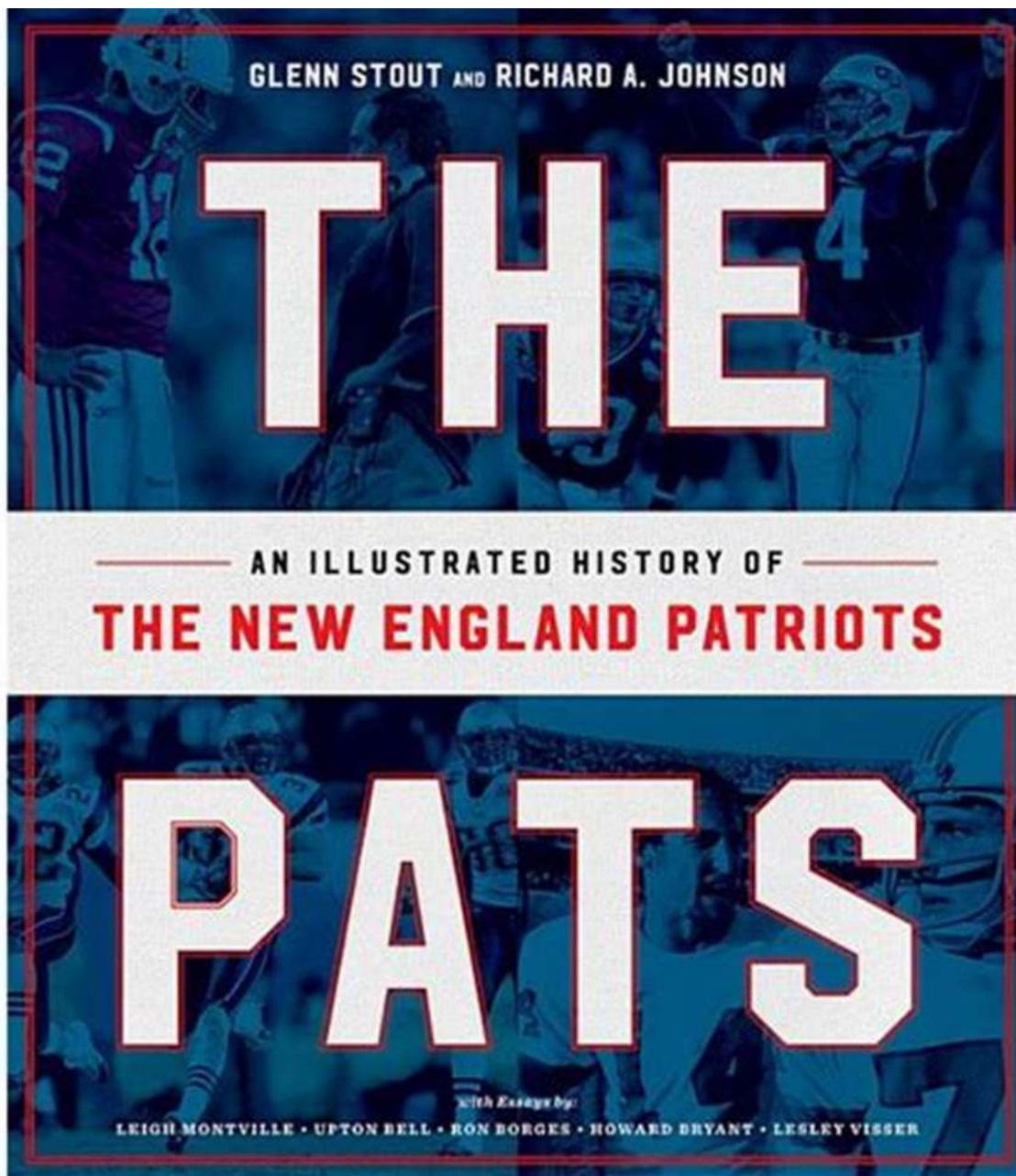


# The Unforgettable Journey: An Illustrated History Of The New England Patriots

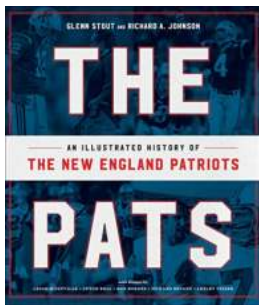


When discussing dynasties in the National Football League, one team that cannot be ignored is the New England Patriots. For two decades, the Patriots have dominated the league, achieving unparalleled success under the guidance of head coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady. This article takes you on

an awe-inspiring journey through the illustrious history of the New England Patriots, from their humble beginnings to their record-breaking Super Bowl triumphs.

## The Early Years: Building the Foundation

The New England Patriots were established in 1959 as the Boston Patriots, joining the American Football League (AFL). Their humble beginnings were fraught with challenges, as they struggled to find stability during their early years. However, everything changed in 1971 when Robert Kraft, a successful businessman and ardent football enthusiast, purchased the team. With Kraft's unwavering dedication, the Patriots began their transformation into a thriving franchise.



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## A New Era Dawns: The Belichick-Brady Partnership

In 2000, the Patriots hired Bill Belichick as their head coach, marking the beginning of a new era in the franchise's history. Belichick, known for his meticulous attention to detail and strategic brilliance, quickly turned the team into

a force to be reckoned with. In the same year, the Patriots drafted Tom Brady, a relatively unknown quarterback from the University of Michigan. Little did they know that this decision would change the course of NFL history.

## **The First Championship: The Birth of a Dynasty**

With Belichick at the helm and Brady leading the offense, the New England Patriots won their first Super Bowl in 2002, defeating the heavily favored St. Louis Rams. This victory marked the beginning of a dynasty that would leave an indelible mark on the league. With three Super Bowl victories in four years, the Patriots established themselves as the team to beat.

## **Record-Breaking Success: The Brady-Belichick Legacy**

Over the next decade, the Patriots continued to dominate the NFL, winning numerous division titles and consistently making deep playoff runs. The Brady-Belichick partnership became the epitome of success, leading the team to a record-breaking nine Super Bowl appearances. They achieved the extraordinary feat of winning six of those Super Bowls, solidifying their status as the greatest quarterback-coach duo in NFL history.

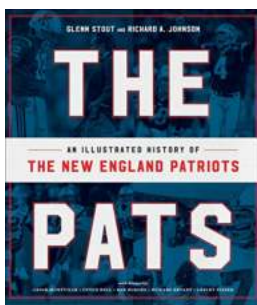
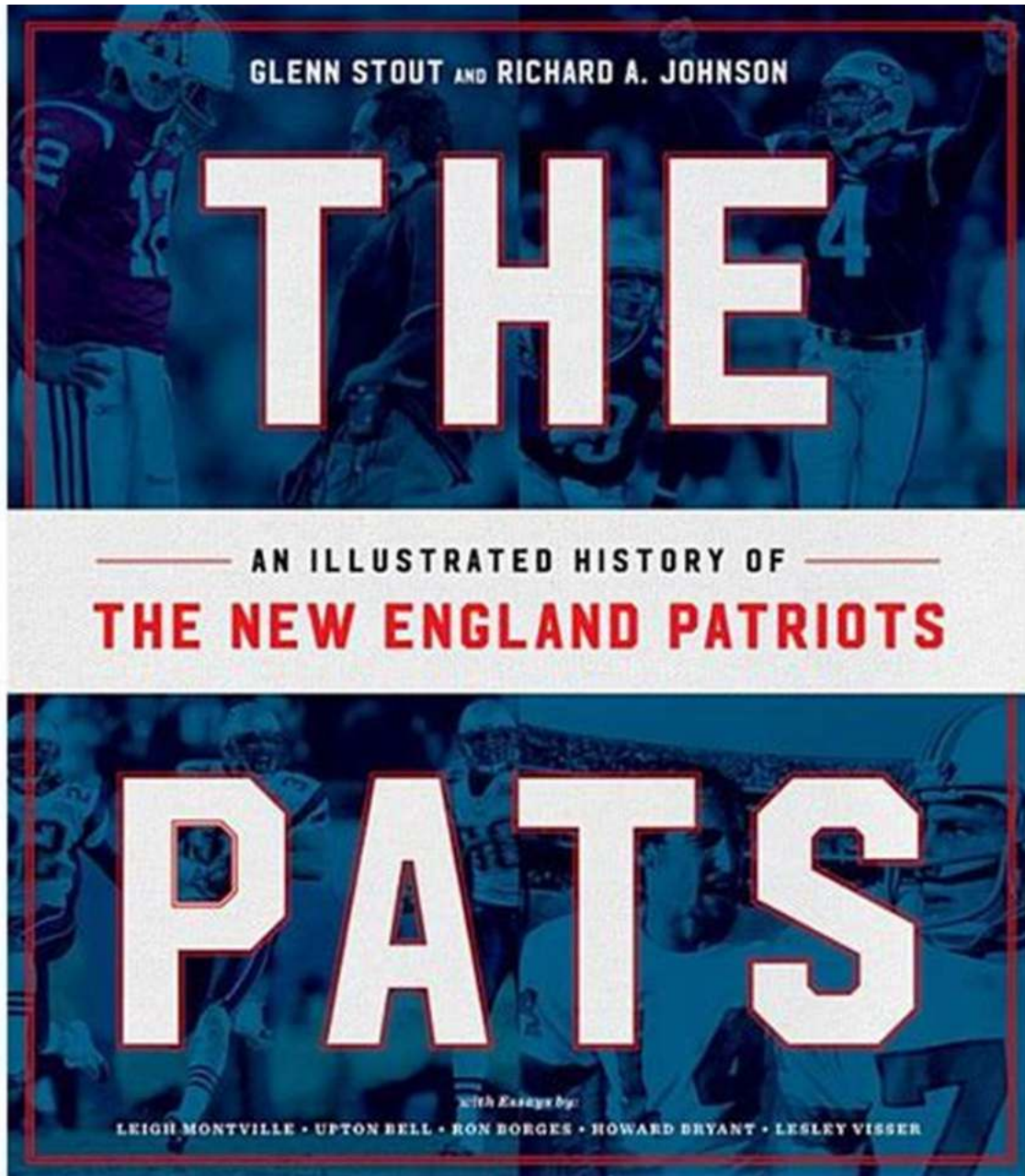
## **Building a True Dynasty**

What sets the New England Patriots apart is not just their impressive Super Bowl victories. It is their ability to sustain success year after year, continually replenishing their roster and adapting to ever-changing circumstances. The Patriots have consistently showcased their ability to identify and develop talent, finding hidden gems in the draft and transforming them into integral pieces of their winning formula.

## **A Legacy for the Ages**

As we reflect on the illustrious history of the New England Patriots, it becomes clear that they have left an indelible mark on the sport of football. The combination of Bill Belichick's genius coaching strategies and Tom Brady's unparalleled quarterbacking skills will forever be etched in NFL history. The Patriots' dominance in the 21st century serves as a testament to their unwavering dedication, relentless pursuit of excellence, and commitment to success.

The New England Patriots' journey from underdogs to dynastic champions is a story that inspires football fans and athletes alike. From the struggles of their early years to the record-breaking Super Bowl victories, the Patriots have truly etched their name in football lore. Their story serves as a reminder that with determination, teamwork, and a clear vision, amazing accomplishments can be achieved. The New England Patriots will forever be remembered as a dynasty that revolutionized the game, leaving an unforgettable legacy for generations to come.



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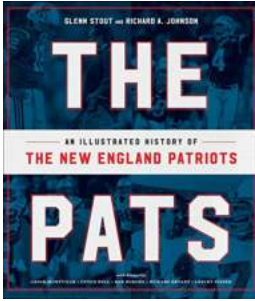


The first book to tell the complete story of the Patriots, featuring thorough research, archival photos, and essays from notable authors, journalists, and local celebrities

The New England Patriots have become a dynasty, though it didn't begin that way. Love 'em, hate 'em, the Pats have captured this country's attention like no other franchise. From two award-winning authors this is the first complete story of a legendary team and its five championship trophies.

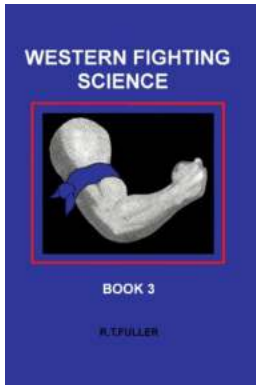
In the tradition of their celebrated illustrated histories of some of sports' most iconic franchises, Stout and Johnson tell the history in full and in colorful detail. This is a lavishly illustrated tale full of larger-than-life characters – from founding owner Billy Sullivan, early stars like Syracuse running back Jim Nance and beloved wide receiver turned broadcaster Gino Cappelletti, to Hall of Famers and stars like John Hannah, Russ Francis, and Steve Grogan through to present-day stars like Tom Brady and Bill Belichick and owner Bob Kraft.

Featuring essays by Richard Johnson, Upton Bell, Leigh Montville, Howard Bryant, Ron Borges, Lesley Visser and more, The Pats is a must-have gift for fans, old and new, and an indelible portrait of the most talked about team in NFL history.



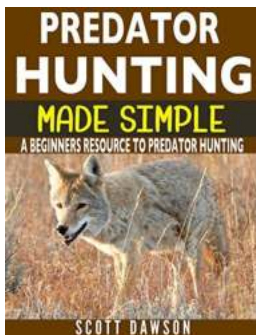
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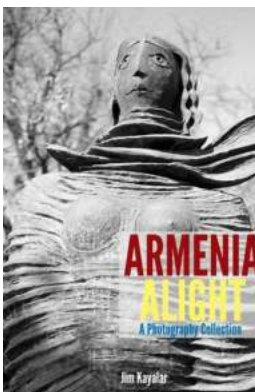
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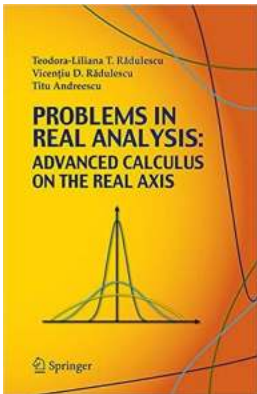
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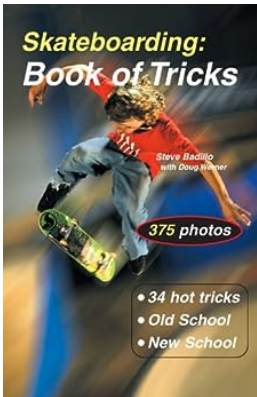
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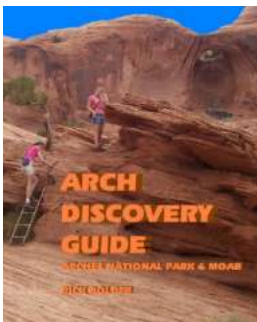
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