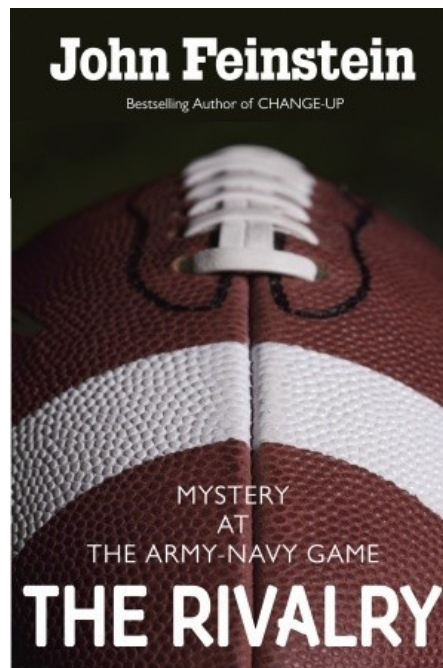




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"New York Times" bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein investigates a covert op at the Army-Navy football game in this exciting sports mystery.

The Black Knights of Army and the Midshipmen of Navy have met on the football field since 1890, and it's a rivalry like no other, filled with tradition.

Teen sports reporters Stevie and Susan Carol have been busy at West Point and Annapolis, getting to know the players and coaches--and the Secret Service agents. Since the president will be attending the game, security will be tighter than tight. Weeks and months have been spent on training and planning and reporting to get them all to this moment. But when game day arrives, the refs aren't the only ones crying foul. . . .

John Feinstein has been praised as "the best writer of sports books in America today" ("The Boston Globe"), and he proves it again in this fast-paced novel.

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Christina says

A solid entry in the series, although I was a little disappointed at the ho-hum nature of the mystery itself. Our heroes, Steve and Susan Carol, didn't do a whole lot of digging or sleuthing to figure it out. They just kind of put two and two together in a flash of inspiration, which is clever, but not as much fun to read about as doing actual investigating. The story is mostly all about the lead up to the Army-Navy college football game, and we get a lot of background on the history and tradition of it; I found that intriguing because I know nothing about that topic. And there's plenty of football action thanks to the flashbacks to the Army and Navy teams' two last games leading up to the big one. Stevie and Susan Carol get to shadow a Secret Service agent as part of their research for a newspaper story on the security aspect of protecting the President at the big game, and that too was interesting. But the romance is pretty much done now, because the two teens are dating long distance, and I was a little disappointed that there wasn't more to that angle of the story. (What can I say, I'm a romantic!)

Luca H says

I really enjoyed this book! I thought this book really makes you want to read, and learn about the history of the Army-Navy Game. Reading this book gave me a great understanding on the players of both teams, and how life is, being in the Military.

The story is about a 14-year-old girl named Susan Collins Anderson, and a boy named Stevie, who set out to right a newspaper on the rivalry of the Navy-Army game. Susan visits Naval Academy, and rights a report on how Midshipmen live. Susan also, gets to go to the Navy vs. Notre Dame game. While being at the Notre Dame game Susan writes a report on how she thought the game went. While she was talking about the game, she talked about the referees. She said, "The Refs were being unfair, and were calling all of the penalties on Navy." She also said, "Coach Kenny (Navy Coach) thought that the refs were making t hard on his players, and that this isn't fair to treat the players like this." At the end of the game the score was 21-14 Notre Dame.

On the other hand Stevie, set out to write a big report on West Point (Army). While being at Army he got to meet all of the coaches, and was able to interview many players on the Army team. When Stevie was visiting, he got to go to one of Army's Practices before the big game. While being at the practices, he learned how hard it is to be in the military, and to be an athlete at the same time. Players were saying that they have to wake up, then they have to go to class, and they can't miss the class, or they get in big trouble.

At the end of the story, the two teams come together, and play against each other. The only problem is the referees, are betting on the game, so no team is able to score. Every time a team scores there is a flag. Susan, and Stevie figure out that they are betting, and they call the FBI, and the refs get arrested for Federal Offense. Once they got arrested, the game had to go on, but they didn't know what referees they could use. Until Susan Anderson came up with an idea, her idea was to have the high school referees ref. "The game wouldn't be the best, but it will be better", Susan Anderson said. At the end of the game Army won with a 53-yard field goal.

I really enjoyed this book, and I would recommend this for any kid wanting to know more about Army-Navy. Also, I hope you would want to read this book, and if you do I hope you like it.

Alin8 says

The Rivalry

By John Feinstein

This book is a must-read for any sports fan ages 15 and under, and any mystery fan. Two teen reporters are assigned a huge project..... The Army-Navy game, being played in Washington D.C. The reporters, Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson, have been at it for two years since winning a writing award, and have never been more excited for an assignment. Before the big game, in the weeks leading up to it, they have to report on both teams. All the while, the government is getting involved, and sniffing through each team in preparation for the President's arrival. Stevie and Susan Carol also think something is fishy, and are putting together clues to figure out the mystery. They are on the right track, but something goes wrong, you'll just have to read the book to find out. This book really hit my tastebuds in the right way, as it gave a lot of insight on the Army-Navy game, and it's just one of the better sports-mystery books, as the mystery plot is very hard to guess. I guarantee you will be on the edge of your bed reading a mystery about the most historic sports event in the U.S.

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The rivalry book review

By Aidan O'Hern

The book The Rivalry by John Feinstein is an amazing book on the history and passion within the Famous rivalry of the Army-Navy game. This book is a realistic sports mystery meaning it never happens but it could happen. The book starts off with Stevie trying to convince his parents to let him go to army navy game and all the events he's asked to cover leading up to it. Throughout the story Stevie and Susan encounter some troubles including the referees and the calls they make in the navy army game and previously in the navy neater dame game. This book will keep you wondering why the refs would do such a thing until then end the ending I would recommend this book to sports fans in 6th-8th grade and boys and girls because there is a boy character and a girl character. This book deserves a 4.5 stars because of the story and history behind the army-navy game and John Feinstein does a very good job in the end talking about true facts in the end.

Gavin Johal says

This book the rivalry is about the Army and the Navy playing football. Army are going to different plan to go over and try to beat. And the Navy is try to do the same thing but watching it on tv and calculate the exact move of the defense of playing that how they are going to win and read the book to find out what is going to happen.

Tom Kreisa says

I really like my book Mystery At The Army Navy Game The Rivalry. I like how it has a lot of informational sports facts. Another thing I like about it is that they use real people like President Obama and also has real team rivalries in this book. The mystery part of the book i really intriguing when the refs are sided with a bet that the game score will be zero to zero, so they make very bad calls and change the game completely. Word gets around and the two main characters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carroll went to the president and told him about what was going on. The refs are soon replaced before the start of the second half. One thing I did not like about the book was the ending, the game was tied twenty four to twenty four going into over time and then it ends. But a positive about that you can make your own ending and see who you want to win the rivalry. Over all this was a very good book!

Luke says

After the last Stevie/Susan Carol book, I'm not so sure about Feinstein anymore, but I'm hoping this will be just as good as the first three books of the series.

Amy says

Slow and unbelievable....sure, 2 fourteen year olds are writing for major newspapers and interviewing the President...I think not. How may kids would know or care who Woodward was? I just don't believe anything in this series and the overwhelming use of sports stats just puts me to sleep. Maybe die-hard sports fans love them but this was a snooze. Read "Running Dream" or "Soccerland" for a sports story with heart.

Pauline says

As much as I love the Army-Navy game, I could not like this book. The plot was silly, unrealistic and the ending anti-climatic. The writing was poor, even for a young-adult book. The only thing I liked was how it showed how amazing the two teams are and how wonderful their traditions are. I gave it two stars only because it was about the Army-Navy game.

Hayden Peirce says

The Rivalry Mystery at the Army-Navy Game is about writers Stevie Thomas and Susan Anderson reporting on the story of the army and navy game. The book starts with Stevie and Susan getting assigned to different jobs for a backstory of the Army-Navy game. Stevie goes to Westpoint to report on the life of a cadet. Susan goes to the Army-Notre Dame game and writes a story. She completely talks down about how bad the referees were. At the pregame of the Army-Navy game Stevie and Susan began to realize this was not an ordinary game. There were secret service agents everywhere sweeping the stadium for possible threats. They were looking for potential dangers to the president. For three chapters the story follows Stevie and Campbell meeting very important people and delivering the gun to the head ref. These were the same refs as the ones at the Notre Dame game. There was something suspicious about these read this book to find out.

I believe that this book has a lot of sport related action, however, I did not find it drawing me in as a mystery book. I found the nostalgia of the game the only thing that was able to hold my interest. For me I enjoyed the references to Duke and North Carolina, also the references to the blue bloods of college football. This book was an amazing source of fun and history for me because I enjoy college football.

If I were to recommend this book to a friend they would have to understand college football like I do. Not anyone can pick up this book and expect to understand it. If you are looking for just a mystery novel this book is not for you. If you are looking for a book full of references to college sports you will enjoy this book. "When it finally came, the players streamed from the tunnel. Two players carried the American flag, and five cheerleaders streaked across the field carrying massive flags that said N, A, V, Y, and GO MIDS! The crowd on the navy side went crazy. Stevie noticed Dobbs and Middleton, escorted by cops and at least one Secret Service agent, break away to head for midfield." This quote represents one of the peak moments in the novel, right before the game starts.

Sam B says

When I first started reading this book, I expected another good book from John Feinstein. I enjoyed "Cover Up", in the series because it has the main characters-Steve Thomas and Susan Carol-going on a over the top chase to try to uncover a Super Bowl conspiracy. However, this book is mostly about the president and the traditions that take place during the Army-Navy game. Half the book is about how classy the players on the team are and there is no real action. The football scenes in this game are boring and dull because, lets face it, Army and Navy aren't very good. I found myself being bored by this book and was disappointed by the book itself. If you are interested in a book that will put you to sleep then this is the book for you.

Billy says

This year I read the book The Rivalry by John Feinstein. Overall, this book was an ok book. It's not one of my favor books but it's also not one of my worst books on my lists. One reason why I didn't really like this book is because it is a slow pace book. I really liked the two main characters (Susan and Stevie). I did like the book because of the sports ties and the events inside the story. I really liked how during the plays of the football games you would feel like you are actually there.

Overall, I would recommend this book to someone. This book may not be the best book of all but it is definitely a book to put on your list. I would recommend this book to someone that enjoys reading books about football. I would recommend this to a person that likes football because the book is based around football. If you don't really like this sport the book will not interest you that much. So if you are looking for a fun book to read and enjoy watching, playing, or reading about football this is a book that you will want to

read.

Madison says

I absolutely fell in with The Rivalry and I couldn't stop reading it. All though, I had higher expectations at how the start of the book was written, it got better by the end. The Rivalry had a really good plot, that it made the book impossible to put down. One con of this book though is that it took a long time to build up to the plot. The plot was very detailed but I thought it took too long to build up to the rivalry game against Army. I also think the plot took so long to build up because there was too much detail. But, overall, I thought it was a good book. I really liked this book because there was a mystery going with the refs at the Navy and Notre dame game and it carried on until the Navy and Army game until two teenage reporters solved the case. I recommend reading The Rivalry if you are into mysteries and football.

Joseph S says

“The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game” by John Feinstein, is a fictional mystery book that was published in 2010. It takes place during the cold harsh winters. Susan Carol Anderson and Stevie Thomas are two 14 year old kids aspiring to be sportswriters for the newspaper. These two together are deemed a dynamic duo of sports writing. They are given an unique opportunity of covering the Army-Navy rivalry game. However, they will run into a bit of a bit of trouble. I found this book in my closet and the storyline sounded interesting to me.

Stevie and Susan Carol get invited to cover the Army-Navy football game. This game is arguably the best rivalry in college football. They go through the procedures that the secret service must endure because the president was going to attend the game. Although nothing goes wrong for the secret service's protection, something happens that nobody would expect. Stevie and Susan Carol start to find things fishy when everytime a team scored during the game, there was a penalty flag thrown by an official. They soon find out that the officials are betting on the game. Therefore, they are not allowing either team to score to win the game. In the end, Stevie and Susan Carol get the officials arrested during the game and the game continues with new officials.

The ending of the book was interesting. The whole book was informative and all of the sudden it turned into a mystery with a plot. Even though this was the 5th book in a series. I was still able to understand what was happening because it was only the characters. My favorite part of the book was when it started to get interesting; introducing the plot and adding suspense to the story.

It seemed like I was waiting for some sort of plot to happen until the end of the book. The entire book was about the traditions and procedures that go on during the Army-Navy Rivalry games. Learning about the traditions was interesting except if I wanted to read about the Army-Navy game I could get a pamphlet. Some similar books to this novel would be sports and mystery books. I would suggest this book to anyone that likes to learn about the traditions of certain aspects in college and professional football.

Dwight Ternes says

Average at best. Gave it 2 stars out of respect to Army & Navy.
