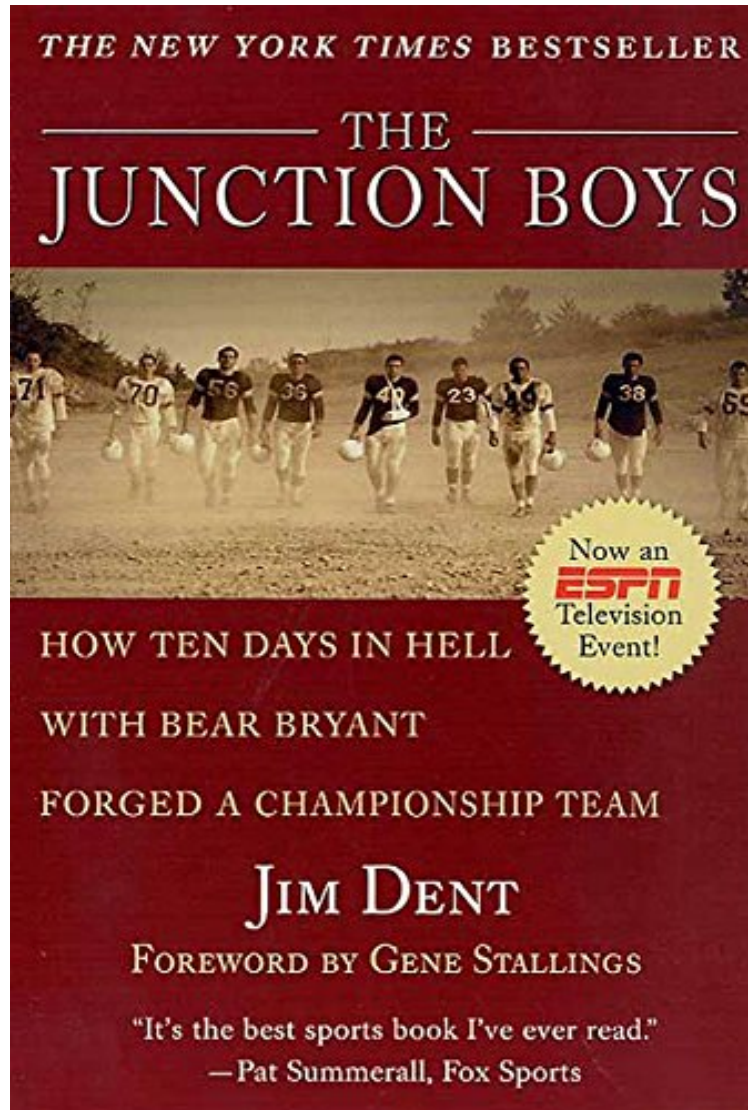


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Bear Bryant or even heard of the fabled coach. Dent retells the tale of how 111 boys went into the Texas backwoods, and how only 35 survived. When you finish this book, it's hard to believe what the boys had to put up through, and why some of them even stayed around. Although the yarn of Junction is covered through only a few chapters, it's important to know how the Texas AM program came from the ashes before Bryant to a respected and fear team after Junction. From this book you'll learn the meaning of perseverance, dedication and hard work. You'll never complain about how hard something is until you've been put through Junction. A town during the mid 50's that was in drought and just about desolate. Then you'll learn about who Bear Bryant is. A man who didn't know the meaning of quit. Who knew hard work and the will to win. If you thought Lombardi or a Parcells or even a Bobby Knight was incorrigible, then you never met Bear Bryant. If you want to pick up a great book on everything described above, then the Junction Boys is the place to start. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Really enjoyable but some questionable references! Von Alan I really enjoyed this book but I have some "research" questions for Jim Dent: (1) Early in the book Dent has Bear Bryant calling someone a "wimp" for lightly knocking on a door. Was anyone actually using the word "wimp" in 1954? (2) Dent has someone listening to Bob Wills' "Faded Love" on the jukebox. "...the saddest song Weasel had ever heard, the voice belonging to the great Western swinger himself, Bob Wills..." Hmmm. Bob Wills wrote and produced the song several times, but did he ever sing lead on Faded Love? Not on any version I've ever heard. (3). One of the boys gets bitten several times by "fire ants" in Junction. Were there fire ants in Kimble County in the summer of 1954? (4) On the bus to Junction: "Goatherd Jones pulled a transistor radio from his blanket and some of the boys started singing along with Toy Caldwell (on the radio)" Wow! If it's the Toy Caldwell I'm thinking of (leader of the 70's 80's Marshall Tucker Band) he must have been around 8 years old at the time. And even though the transistor was invented in 1948... were there Aggies carrying around transistor radios in their blankets in the summer of 1954??? This book reminds me of watching a well acted movie version of Robin Hood and trying to ignore the occasional telephone pole and airplane in the background. I do recommend this book! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good story of a mean man Von Pat Carrigan While much of the book may be true the one thing that stood out for me was the reality of Coach Bryant's carelessness with his players. Yes you have to work to become better, but Coach Bryant's I don't care attitude is the real story of this book. His unconcern with their physical, mental, and emotional well-being shows what kind a man Coach Bryant really was. While he may be an icon in college football this book shows his true feelings about his players. Only after players are subjected to physical hardship and almost die does Coach Bryant show any caring. This caring is only because it would be bad for Coach Bryant not for the player if the player died. While some may read this book and laugh at the workouts and giggle when someone goes down, I found it to be harsh punishment for the sake of harsh punishment. I did not read much coaching in the book as far as plays or technique is concerned. Yes there was some but the main idea was to knock heads just to knock heads. Also the book glorifies the Junction experience as THE reason the Aggies won. Not so. No one wins without talent. With only 8 boys surviving the Junction "field trip" the real reason the Aggies won were the talented freshman that were left behind. The book was good in showing the personality of a man, while being a "good" football coach, who was just mean to be mean. Like head knocking just to head knock. Just working with no purpose except to work.

Kurzbeschreibung The legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant is recognized nationwide as one of the greatest coaches ever. So why did he always cite his 1-9 AM team of 1954 as his favorite? This is the story of a remarkable team - and the beginning of the legend. The Junction Boys tells the story of Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's legendary training camp in the small town of Junction, Texas. In a move that many consider the salvation of the Texas AM football program, Coach Bryant put 115 players through the most grueling practices ever imagined. Only a handful of players survived the entire 10 days, but they braved the intense heat of the Texas sun and the burning passion of their coach, and turned a floundering team into one of the nation's best. The Junction Boys is more than just a story of tough practices without water breaks. An extraordinary fellowship was forged from the mind-numbing pain. The thirty-five survivors bonded together like no other team in America. They profited from the Junction experience; the knowledge they took back with them to College Station, about themselves and what they were capable of, would be used for the rest of their lives. In vivid and powerful images reminiscent of Friday Night Lights, Hoosiers, and The Last Picture Show, these young men and their driven coach come to life. The Junction Boys contains all the hallmarks of a classic sports story, and it combines America's love of college football with an extraordinary story of perseverance and triumph. de When Bear Bryant took over the Texas AM football program in 1954, he inherited a team that had lost its last five games by a combined score of 133-41. That season more than 100 Aggie hopefuls arrived in the small town of Junction for the first practice of a now legendary training camp. The sun bore down. The drills escalated. Trainers doled out water like gold, and meals and accommodations were horribly spartan. Ten hellish days later, only 34 remained to form the 1954 team that would only win one game, but those survivors--and that's what they were--formed the nucleus of the squad that would go undefeated just two years later. This is the story of that team, that coach, the 10 days that shook their

world, and the seasons they played together. "We lost alot (sic) of games," recalls Gene Stallings, who endured those days as a player and eventually followed Bryant as head coach both at AM and Alabama, "but Coach Bryant knew what he was doing. Out of the yellow dust and the broiling heat of Junction, he forged a team of champions." Jim Dent's evocative recounting is so real and immediate you'll feel your throat getting scratchy as you read. You'll also feel remarkable respect for the players who toughed it out--and for Bryant, who begins as a man possessed, but, day after day, as he breaks the backs of some and helps instill true grit in others, transforms into a human being. --Jeff Silverman.com

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