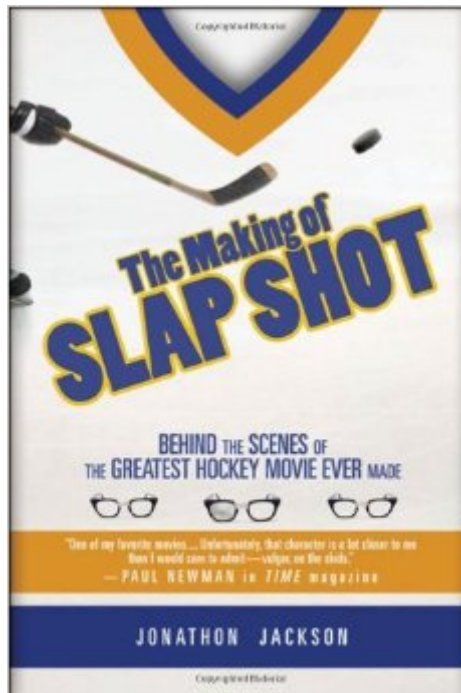


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The Making Of Slap Shot: Behind The Scenes Of The Greatest Hockey Movie Ever Made



Synopsis

How a movie about minor league hockey became a box office hit-and an international cult classic Even thirty-odd years after Slap Shot's release, diehard hockey fans can still recite scenes of dialogue by heart, making lines like "putting on the foil" just common argot for the devoted. Yet many may be surprised to learn that the true story behind the making of the film is as captivating as the film itself. In The Making of Slap Shot, veteran sports writer Jonathon Jackson lets fans not only relive just how the film was made, but brings to light surprising facts (i.e., Al Pacino was the first choice for the role of Reggie Dunlop; almost every scene-even the absurd and unbelievable ones-depicts a real life event). With access to those involved in the making of the film, he brings to life some of the magic behind the creation of memorable scenes and characters, especially the Charleston Chiefs, one of the most popular fictional sports teams in history. Based on interviews with over 50 cast members, production staff, and anyone of note involved in the film's creation Destined to be a collectible and keepsake (along with the jerseys, bobbleheads, and other paraphernalia associated with the film), The Making of Slapshot is a must for fans eager to learn even more about their favorite film.

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Some people say that "Slap Shot" is the best hockey movie ever made. Pffft. Hockey fans will tell you that "Slap Shot" is the greatest movie of all time. And then will recite lines and lines of dialogue about the movie without prompting. It's taken more than 30 years, but Jonathon Jackson has come

up with the full story about this classic in "The Making of Slap Shot." About time. "Slap Shot" was made in 1976 and released within the next year. It's the story of a minor league hockey team that's ready to go under, and turns into the toughest team in the Federal League in an effort to intimidate opponents. It works. The Charlestown Chiefs go on a memorable winning streak. The cast of the movie is topped by Paul Newman -- yes, that Paul Newman -- in one of his favorite film roles. He's the player-coach who knows he's close to the end of the road as a player and as a coach with this group. Reggie Dunlop isn't exactly a hero here, but he hits the right notes in bringing the character to life nicely as the center of the film. The supporting cast worked well under the direction of George Roy Hill. The script is the key to the movie, written by Nancy Dowd who had her brother tape-record the style of conversation on his hockey team. She gets the tone exactly right, as anyone who has been around a hockey team will tell you, and gets laughs everywhere. The book's author makes a great point that while toning down the vile language might have helped the box office quite a bit -- and we weren't used to such talk back then in our movies -- it did make it a better movie.

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