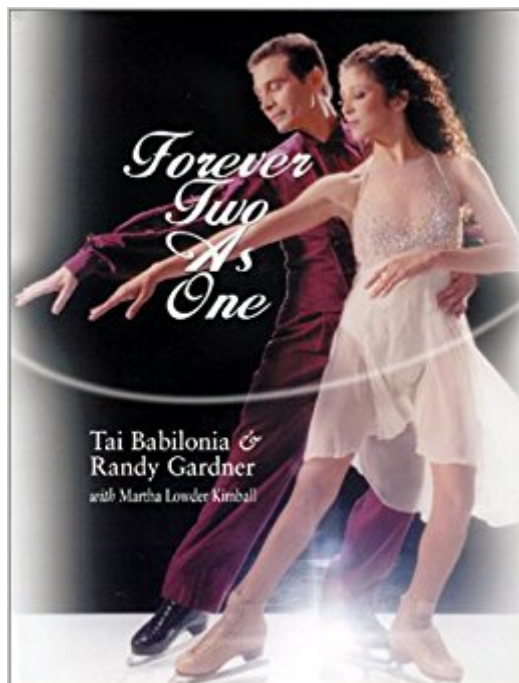


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# Forever Two As One



## Synopsis

Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner have spent more than thirty years as skating partners and best friends. Linked at the ages of eight and ten, they grew up together, developed a unique pairs style and performing persona, then won the Championship Pairs event at the 1979 World Figure Skating Championships. Still at the height of their amateur career, they were forced by Randy's injury to withdraw from the 1980 Olympics at Lake Placid, New York, just moments before what would have been one of the greatest East-West showdowns in sports history. That disappointment brought Tai and Randy worldwide empathy as well as a long and rich professional career. At the same time, it left behind repressed bitterness that manifested itself in sometimes dramatic ways. With *Forever Two As One*, a lush, full-color volume with a stunning dust jacket and decorative endpapers, the reader relives the skaters' journey: through their own frank commentary; through the insights of friends like Robin Cousins, Scott Hamilton, Christopher Knight of *The Brady Bunch*, Hollywood designer Jef Billings, singer and songwriter Stevie Nicks, and choreographer Sarah Kawahara; and finally through 133 photos from Tai and Randy's personal collections.

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...you're being let in on a secret that has been shared by Tai and Randy... a truly great read.

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This book is one of my all-time favorite books about figure skaters. The story of how Tai and Randy first came together as a pair to the heartbreaking disappointment of having to withdraw from the

1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, New York. The highs and lows are shared here by not only Tai and Randy, but many of the friends they both came to know through their incredible journey through a more than 40 year partnership and friendship that lasts to this day. Filled with photographs that journal the relationship between two of the most beloved pair skating teams in history, this book is a welcome addition to any skating fan's collection!

As a HUGE fan of Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner I really enjoyed this book. I wasn't aware that it was more of a coffee table style book and I was very surprised with all the beautiful photos from all of their years performing together. As I was reading the book I was transported back in time to the times and events they were recollecting. It was lovely to read about their thoughts and feelings throughout their career. A must read for any fan of this dynamic duo.

Awesome

I remember cheering for Tai and Randy back in the day and met Tai in Santa Barbara in 2014. She is a co host for a local tv talk show. The Ken Boxer Live show. I got a copy of this book and could not put it down. The book chronicles Tai and Randy's lives from the beginning with input from friends, coaches, and family who were there with them. The over all theme of practice, hard work and dedication was the driving force that propelled them to the top of the world in pairs figure skating. Getting to the top was not without hardships and following Tai and Randy as they persevered and overcame obstacles is a testament to what being a champion is all about. An excellent read and the photos are fantastic.

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