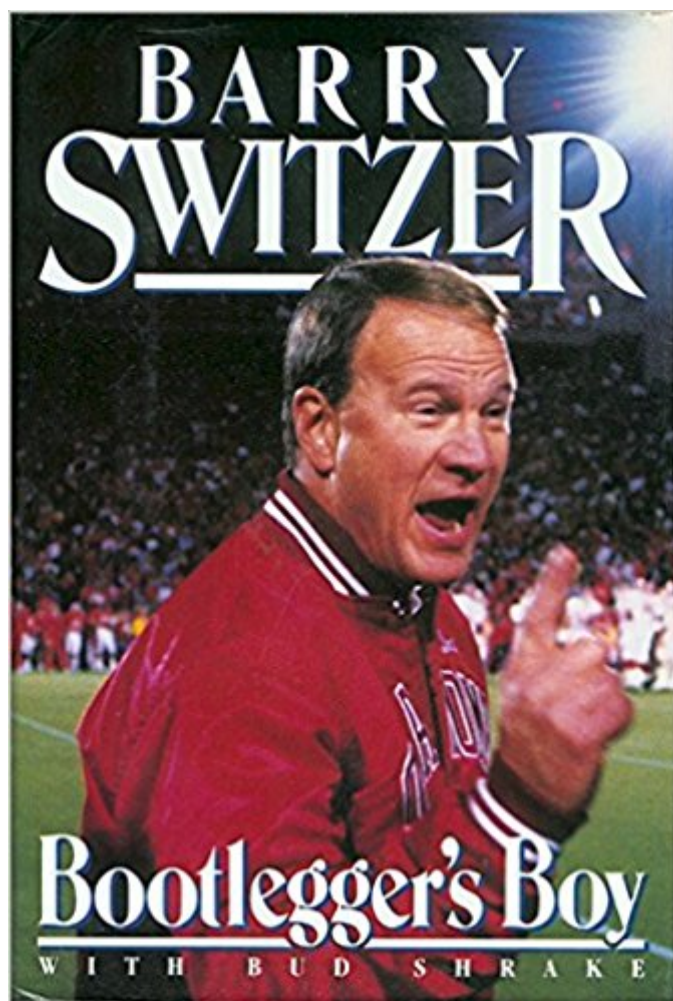


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Synopsis

As head coach of the Oklahoma Sooners, Barry Switzer was the fourth most successful coach in NCAA history. Both praised and reviled by the media as the "outlaw" of college football, Switzer was characterized as the "greatest rogue, pirate, hustler, and con man" ever to command a football team. Here, Switzer gets the chance to tell it all from his point of view. 2 cassettes. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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A great read. I only knew a few things about Coach Switzer that he won a National Championships and he could recruit with the best of coaches plus he was a players coach. I think with all that's gone down after this book done if things he was accused of pair in comparison and I'm not evens

Sooners fan.

A very very good read. Did not have a lot of respect for this gentleman until I read the book. This man knows about life , football and life after football. I discovered after reading this book that competitive coaches smeared his name and his ability because he was a step ahead of them and their programs. A very well written book that keeps you reading. Certainly in my opinion this book rates 5+ stars.

This book is something to be revered by Sooner fans. Barry's recounts of the great games and great people around OU's glorious runs in the 70s and 80s bears reading. I just re-read the book after keeping it down for a few years, and it just gets better with time. If any of you out there need ammo for those Barry bashers, you need this book. Barry Switzer is a great man, and every Sooner fan should remember that. Barry covers his childhood, personal struggles, and his years at Arkansas. He then talks about those great 70s teams that we know get to see on ESPN Classic. Probably the most interesting part is his line item by line item response to every NCAA violation that OU was found guilty of. Barry pulls no punches and is not afraid to admit guilt where he saw it. His candidness is something special. You might find this book hard to find, but try your hardest and hit the auction sites, etc, you should be able to turn it up, and you won't be sorry.

Read this, along with the controversial printings by Brian Bosworth (The Boz), and Charles Thompson (Down & Dirty...). Compare the variations and quickly discover who is forthright and honest in their writing. Thanks, Barry, for uncovering the truth and setting the record straight and centered!

i bought this for my mom as a gift. she is a switzer fan and really enjoyed this book. she has learned some things she never knew about him and was so happy to receive this.

Barry is my cousins Husband, so I might not give the best review, however, honestly it is a Great book. The upbringing of this man was less than "average" and to see his accomplishments in this life is remarkable. It is about the man more than about football, though I did enjoy the OU history throughout the book. Sent two copies to my Grandsons and hope they will enjoy and treasure them. Seriously, the book is well worth the money. Very enjoyable, easy reading.

This was a gift for my father and he really liked it. He read it fast and enjoyed it very much.

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