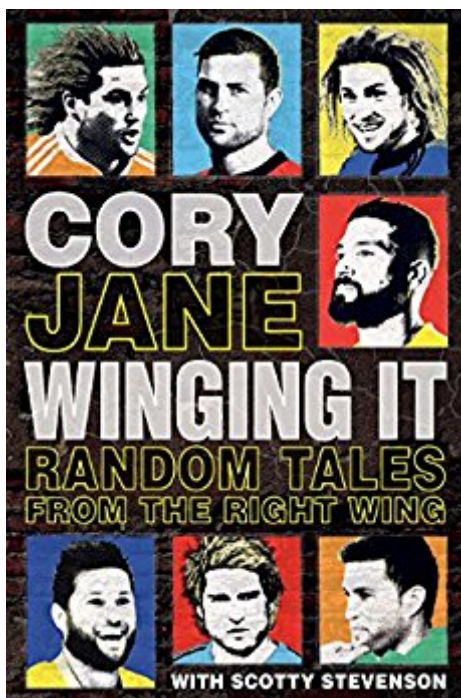


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# Winging It: Random Tales From The Right Wing



## Synopsis

Not since the legendary Eric Rush departed the scene have the All Blacks had a jokester/prankster quite like World Cup-winning winger Cory Jane. A Commonwealth Games Sevens gold medallist and frontline All Black since 2008, Jane is one of the funniest men in New Zealand rugby. He was one of the first All Blacks to embrace social media, in particular Twitter, as a means of connecting with his fans and supporters. His stint as host of the All Blacks online behind-the-scene features 'Room Raiders' was extremely popular and he has also starred as a comments man for Sky Sport. In *Winging It: Random Tales from the Right Wing* Jane takes the mickey out of everything – and everyone! – rugby. No player or occasion is spared the sharp-witted Jane tongue. Get all the goss from the usually fortress-like inner All Blacks sanctum and, most of all, find out all the stuff the players did not want you to know.

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## Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this book - wish it could have included the World Cup 2015 victory. Even though my husband and I live in the Deep South USA, we have been New Zealand rugby fans since it was made available through satellite TV over 25 years ago. We both can remember watching Jona

Lomu - what a magnificent player - and being heartbroken when he had to retire at such an early age. I can remember my husband calling me into the den to see a very young Dan Carter playing for the Crusaders - way before he became an All Black and my husband saying, "He is going to be the next '10' for the All Blacks and will be the best in the world." He called it over a year before Dan became an All Black. I remember telling my husband, "Wow, that number 7 for the Crusaders is great, he should be an All Black." Of course, that number 7 was Richie McCaw. I always got a kick out of watching the Haka especially when Piri Weepu was leading. Watching the All Blacks on TV, you are not able to see how phenomenal these guys really are. We had the opportunity November 1, 2014 when the All Blacks came to Chicago, Illinois to play the USA Eagles. We were blown away when Cory Jane and Sonny Bill came running down the side right in front of us on their way to a Try. They are sooooo fast! It was such a special day for my husband and me, to finally see so many of the guys we had been watching for over 25 years - Cory, Dan, Keven, Sonny Bill, TJ, Keiran, Ryan, Charles, Aaron, Victor, Patrick, Jeremy, Charlie, Nathan, Joe, Izzy, Ben, Owen, Brodie, Liam, Augustine, Julian and even though he didn't play, it was a thrill for us to see Richie. Reading Cory's book brought back so many memories. I laughed out loud so many times, especially reading what Cory had to say about Izzy. Any fan of New Zealand All Blacks, or any true fan of rugby, will enjoy this book. I look forward to a sequel!

Imagine how amazing it would be to be able to take an unobstructed peek into the behind the scenes of the THE BEST SPORTS TEAM IN THE WORLD... Well, Cory Jane's book lets you to do just that! Unlike some All Black biographies (I have read a couple but I shall not specify) which obviously try not to offend anyone by being neutral, CJ serves you everything fresh off the oven as it is/was. The guy celebrates when he gets selected, when he plays well and when he's starting; he worries and gets upset when he is benched and when he disappoints the team. Now, CJ is a funny guy and you'll know just what kind of a jokester he is if you watch those All Blacks TV videos, Random Rugby etc. He has a big personality and it showed in his book. This added a different and more intimate dimension to some of the All Blacks' biggest moments which we fans already know of (E.g. 2008 Bledisloe Cup in HK). Also, some of his interactions with some personalities in rugby are also WHACK. While the book is technically a biography, it's not just about the hilarious and legendary member of the All Blacks Bomb Squad. As much as the book is about himself, it is also about the people around him - his teammates, the management, his coach etc. Because of his perspective, these legendary athletes, coaches and managers, etc. suddenly become more human. They have their own idiosyncrasies fans wouldn't have known about if not for CJ mercilessly sharing

them (like Ma'a Nonu putting on eyeliner and other All Blacks' pregame rituals) All in all, this book is no literary wonder (if you're looking at an intellectual & philosophical book, there are plenty written by Proust) but this is easily one of the best athlete biographies I have ever read. What makes the book great is CJ's honesty and wit. Also, the more you get to know CJ, the more you get to know other All Blacks personalities as well. It's simply an easy, entertaining read and it was worth waiting forever when I placed my pre-order way back!!

This is a good, quick read. It's the book version of a really great night of food, drinks and banter with a friend you haven't seen in a while. Being from the States, I don't know a lot about rugby, but you really don't need to know a lot in order to enjoy this book.

Cory Jane, please write another book or something \*cues Izzy Dagg's groan\* ^^ perfect, fun, witty :) an amazing writer!

The lad from Upper Hutt comes through with a good yarn. A light read. Plenty of quirky stuff to chuckle over.

Easy to read and has some funny anecdotes of his time in the mighty All Blacks. A real page turner

Enjoyed every page and had a laugh too! I'm a Wallaby tragic, but have still recommended the book to fellow Aussie Fans! Thanks CJ...

Have watched Cory play rugby for years so reading his insights on being on the inside of the all blacks was great

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