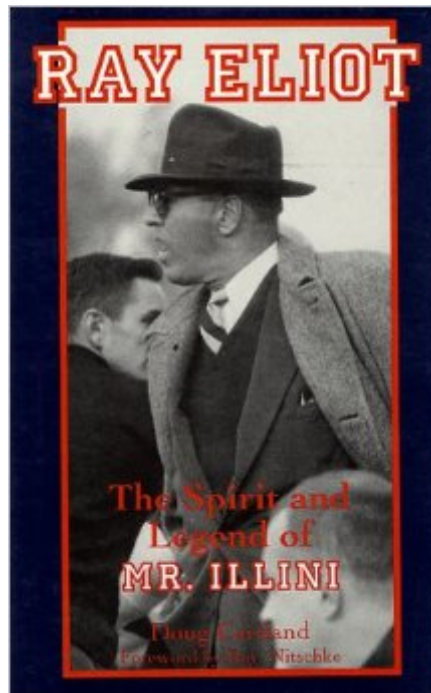


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# Ray Eliot: The Spirit And Legend Of Mr. Illini



## Synopsis

Ray Eloit spent 18 years as head coach of the fighting Illini. Eloit led Illinois to three Big Ten titles and two Rose Bowl championships in eight years. He was voted National Coach of the Year by the Los Angeles Times in 1951. Eliot's devotion to young men and old fashioned loyalty to the University of Illinois set him apart and created the legendary mystique of "Mr. Illini"

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## Customer Reviews

I cannot think of wanting to do anything more than watching a University of Illinois f-ball game at Memorial Stadium. Ever since I was young I have never missed a game if it were possible for me to go. My Junior year in high school I picked up this book on Ray Eliot. The book instantly caught my attention because I love the illini and the forward was written by Ray Nitchzke (former u of i and packer great). In Nitchzke's message he said how Ray Eliot was very compassionate, caring and inspirational. He talked about how he believed Ray was the most inspirational coach he had experienced (this coming from the man who was coached by the great Vince Lombardi). I now play college football and I can truthfully say I wish I too could be inspired by Coach Eliot. This book does that and I constantly look to it for guidance. I believe this is the best book I have ever read (despite the Bible). It teaches its readers about more important aspects in football: sportsmanship, desire, courage, love, etc. These values that Ray Eliot instilled in his players were more important than championships. In his 18 years, Eliot's Illini teams won three big ten titles and two Rose Bowls. They also upset the #1 team in america 3 years in a row at one time in the early 1940s. I'll leave this

review with a quote from the first page of his book. --"The boy is more important than the game."--

--Ray Eliot--

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