. It tells of the anguish and controversy that found me away from the game. Mostly it tells how heartbreak can sometimes lift you to greatness and glory - if you find a way to put your focus on faith and faith in your focus. When I left the game, confetti raining down on my teammates and me after winning the Super Bowl, I made a promise to myself to show how the game is really played at the highest level. That's what you'll find in this audio - a raw, honest look at the business of football and a look behind the scenes at some of the most torturous aspects of the game. The grind of the NFL - that's what shines through. My deal? That grind is a given. Every player who wears an NFL uniform has to slog through the same battles just to get to the league. But it's how you prepare for those battles that defines you - and here I hope to show how an unwavering trust in God and an unbreakable sense of purpose can lift you from tragedy to triumph. From strength to strength, man - that's the deal.

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Customer Reviews

Honestly, I have never purchased a celebrity memoir, however I did in this case because Ray Lewis is not just my favorite athlete but just all around inspiration. I wanted to support his and Daniel Paisner's work. I decided to just read the first few pages but realized I couldn't stop because his story is so much like my own. Except I didn't turn out to be a star athlete, you see as a female who is not athletic in the slightest, I had to choose a different outlet that I am still tunneling through. Reading this book has actually given me renewed strength to keep going on. I have never read of so much strength, passion, and faith bottled up inside of one person before and that is what is truly inspiring. My heart breaks because so many people that can benefit from this inspiration choose to only be negative. It took a lot of courage on behalf of not only Mr. Lewis but his family as well to share such personal details in order to uplift others. Thank you!

I always loved watching Ray play. His passion for the game was obvious. Also I knew there was more to him because other players talked about what a great inspiration and mentor he is. I thought I knew a lot about him until I read this book. What a journey. I gained so much respect for this man. He's an inspiration to me. From growing up in an environment of abuse and poverty to being the victim of racist bigotry in jail and in every away stadium he ever played, I can see why he was arguably the most driven athlete I've ever seen.

As a fan of football I always appreciated Ray's ferocity. What it didn't know was what fueled it. Always an underdog he found God's word and let it take him further than he could ever dream. This book is a must read. Perseverance, determination, dignity, self-respect, Grace and Mercy, all wrapped up in this book. Ray Lewis, may God continue to Bless you!

Finished reading this book in two days. His story is an American story- a past rooted in poverty, abuse and pain. However, through it all, Ray found the will to never give up on fulfilling his dreams and taking care of his family. Yes, he made some mistakes along the way but he continues to run on inspiring, motivating and uplifting us all. Awesome book!

A must read for anyone that's a fan of him or the game In general. Believe what you want of this man's past but without a doubt is one of the greatest linebackers and leaders of our era. Don't like him? Don't read or buy it, spend your money on some other "rich criminal".

Loved every word. The insight, re-living memorable games. Only wish there had been more about his post-game routines in the local neighborhoods to lift up disadvantaged youth. Might have inspired others to do similarly.

Just finished this book four minutes ago and as I always do, I'd like to thank Open Books for delivering this book to me. Okay, I've always been a fan of Ray Lewis and I knew that I was going to enjoy this book. Lewis is a candid and straight-shooter type of guy and he gave you that in this book. People think superstars don't hurt, that they don't bleed, or that they are soooooooooo different from the general public. But guess what? Aint none of that true. In 2000 this what Ray had to go suffer through: The Atlanta debacle (I remember the week it happened; there was so much media attention on Ray that it rivaled the attention that Super Bowl XXXIV got that week); them brute/rogue street and jail cops who violated Ray's civil rights; and of course those racist and coward Pittsburgh Steelers fans at that September 3, 2000 game versus the Ravens. Those ordeals would have SERIOUSLY damaged mentally and physically any man. Yes, those tribulations of 2000 hurt him, but they also served as fuel for his development as a man as a star inside linebacker for the Ravens. Then of course earlier in the book, he described as a child how he and his mother were beaten by various men that she allowed into their lives as her boyfriends. That chapter really got to me. It's like every stage of his life (adolescent, young man, and then as a grown-ass man) he went through some harrowing s***, but he found ways to get through them and move on with his life. If you don't get something out of this book to help you in your development as a person, then something is SERIOUSLY wrong with you.

I liked Ray Lewis before reading his book, and I like him even more now. The determination and perseverance he has is admirable. It's a great read. A lot of football talk (obviously), but the narrator does a great job of making you feel like you're right there watching it on the sidelines.

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