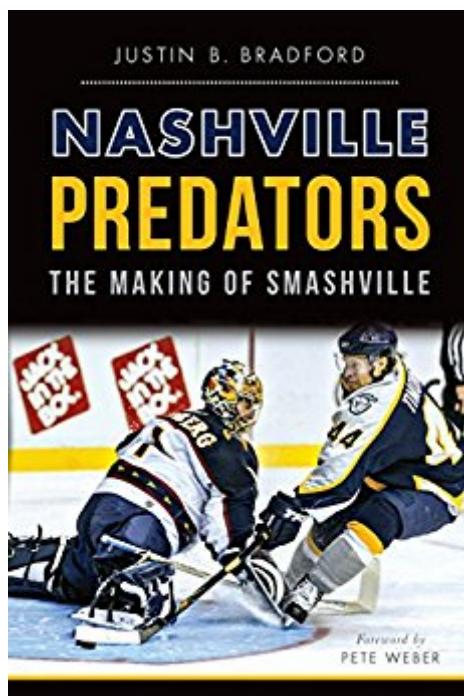


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Synopsis

Nashville may be the country music capital, but local hockey fans know it as Smashville. The Predators adopted their name from the bones of a saber-toothed tiger found beneath a local building. Craig Leipold first purchased the expansion rights in 1997, and the team quickly built a loyal following. It won twenty-eight games in the inaugural season. Twelve seasons later, the team finished second in the Central Division and appeared in its first-ever conference semifinals. One year later, it finally dispatched its long-standing rival Detroit Red Wings 4-1 in the opening round of the playoffs. Author Justin Bradford details the fascinating history through unique player anecdotes and perspectives from those involved in the team's rise to prominence.

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The few that are out there- such as "Hockey Tonk" (By former owner Craig Leipold), are good but maybe a little one side. This one comes through and does a great job telling the history, from the viewpoint of those who lived it on the inside for the first 17 years. Justin conducted all the interviews himself- preferring to really get down and get the real story then just using canned quotes. I really enjoyed how open and honest David Poile, Barry Trotz and Craig Leipold were about forming the team, naming the team, and the early years. It's always hard to tell a story when you have a word limit. When the publisher tells you a book has to come in under a word-count things get left out. Justin does a great job in packing as many stories, facts, and anecdotes as possible into the pages. The book is filled with great pics (H/t Don Olea, Kristen Jerkins, and more) that really help bring back the memories of the team. I think this book is a great read for anyone young or old who is interested in not just the Nashville Predators Hockey Team, or the NHL, but sports in general. It's a great read on what it takes to build a franchise and build a fan base. But you don't have to take my word for it...

This book is a great history of Nashville Predators hockey. Whether you have been with this team since the beginning or are just coming around to the sport, this book is worth your time.

Excellent dive into the Predators history. Well written.

This is a fabulous book! It is very well written and the pictures are great!

Was really excited to read this, however instead of a fun story of an upstart, underdog franchise, we got something that reads more like a textbook that is required reading between 5th and 6th grade. Given that it's his first book, I suppose it's understandable. Book also seems to gloss over certain less-savory aspects of the franchise.

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