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Game of Shadows

Drawing on more than two years of reporting, including interviews with hundreds of people, and exclusive access to secret grand jury testimony, confidential documents, audio recordings, and more, the authors provide, for the first time, a definitive account of the shocking steroids scandal that made headlines across the country. Who cares that the memorable events they see before their eyes are the achievements of pharmacists and steroid distributors? The nation was transfixed as Sosa went on to hit 66 home runs, and McGwire 70. Tempting to just use the term steroids when talking about performance enhancing drugs as a short cut, most people have some sense of what those are, but the book reveals that the many different drugs used come from many different places and medical disciplines.

Game of Shadows : Barry Bonds, BALCO, and the Steroids Scandal That Rocked Professional Sports by Lance Williams and Mark Fainaru

I eventually had to leave the store, so I bought the book despite my original intentions and finished it two days later. The fact that BALCO reps would actually shepherd their customers through the blood testing at local hospitals illustrates just how widespread the cheating had become -- and how cocky all the participants were increasingly becoming in defying all attempts at credible testing .

Game of Shadows on Apple Books

The blockbuster New York Times bestseller that caused a media firestorm and stayed in the headlines for weeks at last arrives in paperback—with a new afterword about the Barry Bonds perjury investigation. But despite the momentary furor this book caused when it first came out, nothing has really changed.

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That looks like nothing now. The stories shocked the nation and the exposés led to congressional hearings on baseball's drug problems and a

revived effort to purge the U. This is a good intro into the subject of steroids in baseball, and it is likely that further books on the subject will fill in for us how pervasive cheating is in MLB.

Game of shadows (2006 edition)

Hard to swallow, yes, but at least now we can redirect our support and admiration for authentic greatness, not the counterfeit stuff. On May 5, 2006, Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams were subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury about how they obtained Barry Bonds' leaked testimony. Following the drugs from creation to distribution to use is fascinating and the extent to which they have permeated the sports world—including to a very large degree our Olympic athletes who seemingly should have held themselves to a higher standard—is astonishing.

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The authors call them what they are: not champions, but drug cheats. Three years later, San Francisco Giants All-Star Barry Bonds surpassed McGwire by 3 home runs in the midst of what was perhaps the greatest offensive display in baseball history.

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Then, in December of 2004, after more than a year of investigation, San Francisco Chronicle reporters Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams broke the story that in a federal investigation of a nutritional supplement company called BALCO, Yankees slugger Jason Giambi had admitted taking steroids. When released excerpts from the book on March 7, it generated considerable publicity because the book chronicles alleged extensive , including several different types of and , by outfielder. A separate narrative thread details the steroids use of Bonds, an immensely talented, moody player who turned to performance-enhancing drugs after Mark McGwire of the St.

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