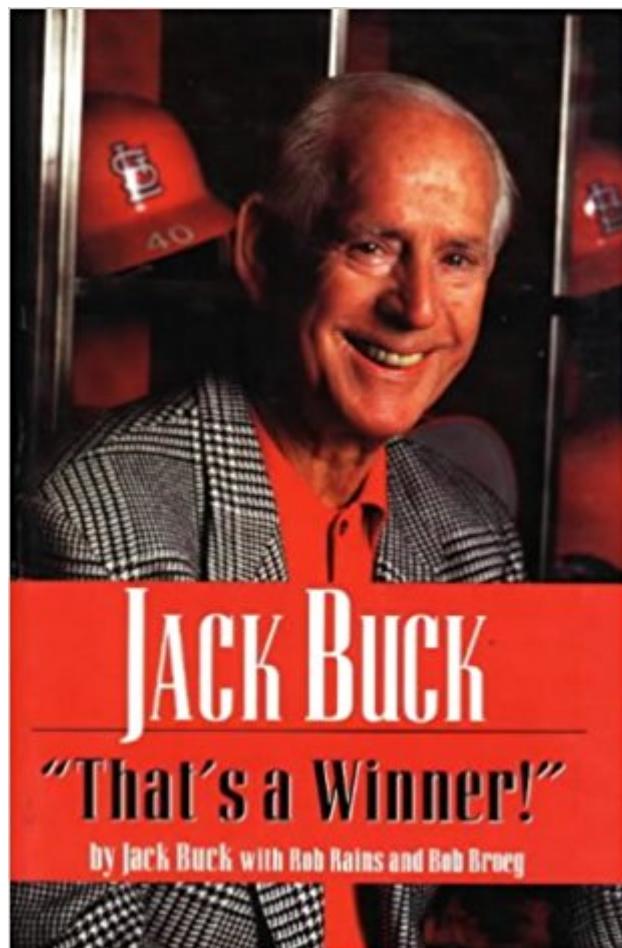


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# Jack Buck: That's A Winner



## Synopsis

In his forthright and honest autobiography, St. Louis Cardinal, World Series, and Super Bowl broadcaster Jack Buck entertains all of his fans once more in a different setting. Jack Buck: "That's A Winner!" does more than entertain, however. It provides readers with an inside look at a man they have listened to so often they consider him part of the family.

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Rob Rains is the author or co-author of nine sports books, including "Mark McGwire: Home Run Hero" for St. Martin's Press. He also wrote "The St. Louis Cardinals: The 100th Anniversary History," as well as co-authored "Red: A Baseball Life" with Cardinal Hall of Famer, Red Schoendienst, and "Jack Buck: That's a Winner!" with broadcaster Jack Buck. A frequent contributor to "The Sporting News," Rains lives with his family in St. Louis. Bob Broeg started writing for the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" in 1945, covering baseball and football and becoming sports editor and columnist in 1958. The author of seventeen books, he received the J. G. Taylor Spink Award in 1979.

A "must read" for any long time St. Louis Cardinal fan. What a talent Jack was and he had time for everyone!

This book really comes at sports from a perspective few think about. The broadcaster watches

hundreds of games every year, and knows the games just as well as the players but few think to consider their perspective. I learned a ton from the life of Jack Buck and about sports over the past half of a century. I highly recommend grabbing this book if you have a day or two of free time.

Everything turned out great!

A tough old coot, Jack Buck tells the story of coming through the early years of baseball media. Pride and a competitive spirit were fundamental to success in the industry. Buck lays it on the table: there were fewer jobs than hopefule. Only the best prevailed. And industry politics frequently interfered. While not riveting, the book is one of few available that provides a window on this very small piece (sports announcing) of a small industry (media announcing). I liked Buck's open discussion of various baseball commentators. A fresh view from inside that confirms some of my suspicions, and clouds others. If you are a real baseball fan, then this book will open doors of further appreciation for the sport.

Enjoyable read about one of the best in the business.

Yep, it's a winner!

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Picking up the autobiography of legendary baseball announcer Jack Buck, you'd think you're in for a light summer read full of good-natured homilies, humorous anecdotes, and "I was there" accounts of great games and players. That doesn't set the bar very high but would make for a good baseball book. "That's A Winner" doesn't deliver on even these modest expectations. First, Buck himself doesn't come across as a very likeable guy. Free with his back-handed criticisms, judgmental of others, once slamming the door in the face of a desperate pregnant woman, and generally keeping his head down as the inveterate corporate guy trying to keep his job. Second, he doesn't really have much to offer. Less than half the book is about baseball, so the reader has to wade through chapters on Buck's youth aboard a boat, in World War II, going to school, reciting names of family and friends as though reading a phone book. There are futile discussions of Castro and the death penalty and Vietnam, issues to which Buck brings no insight and that merely serve to distract the

reader looking for some sports. Third, when the baseball finally comes, it's feeble and fleeting. A few thoughts on drugs use in the late 1970s, praise for Whitey Herzog and Ozzie Smith, and that's about it. For a guy who's been around some of the greatest players in the history of the game and become famous for his steady deep-voiced announcing, Buck has written a book that manages to suck the life out of the games and players. No stories, no funny anecdotes, nothing to interest a fan. If you're researching Buck's life and need to know about his military service, this is the book for you. If you want to pass a weekend with a good baseball book, pick up Roger Angell instead.

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