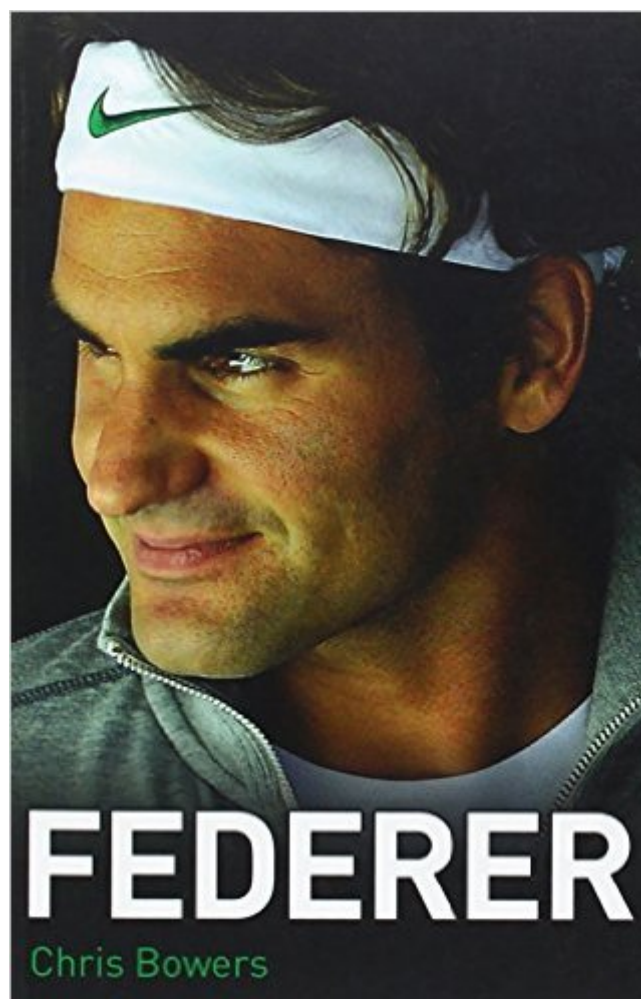


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# Federer



## Synopsis

Updated to include the full 2012 season, a biography of the man many consider the greatest-ever tennis player Roger Federer's astounding all-around ability has led to him being referred to as one of the most complete players the game has ever seen, and with 17 Grand Slam wins and an Olympic Gold Medal under his belt, the Swiss star has already achieved legendary status in the game. This authoritative and affectionate biography traces Federer's rise, from his first tentative strokes with a tennis racket to how he dealt with being sent away to a training academy where he struggled to communicate in a French-speaking part of Switzerland, as well as how he handled the sudden death of his first real coach and mentor. It also examines how Roger has bounced back from arguably one of the most challenging periods of his career; following a serious illness and a dip in form, he broke his run of successive Wimbledon championship wins and was toppled from the number one spot by rival Rafael Nadal but in characteristic style, silenced his critics by once again returning to winning form. This biography explains how Roger's professionalism and charm, as well as the time he devotes to his charitable foundation, have won him huge amounts of respect from both his fellow athletes and tennis professionals alike.

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Revealing and informative but did notice a number of inaccuracies. On page 88 It was claimed Swiss player Martina Hingis narrowly lost in the 2001 Australian Open final to Jennifer Capriati, failing to add to her five Grand Slam titles which is actually INCORRECT. Hingis suffered a comprehensive, straight sets, 6-4 6-3 loss to Capriati in the final. On page 162 It was claimed the

round-robin format used at the year-ending ATP World Tour Finals allows a player to lose a match and still win the title; Pete Sampras did it four times which is actually INCORRECT. Sampras won the tournament despite losing a match in the round-robin format on FIVE occasions. In 1991 Sampras lost to Boris Becker in round-robin but went on to defeat Jim Courier in the final. In 1994 Sampras lost to Becker in round-robin but went on to defeat Becker in the final. In 1996 Sampras lost to Becker in round-robin but went on to defeat Becker in the final. In 1997 Sampras lost to Moya in round-robin but went on to defeat Kafelnikov in the final. In 1999 Sampras lost to Agassi in round-robin but went on to defeat Agassi in the final. On page 173 It was claimed Marat Safin reached the 2004 Australian Open final after four successive five-set wins over Todd Martin, James Blake, Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi which is actually INCORRECT. The Russian defeated James Blake in the fourth-round in four sets. On page 189 It was claimed Lleyton Hewitt won four titles on the 2004 North American summer hard-court swing which is actually INCORRECT. The Australian won only two titles, Washington and Long Island. On page 335 It was claimed Federer lost in the semi-finals of the 2009 ATP World Tour Finals after beating Murray and del Potro in the group stage which is actually INCORRECT.

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