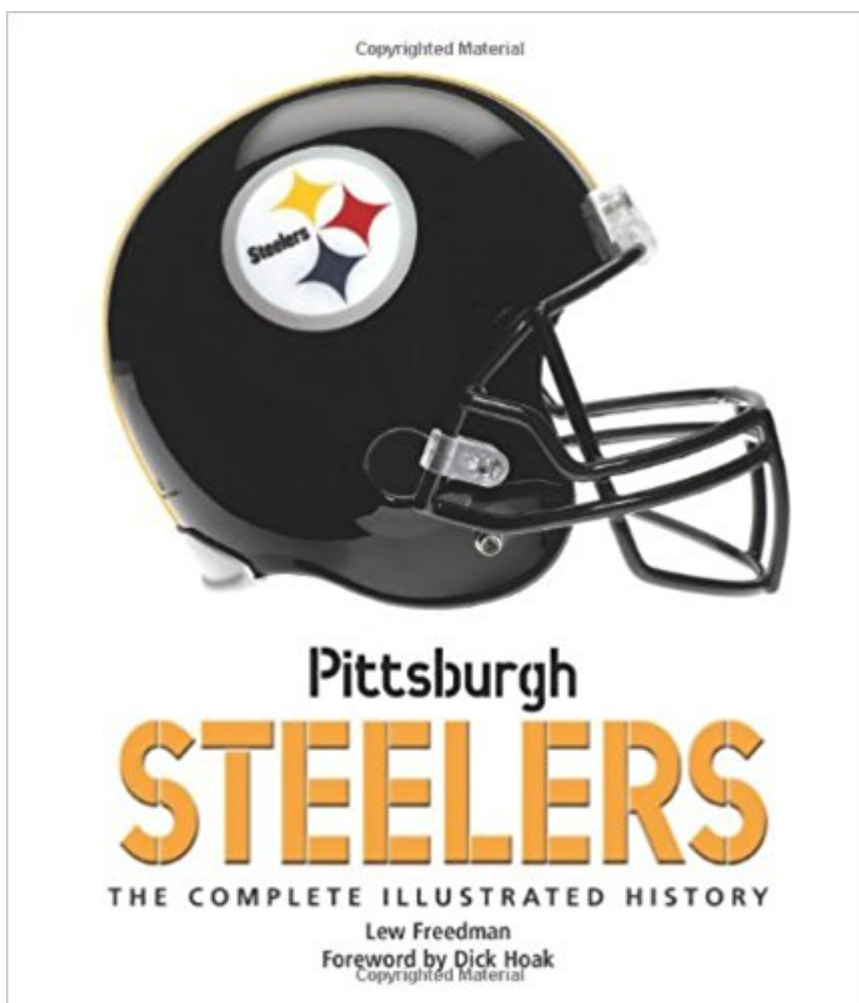


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# Pittsburgh Steelers: The Complete Illustrated History



## Synopsis

Pittsburgh Steelers: The Complete Illustrated History documents the great moments in a tradition that stretches back more than seventy-five years and offers an unmatched legacy of success. Fresh on the heels of a record sixth Super Bowl victory, the Pittsburgh Steelers are a team steeped in history and success. The roster of players who have donned the black and gold reads like an all-star team, and the 1970s dynasty alone featured nine players currently enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. This book celebrates those players and many more, as well as coaching legends such as Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher, and the passionate fans throughout western Pennsylvania and across the nation who have never failed the team that never failed them. Lavishly illustrated with color and black-and-white images from throughout the team's history, Pittsburgh Steelers brings to powerful life the on- and off-field exploits of this iconic franchise.

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## Customer Reviews

No franchise in pro football history has experienced the success that the Pittsburgh Steelers have over the last forty years. But the Steelers, proud owners of six Super Bowl trophies, faced a long and, at times, difficult journey to get to the pinnacle. Much of the Steelers' story is the story of the Rooney family. Art Rooney was the beloved founder of the team and caretaker of its development. His son Dan and grandson Art Rooney II have carried out his vision and legacy in the ensuing decades. From its origins as the Pittsburgh Pirates football team in 1933, through the challenging war years and postwar doldrums, to the establishment of a modern-day juggernaut, the club has had a steady, guiding hand at the helm. Although the wait for triumph was long, the

reward was great when the Steelers emerged as the dominant team in football in the 1970s and early 1980s. After forty years of on-field struggles, the franchise won its first title after the 1974 season, and proceeded to win four Super Bowls in the span of six years, establishing themselves as one of the greatest teams of all time. Taking the bold step to hire the young Chuck Noll as head coach in 1969 and giving him a free hand to acquire talent, the Rooneys built a special dynasty. The Steelers were anchored by the famed "Steel Curtain" defense, featuring such stars as "Mean Joe" Greene, L. C. Greenwood, Jack Ham, and Jack Lambert. Densely populated with all-pros and future Hall of Famers, the offense shined under quarterback Terry Bradshaw, running back Franco Harris, and the receiving tandem of Lynn Swann and John Stallworth. The aerial acrobatics of Swann and Stallworth and Harris' "Immaculate Reception" are forever etched in the minds of football fans everywhere. The four Super Bowl titles equaled the most won by any other franchise, but the team was not done. More than a quarter century later, now under the determined leadership of coach Bill Cowher, the Steelers electrified their fans by winning, at long last, "one for the thumb" a fifth Super Bowl ring. In replacing the esteemed Cowher, the Rooney clan again eschewed "big name" candidates and instead made a non-traditional hire. In 2007, the Steelers went for potential over experience and gave the 35-year-old Mike Tomlin his first head-coaching job. Once again, the Rooney family and its team were well rewarded. With another group of star players, from Troy Polamalu and James Harrison to Hines Ward and Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh again claimed its place atop the pro football universe with an amazing sixth Super Bowl championship following the 2008 season. Yet another trip to the NFL championship game in Super Bowl XLV proved that the Steelers aren't going anywhere and are a team built for long-term success. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The ultimate history of the six-time Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers, featuring hundreds of photos, statistics, and player profiles a complete celebration of the black and gold. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I had to buy this book off as it is now out of print- as it is a little out of date (from last decade history missing)but- this book is still incredible and I not only purchased it once as a gift for my Pittsburgh born and raised brother, I purchased it again for my Steeler loving best friend back in the burgh. They both loved it and I believe have it as a coffee table book now.I highly recommend- especially if you can get it under 10\$ - snatch it up or give as a gift!

My husband loves this book, it is very well done, colorful and full of information and facts. He is a die hard Steelers fan, had seen this in a library we were visiting and wanted it for his collection. I found it on and now it is part of his library collection. Well worth the money.....

Nice review of the Steelers throughout history. My favorite part doesn't apply to most readers--it was the wide aerial shot of Super Bowl IX. The angle was wide enough that I was able to see what would later be my freshman dorm, as well as Bruff Quad where I had my own brief moments of football glory.

great book for a steeler fan.

We were happy with the delivery and shipping of the book; however, there were BIG mistakes in the Steelers stats for this decade in the book -- I mean they got the win-loss record wrong and the scores of various games were completely off. In the book, it indicated that Steelers had a LOSING season last year -- They WON the Super Bowl for Heaven's Sake -- losing season?! Disappointed in the book. Contacted the publisher and received a response that was little more than an "oops, sorry" letter -- they could have at least reimbursed us for the cost. This is not the book for a true Steeler fan.

I purchased this book as a gift for a friend. When he opened it, he was so thrilled to receive it. He loved all of the facts and illustrations about the Steelers History that the book contained. This book is a great gift for any Steelers loving fan.

Christmas gift, he loved it!

Steeler nation RULES!!!!

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