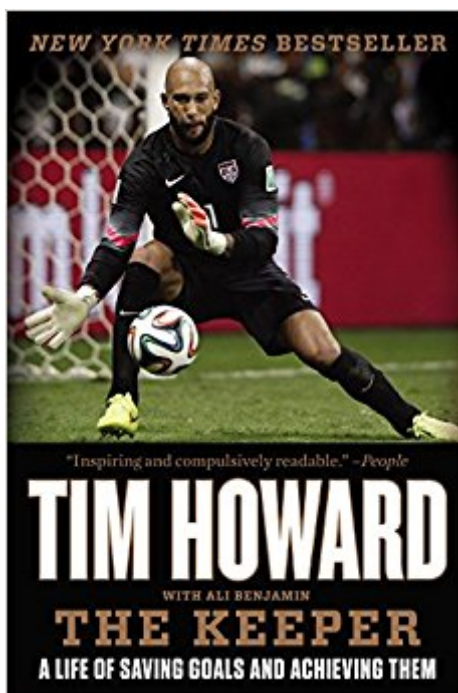


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# The Keeper: A Life Of Saving Goals And Achieving Them



## Synopsis

In this inspiring, down-to-earth memoir the revered goalkeeper and American icon— idolized by millions worldwide for his dependability, daring, and humility recounts his rise to stardom at the 2014 World Cup, the psychological and professional challenges he has faced, and the enduring faith that has sustained him. In *The Keeper*, the man who electrified the world with his amazing performance in Brazil does something he would never do on a soccer field: he drops his guard. As fiercely protective about his privacy as he is guarding the goal on the field, Howard opens up for the first time about how a hyperactive kid from New Jersey with Tourette's syndrome defied the odds to become one of the world's premier goalkeepers. The Keeper recalls his childhood, being raised by a single mother who instilled in him a love of sports and a devout Christian faith that helped him cope when he was diagnosed with Tourette's in the fifth grade. He looks back over his fifteen-year professional career—from becoming the youngest player to win MLS Goalkeeper of the Year to his storied move to the English Premier League with Manchester United and his current team, Liverpool's Everton, to becoming an overnight star after his record-making performance with the United States Men's National Team. He also talks about the things closest to his heart—the importance of family and the Christian beliefs that guide him. Told in his thoughtful and articulate voice, *The Keeper* is an illuminating look at a remarkable man who is an inspirational role model for all of us. *The Keeper* is illustrated with two 8-page color photo inserts.

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## Customer Reviews

“Thanks to its honesty, *The Keeper* is one of the best sports memoirs I’ve read recently.” (Daily Beast) “Inspiring and compulsively readable.” (People Magazine)

In the summer of 2014, Tim Howard became an overnight sensation after more than ten years as one of America’s leading professional soccer players. His record-breaking fifteen saves for the United States national team against Belgium in the World Cup electrified a nation that had only recently woken up to the Beautiful Game after decades of hibernation. An estimated TV audience of 21 million viewers in the United States watched Howard’s heroic performance against the heavily favored Belgians in which he repelled shots with his hands, feet, legs, knees, and even his signature long beard. In this inspiring and candid memoir, the beloved U.S. and Everton goalkeeper opens up for the first time about how a hyperactive kid with Tourette’s syndrome from New Jersey defied the odds to become one of the greatest American keepers in history. *The Keeper* is also a chronicle of the personal sacrifices Howard’s made for his career, including the ultimate dissolution of his marriage and its most painful consequence: separation from his two children. *The Keeper* will captivate soccer fans and readers who are unfamiliar with the sport but want to know what makes a world-class athlete different from the rest of us—and where that difference gives way to common ground.

Some reviews are critical of the use of sports jargon in the book. To that I say this is an AUTO-biographical work written by an athlete. As to the narrative itself, it is honest and inspirational. I’ve been a Tim Howard fan since his Metrostars days. I remember the pride of learning a US soccer player had been picked up by Manchester United (the New York Yankees of soccer). I watched all 15 saves in the 2014 World Cup, and doubt I will ever get over that loss. With all that said, I picked up this book mostly curious as to how Howard had suffered from and managed his Tourette’s Syndrome. Simply put, I’m now more impressed with the man than the goalkeeper. Great read. I literally couldn’t put my Kindle down and now I really need to get to bed.

Fantastic read for US soccer fans. Not only do you get a look at some great moments in US soccer history, but also some behind the scene moments that are just chilling if you’ve followed the team. I learned a bit about TS when there is so little information out there. Growing up amongst your peers is hard enough. What Tim and all those that suffer from TS is heart wrenching and inspiring at the same time. Big bonus to hear Tim loves God! Read this book

If you are considering reading this book, stop considering and read it! Fast and well written this captures the life of Howard from his poor but rich upbringing, to his soccer discovery, to the heights of Man U, to family man and to ultimate glory as he inspires a nation to watch soccer with the rest of the world. I have the pleasure of knowing him in laws and met Tim As his brother in law arranged for tickets to a USA-Mexico match in Estadio Azteca in 2009. An experience like that will hook you on the drama of the USA soccer teams and it's the only soccer I follow. There are many things in this book I can tell you, but READ THE BOOK! It's fast and enjoyable and shows you a great American's life doing what he enjoys but at a high level and always taking pride in representing the U.S. of A.

My family and I saw Tim Howard do his record-setting 16 saves in the World Cup game vs Belgium. We have been fans since. I decided to give this book to my husband for father's day and it is a great read. Easy, casual language and could not put this book down. How inspiring to see that a difficult and challenging life resulted in such a spectacular athlete. I am an even bigger Tim Howard fan now.

What an inspiring book! Tim Howard has managed to write about his life, explain his struggles with TS, and do it without the ego you would expect from such a great keeper. I enjoyed every minute of the book.

I have been waiting for Tim Howard to write his own book for so long. I loved it! I loved how he shared what his life was like when he was young and the soccer camps he went to. It shows how he became such a strong great goalie and person. I also, liked how he shares what he does before each game to get ready and pumped up. As a soccer player myself it made me want to play!

America's greatest export. Being a football freak (soccer) I admire this man enormously. What he has overcome is astonishing and how he is helping children with special needs, to be able to be successful and fulfilled is excellent. I always look forward to the Everton games although due to injuries he hasn't played a lot. I am a Brit living in the States and I am sickened by the way the English fans (fanatics) taunted him. because of his Tourette's syndrome. Just disgusting. I apologise to him on their ignorant behalves. I am an Arsenal fan since I was 15 and that's 66 years ago so I know how fans are - a large section are just stupid and that isn't a word I usually use, regarding it as a curseword. I am sure there are such people over here but even with that and throughout his

childhood, he was bullied and rose above it. read the book, get to know his mother and the dedication of some of the coaches who saw a dream football player when they saw one. I haven't finished the entire book - too busy watching football but if there is a television choice between Everton (if he played) or another team, Everton gets my attention because of him. He also is a man with a deep faith and in all, incredible. What a hero.

Tim Howard's journey to the top of the English Premiere League was awe-inspiring. He give others with disabilities the right to play, the right to do whatever they want to. It is nice to know that his priorities remain with his family and children. If I ever get to meet him in person, I will be a lucky person.

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