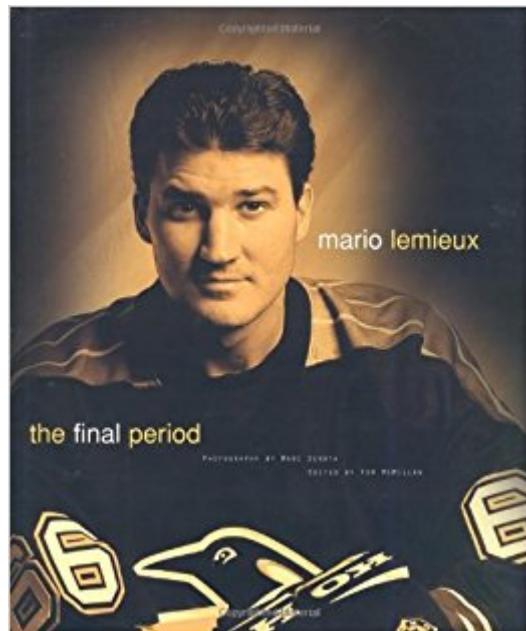


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# Mario Lemieux: The Final Period



## **Synopsis**

His surname means "The Best," and Mario Lemieux spent a 12-season National Hockey League career living up to the expectations. Despite a relentless series of medical setbacks, including a well-publicized battle with cancer, Lemieux led the Pittsburgh Penguins to two Stanley Cups and won six NHL scoring titles before retiring in 1997 at the tender age of 31. In the book Lemieux tells his story in his own words. He has always been a man of few words, but he has a great story to tell.

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One of those rare athletes whose skills raise the level of his sport, Mario Lemieux, who twice led the Pittsburgh Penguins to the Stanley Cup, was a courageous and charismatic presence from the moment he skated onto the ice; he deposited his first NHL shot into the net, and never looked back. No defense could stop him, not even Hodgkin's disease. He forechecked just about everything that stood between him and his goals--both on and off the ice. Lemieux retired in 1997, his place in the hockey pantheon assured, and *The Final Period*, with its dazzling display of text and photographs, is a brilliant tribute to his career.

Mario Lemieux is a former professional ice hockey player, generally acknowledged to be one of the best players of all time. He played 17 seasons as a forward for the Pittsburgh Penguins between 1984 and 2006, leading them to two Stanley Cups in 1991 and 1992. Tom McMillan is vice president of communications for the Pittsburgh Penguins and has written about Mario Lemieux

since the spring of 1984, when he was rated the top prospect in the NHL draft. McMillan followed Lemieux's career closely as a writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and later as editor of Penguins Report. He wrote a history of the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1994 titled The Penguins, Cellar to Summit. Marc Serota started his career in photojournalism at the Miami Herald, moving on to contract photography for International Wire Services. His sports photography includes all major league sports, the Daytona 500, and the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996. His magazine covers include Sports Illustrated, Inside Sports and USA Today, and his work has been featured in Time, Newsweek, People, Rolling Stone, GQ, Elle, and Esquire.

Anything with Mario Lemieux is never disappointing.

This book is the best book I've ever read on an athlete. It gives plenty of information throughout his career and really shows you what a class act Mario is. Not only is it detailed well, but the pictures are awesome. If you doubt Mario as being one of the best athletes out there, read this book. You'll see why he earned the name Super Mario.

I like to call this book an "Adult picture book" because of the easy read and scrapbook of great pictures. I only wish it was written a few years later so Mario could tell us about his plans to save the Pittsburgh Penguins. This is one athlete that has never been arrested, has never done drugs, has been happily married to his wife (and he has only had one wife), and he's not going to go bankrupt anytime soon. Hats off to a great athlete and an awesome man.

A perfect book to remember the glory days of one of the best hockey players ever.

For those of you that followed Mario's career you already know that he was one of the few classy sports heroes of all time. This book has some AWESOME pictures, and some great short paragraphs and stories from Mario's peers. A must for any hockey fan

Final Period is a great book!! If you're even somewhat of a hockey fan, this book is the one. It tells you the life story of one of the greatest hockey players to ever play. Its a 10 on my scale.

GREAT PICTURES

Mario Lemieux: The Final Period is a very nice book, mainly made up of photos of "Le Magnifique". The book has few words, but countless wonderful photographs. It features many game-action photos of Mario during his years as a Pittsburg Penguin, as well as personal photos of him and his family, and even hockey action photos of Mario before his NHL playing days. A must have for a Mario Lemieux fan.

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