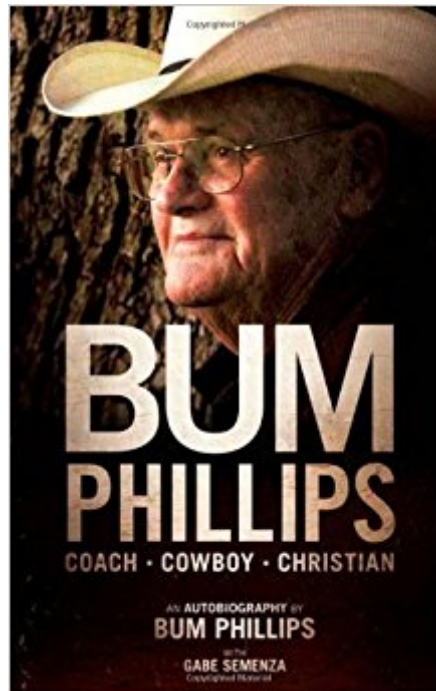


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Bum Phillips: Coach, Cowboy, Christian



Synopsis

REMEMBER: BUM IS A NICKNAME, NOT A DESCRIPTION. Bum Phillips became head coach of the National Football League's Houston Oilers in 1975. He retired from the league 10 years later as one of its most colorful characters of all time. While fans of Luv Ya Blue remember Phillips for his cowboy hat and boots, for his down-home Texas yarns, most people don't know he survived deadly battles during World War II, stumbled almost accidentally into football and later gave his life, during a trip to prison, to Jesus Christ. The book chronicles his transformation from a beer-drinking cowboy, U.S. Marine and football coach to a devoted son of God. The complete story of a pro football icon. In it, you will learn:

- Behind-the-scenes stories from his favorite NFL times.
- How a small-town man ascended the ranks of high school, college and pro football.
- Gripping accounts of his time during World War II.
- His struggle to balance family life with NFL demands.
- How a trip to prison catapulted this good ol' boy into a faithful Christian.

He is a Bum - only in name. One of the most generous, loyal, and caring individuals I have ever known in sport. He balanced leadership and friendship better than anyone who ever stood on an NFL sideline. We can all learn from him and his remarkable life.

- Jim Nantz, Emmy Award-winning CBS Sports broadcaster: "People go through life never having the chance to experience special times and special people. I was lucky to have had the opportunity to share all of this with Bum Phillips and I feel blessed having done so. It is an honor to have shared my life with him."
- Dan Pastorini, Former quarterback of the Houston Oilers: "Bum Phillips' book will be a blessing to you. He was a great football coach as well as a mentor to hundreds of football players. To me, his greatest accomplishment is the fact that he found the Lord Jesus as his Saviour at age 76. God helped him to succeed in his career because His gracious Hand was upon him. I love you, Debbie and Bum, and I salute you!"
- Dodie Osteen, Co-Founder of Houston's Lakewood Church: "When you read this book, it's like being on the sideline with Bum Phillips, who coaches you up as only he can do. I love my coach and you will, too."
- Mike Barber, Pro Claim founder and former tight end for the Houston Oilers: "This book blew me away! I am the No. 1 fan of Luv ya Blue and Bum Phillips, and I'm still floored with the Bum I never knew: Marine Hero, Coach, Southern Gentleman, Family Man! Add to the list: Born Again. And it shows. WOW DOES IT SHOW! It will leave you in awe of the real Coach Phillips. Three words sum up the impact and scope of this book: The Lord, The Love, The Legacy. It's much, much more than just one great read."
- Dr. John Bisagno, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Houston

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Customer Reviews

Bum! I grew up in Houston during the Bum Phillips/Luv Ya Blue era and as a young child knew who the coach of the Oilers was more than most of the players on the team. He was a local celebrity and a beloved coach. I was crushed when he ended up, gone, out of Houston and out of my life [along with Earl Campbell & Pastorini, or was it the snake?] I was young and didn't understand why they were gone, other than the occasional adult telling me "that's the way the business works". I stumbled upon this book and I'm so glad I did. Here's to you Bum, one of the greats.

Bum was an amazing Coach who learned early on that he would always be authentic. Bum cared about his owners, teams, players, coaches and winning. He had a great sense of humor and used his one liners to take the edge off of the atmosphere. If all other NFL coaches used his advice others would find a successful path. Young players would learn all about Bum and what it takes to be a Great Coach. Its worth reading and reflecting on all of Bum's honest and caring ways. Susan T Spencer

I lived in Houston during the Bum Phillips era and followed the Oilers closely. This book reinforced some of the opinions I had about Bum and how he did things. But, I learned a lot about the man personally and professionally from this book. I knew he was a U S Marine but did not know he was in the middle of some horrendous fighting in the Pacific. I also did not know he had coached under Bear Bryant. Easy to read, at times it's like Bum is just sitting there telling a story.

This book was a fun read and an informative one. My husband and I were Oiler fans during the Luv Ya Blue days and the book brought back a lot of good memories, both of the Oiler players and of Bum. Football in Houston will never be the same. I find it particularly inspiring that Bum has dedicated the rest of his life to the Lord and helping those who so desperately need Jesus Christ.

Coach Phillips does an awesome job of not only sharing his faith, but sharing his life story of who he was and what he has become as a follower of Jesus. His life story is inspiring as being who you are and willing to see yourself as God sees us. A sinner who needs his son Jesus in order to be all we can be that God wants us to be. We are never too old or too young to give our life to Jesus.

Growing up in the same area, although in a different time, I really enjoyed the history and stories from his childhood. The football fan will enjoy the NFL years and stories from the 70's and early 80's time frame when the game was different. The times and wars of this generation forged men that we don't see in today's world. There are many lessons we can learn from the Coach, Cowboy and Christian!

Love Bum! Took me back to my childhood as a Houston Oilers fan. Bum was Houston in the late 70's

Coach Phillips is an unusual person with a very interesting story to tell. The stories he selected to tell are both informative and entertaining. If you are a fan of Coach Phillips you will have a hard time putting the book down once you start reading it. The book, like the coach himself, is a very inspiring with much that can be learned from his life and experiences.

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