



ROGER FEDERER

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Phenomenon Roger Federer. Legend. Mensch.

Roger Federer is the world star from our midst. As a young boy he fell in love with the yellow balls, today he fascinates the masses around the globe. Not only because of his virtuosity on the court and his successes, but also because of his personality.

The tennis virtuoso Roger Federer strikes each ball with a watchmaker's precision. Reaching far beyond being just a Swiss national saint, he is entrancing the masses across the world with his elegant style of play, his calm and his resilience. In his late thirties, the father of four is still diligently increasing his stardom. He's considered not just the best tennis player in history, but one of the greatest athletes of all time.

For the last twenty years, Zurich-based journalist Simon Graf has followed Federer's triumphant journey through the great tennis arenas of the world. In this biography he answers the key questions: how did Federer become a Zen master of the courts? How did he maintain his love for the sport over all these years? Why does he owe eternal thanks to his rival, Rafael Nadal? How did he manage to stay so normal? And what can we learn from him?

Federer: hot-headed teenager, tennis genius, son, husband and father, inspiration, strategist, businessman, philanthropist, paragon of calm and gentility, regal, legend. This portrait shows the man and sportsman in all his facets. Twenty essays encircle Roger Federer and thus achieve a versatility unlike seen before.

REVIEWS

»A global and fairly detailed overview on Roger Federer's personality. The author, who prefers a subdivision into thematic chapters rather than a chronological narrative, succeeds in conveying a complete picture of the tennis player and the man Federer. The technique, his wife Mirka, his training, children and parents, his ambitions, his foundation, his youth, the rivalry with Nadal, his coaches, the successes and defeats, the admiration of intellectuals: The book contains it all, and Graf deserves a compliment for it.«

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»Showing Federer in all his fascination Graf managed to successfully and in an entertaining way portrait Roger Federer beyond his athletic reputation.«
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ITALIAN Casagrande
JAPANESE Kadokawa

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