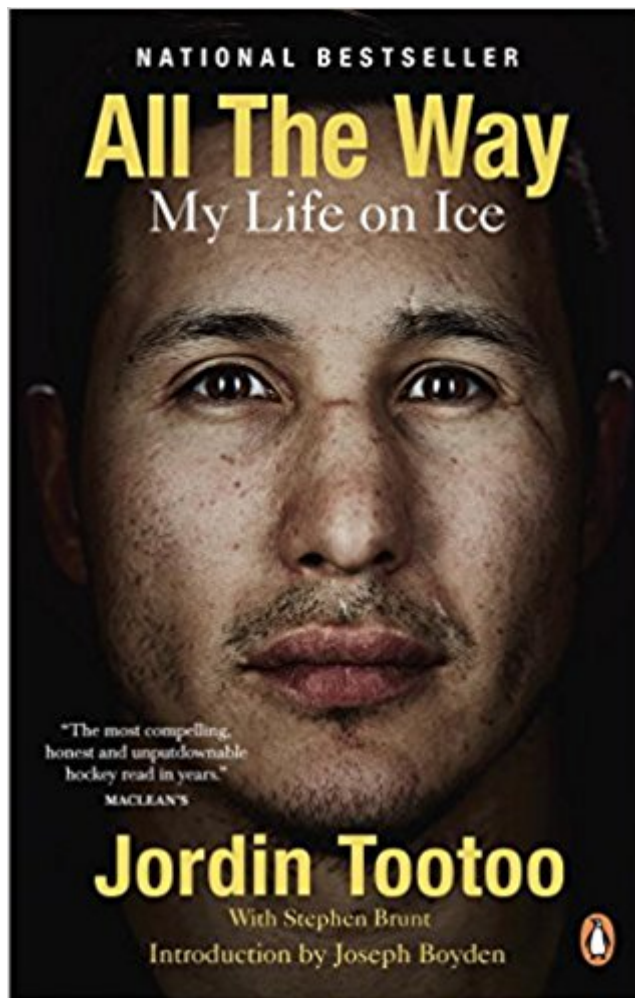




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# All The Way: My Life On Ice



## Synopsis

The bestselling story of a true warrior's toughest battle, now in paperback. It seemed as though nothing could stop Jordin Tootoo on the ice. The captain, a fan favourite, a star in international competition, Tootoo was always a leader. And when he was drafted by Nashville in 2001 and made the Predators out of camp in 2003, he became a leader in another way--as the first player of Inuk descent to suit up in the NHL. All the challenges and pressure would have been more than enough for any rookie, but Tootoo faced something far more difficult: the tragic loss of his older brother before his first shift for the Predators. Though he played through it, Tootoo suffered from many of the same problems that have plagued so many people from his community. In 2010, he checked himself into rehab for alcohol addiction. It seemed as though a promising career had ended too soon. But that's not the way Tootoo saw it and not the way it would end. Told in Tootoo's bold voice, with contributions by Stephen Brunt, arguably one of the best sportswriters, *All the Way* is the searing, honest tale of a young man who has risen to every challenge but all too nearly fell short in the toughest game of all.

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JORDIN TOOTOO plays right wing for the NHL New Jersey Devils and has also played for the Detroit Red Wings and the Nashville Predators. Of Inuit and Ukrainian descent, he is both the first Inuk player and the first player to grow up in Nunavut to participate in the NHL. STEPHEN BRUNT is currently with Sportsnet, co-host on The FAN 590's Prime Time Sports with Bob McCown, and contributing writer for Sportsnet Magazine and sportsnet.ca. Previously, he was a columnist at The Globe and Mail. He is the author of the #1 national bestselling Searching for Bobby Orr; Gretzky's Tears; Facing Ali; The Way it Looks from Here; Second to None: The Roberto Alomar Story; and Diamond Dreams: 20 Years of Blue Jays Baseball. Online: <https://twitter.com/jtootoo22>  
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Jordin and Terrance Tootoo were a big part of our local hockey team at the start of the club. OCN Blizzard have retired Terrance's number 22 since his passing. Like any small town we are proud of where Jordin is today and the care he has taken in his life to feel peace and happiness. The book gives a glimpse into Jordins' journey to become the person and player he is today. It was a great read and happy to see the love he feels for his brother. Great job Jordin.

Hockey Player Jordin Tootoo writes like he is having a conversation with the reader, which draws one vicariously into his life experiences. Really enjoyed learning about the Inuk Community or First Nations of Canada plus the narrative by Sports Author Mr. Stephen Brunt. Whereas I can't relate personally to Jordin's history of alcohol issues, I can as a Registered Nurse in Public Health. Thus his story serves as an inspiration for others who struggle like Jordin so honestly writes about. I also recommend Jordin's book for issues I can relate to, being called out for being of mixed diversity and surviving the painful suicide of a beloved sibling. If you are struggling or want to understand the mindset to overcome struggles in life with positivity and raw honesty, then Jordin TooToo's book is an all inspiring must read for you!

Good guy, inspiring story, but what a mess of a book. Repetitive, disorganized, full of conversational f-bombs. It's not much more than a transcript. The "professional writer" who put it together should be embarrassed. Sometimes a detail that had been shared before is "revealed" again. In the beginning, I thought his parents were role models who had turned their lives around, then he describes them as practicing alcoholics..

An interesting perspective. I chose this book to learn about how a person from such a different

upbringing made it into pro sports, and that is exactly what I got. What a wild ride. Brutally honest, funny at times, but sad and reflective as well. Quick read, too.

It's been a long time since I've read an autobiography and been unable to put it down. This is written in what I can only assume is the same way Jordin Tootoo talks and it's a very "easy" read accordingly. It's not truly easy, in that it talks about his struggles and his recovery (and it is his and he doesn't try to push his recovery as *The Way* and explicitly states that what works for him isn't going to work for others, but he does want to put it out there anyway). If you are a fan of hockey, a fan of Inuk/Nunavut culture or if you or your loved one is struggling with alcoholism, this is a book that'll make you laugh, cry and secretly wonder how many other people have similar stories in both real life and sports.

Poignant, funny and tragic all in one. Jordin Tootoo has survived things most of us would never even think of, and he has done it with grace. An old soul, he understands who he is and where he comes from. He makes no excuses, and offers no apologies. He is dynamic and charismatic, but like all of us he is mortal; he breaks and he bleeds. When he became serious about healing himself, he looked to his land and his culture for guidance. They are nothing, if not survivors themselves. It turns out, you can go home again. My hope is he will always find Peace and Terrence on the land. Good Luck Jordin.

Jordin Tootoo is my favorite hockey player and is a role model for children and adults everywhere. This book was so easy to read that I felt that he was talking directly to me. As a counselor who works in the mental health and addictions field, this was absolutely inspiring and touching. This book clearly demonstrates how our upbringing plays a major role in who we are in our adulthood. This book shows Tootoo's absolute dedication and hard work in not only his professional life as a hockey player, but also his personal life. This is an absolutely must read for anyone (even if you don't like hockey)!

Jordin Tootoo's writing is so candid and honest that at times it crushed my heart. I read this book a month ago and I still feel the ghosts of emotion it evoked hovering around me whenever I think about it. There's no "tell all", no salacious stories, no bravado - it's just a story about a man who quite honestly has made it much further in life than probably anyone would have expected. His candor, fortitude and courage are to be admired and honored. I sincerely could not put the book

down once I started it.

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