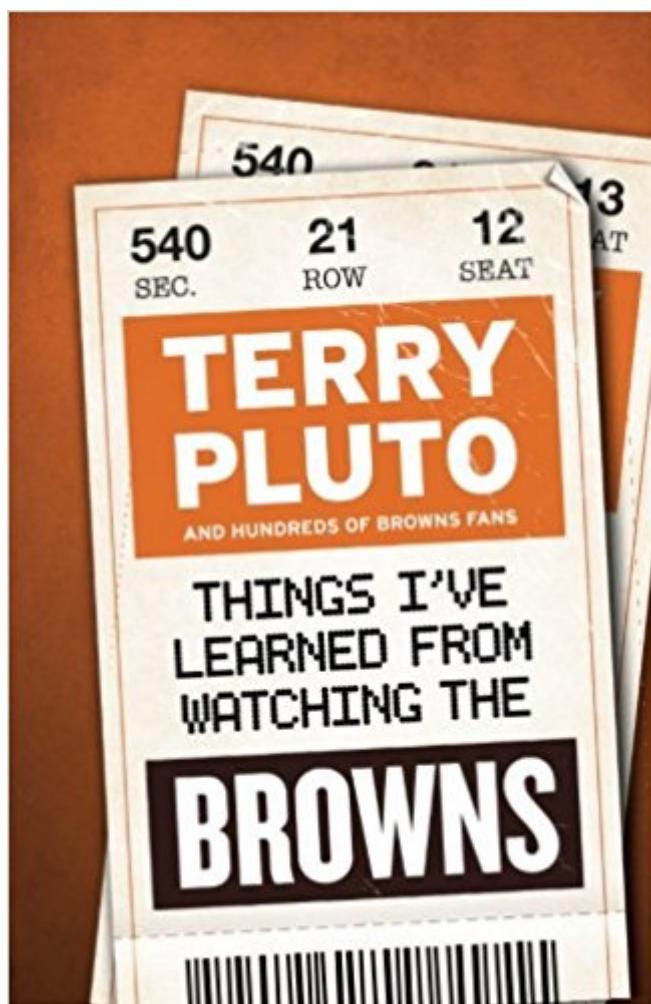


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# Things I've Learned From Watching The Browns



## Synopsis

“For dedicated Browns fans [the book is] like leafing through an old family photo album.”  
BlogCritics.comHere’s a question for any Browns fan: Why? Why, more than four long decades after your team’s last championship . . . despite a relentless pattern of heartbreak, teasing, and more heartbreak . . . capped with a decade of utter futility . . . do you still stick with the Cleveland Browns? Veteran sportswriter Terry Pluto gets a daily barrage of email from fans letting their hearts bleed out orange and brown. So he decided to ask his readers: Just what is it about this team that makes you love them, hate them, and still keep coming back for more? A thousand fans responded in detail. Their stories along with interviews with former players and Pluto’s own expert analysis deliver the answer. Answers, actually. Because like any intense relationship, it’s a little complicated . . .Covering the Browns from 1964 through present day, this book does for Cleveland football what Pluto’s classic about the Indians, *The Curse of Rocky Colavito*, did for Cleveland baseball: It won’t make the pain go away, but it might help you remember why it’s worth enduring.

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A must-read for any fan. (Ashtabula Star Beacon 2010-11-30)Full of information that even longtime Cleveland Browns fans may not have known. (Mike Lesko Record Publishing 2010-12-15)Pluto shares credit as author with “hundreds of Browns fans,” who sent him their stories about cheering for the team and, if they’re lucky, meeting and befriending the players . . . For dedicated Browns fans [the book is] like leafing through an old family photo album. (Damian

Terry Pluto is a sports columnist for The Plain Dealer. He has twice been honored by the Associated Press Sports Editors as the nation's top sports columnist for medium-sized newspapers. He is a nine-time winner of the Ohio Sports Writer of the Year award and has received more than 50 state and local writing awards. In 2005 he was inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame. He is the author of 23 books, including *The Curse of Rocky Colavito* (selected by the New York Times as one of the five notable sports books of 1989), and *Loose Balls*, which was ranked number 13 on Sports Illustrated's list of the top 100 sports books of all time. He was called "Perhaps the best American writer of sports books" by the Chicago Tribune in 1997. He lives in Akron, Ohio.

Pluto comments on dozens of e-mails submitted by Browns fans, along with anecdotes on the club's history--more on the real Browns than the current piece of @##%\$%^#. Worthwhile but lacks the humor of "Loose Balls", etc.

Fantastic book!!! Anyhow who lived through these different Browns teams, and Cleveland sports in general, will absolutely love reading these stories. These stories are why we love the Browns. This book captures Cleveland Browns history.

Terry Pluto speaks to me. I have followed him since I was a kid and he was a journalist for the Akron Beacon Journal. This is a must have for every Browns fan. I cried a couple of times while reading about family members bonding over the joy and misery of being a Browns fan.

TERRY PLUTO DOES IT AGAIN WITH A GREAT BOOK ABOUT WHY FANS STILL ARE INTERESTED IN THE BROWNS. THE BOOK COVERS MANY BROWNS PLAYERS AND MOMENTS. ALONG THE WAY, THE FANS WRITE ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE PLAYER OR MEMORY. FROM THE DRIVE TO PAUL BROWN IT IS ALL DISCUSSED. I HAVE READ MOST BOOKS BY TERRY AND THIS IS ANOTHER WINNER. HE IS MY FAVORITE WRITER FOR THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER. ALL IN ALL THIS IS A GREAT READ FOR ALL BROWNS FANS. VERY RECOMMENDED.

Great book for longtime Browns fans.

If you are a Browns fan, then this is a Must Read. I am not a big book reader, the first chapter has got to catch my interest if the book has the chance to be read. This book caught 150% of my attention as I found at times I had to force myself to stop reading. It puts all the history, excitement, misfortune, and everything else we go through as Die-Hard Browns Fans. Pluto has to be one of the best sports writers there is or maybe has ever been. He brings up very interesting points and backs them with both facts from history and opinions of the Fans. This book makes me proud to be a Browns Fan! I highly Recommend that every Browns fan and Future Browns Fan Read this book!

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