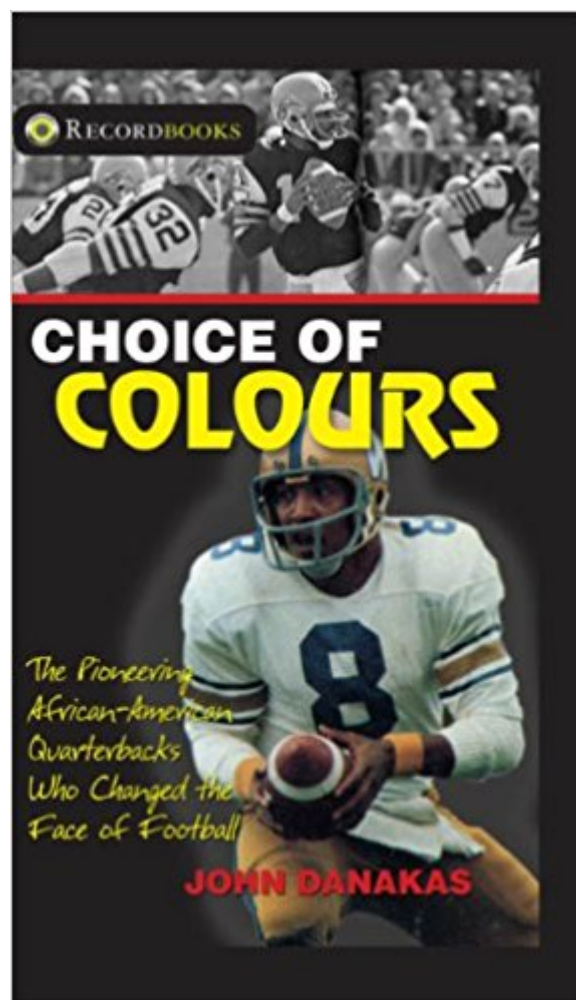




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Choice Of Colours: The Pioneering African-American Quarterbacks Who Changed The Face Of Football (Lorimer Recordbooks)



Synopsis

Until a mere generation ago, black football players were largely unproven as quarterbacks since they were excluded from a position that demanded strategic thinking instead of brute force. So, talented players headed north, rising to stardom in Canada. John Danakas profiles the pioneering athletes who donned new team colours and changed their sport.[Fry Reading Level - 4.8

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This book would make a great addition to a classroom/school library. The audience will empathize with the struggle these great athletes had to overcome to reach their dream. They will realize that dreams can come true if you are determined and are willing to overcome obstacles. (Anne Hatcher Resource Links - Volume 13, Number 3)"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket."Chinese proverbAnd I found the perfect pocketbook --Choice of Colours -- a snappy little 100-page pigskin paperback penned by Winnipeg's John Danakas. The director of public affairs at the University of Manitoba has crafted a children's book about "another era" in football -an era 50 years ago when "the NFL wasn't black quarterback friendly."This captivating children's book is a gem for big kids, too. (Cecilia Carter-Smith Hamilton Spectator)Choice of Colours is a book that will likely appeal to younger football fans, and is a worthy read for older fans as well. (Paul Garrison Paw

Prints) Danakas ... creates a very readable work that will appeal to sports enthusiasts and young social scientists. (Val Ken Lem Canadian Review of Materials, Vol. XIV, Number 12)

JOHN DANAKAS is the author of five children's novels and one non-fiction book for young adults. His book Hockey Night in Transcona was an Ontario Silver Birch Award finalist. Curve Ball, Lizzie's Soccer Showdown, and Hockey Heroes are all Canadian Children's Book Centre Our Choice selections. He lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

This is a children's book. I highly recommend it to the nine- or ten-year old sports fan. I would like to give it five stars, but I cannot because of the factual errors which an editor should have picked up. For example, the author says that the USC Trojans are the team of the University of South Carolina. He also says that the famous McGill-Harvard game was played in Montreal rather than Cambridge. PS - I forgot to say that although I recommend this fine little book, it is far too expensive. This should be no more than \$5.98 tops.

William C. Rhoden, myself and other authors have tackled the subject of black QBs before and neither this author, nor Rhoden seem to present a complete picture. Rhoden almost completely misses the CFL (and naturally, Arena Football), and the Canadian author here, is very illiterate on the NFL/USFL/Arena Football, the latter two of these American leagues (and correctly the CFL) have always been very fair to ALL QBs, let alone just black ones. Bernie Custis was just a very good athlete, more so than just a QB and was ALL-CFL at both QB and RB. His career was very short because of a leg injury, not prejudice. The problem with 'specially' books like this Canadian entry on black QBs, which the author has some sort of perverse fetish for, and say, John W's book of the B.C. Lions is, both are far leftists, who want to sensationalize the black QB experience in the CFL to sell books. What do you expect from frustrated Winnipeg Blue Bomber fans(?!), who's fading franchise [no longer community owned!] hasn't won a Grey Cup since 1990? Rich Salzer, Football Historian and 2% Owner of the Saskatchewan Roughriders

As an older football fan I can remember when if you were African American and you wanted to play quarterback you had to go to Canada to play professional football. For those of you who didn't know you should read this book to get an insight on the subject matter. Great read.

Great read on how black QB's had to take the long road to play their position professionally

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