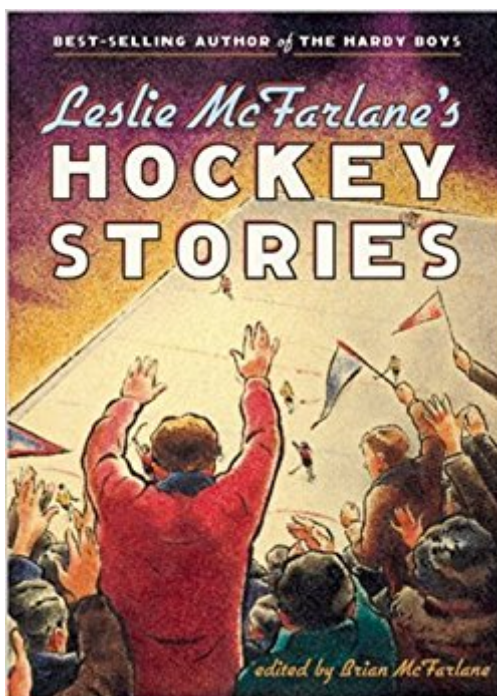


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Synopsis

In Leslie McFarlane's Hockey Stories, Vol. 2 celebrated Canadian author Leslie McFarlane once again takes readers on a nostalgic trip back to the glory days of our national sport. Although McFarlane's main claim to fame is as a ghostwriter for the The Hardy Boys mystery series (Franklin W. Dixon didn't exist), his work on that series never earned him enough to pay the bills. In order to supplement his depression-era income, the enterprising journalist dashed off stories about hockey and other sports and sold them to various magazines. Leslie McFarlane's Hockey Stories, Vol. 2 includes four such stories, none of which have ever appeared in book form. Set primarily in the 1930s--in small, Canadian, hockey-crazy towns--these tales offer a Rockwellian glimpse at the rough and tumble world of minor-league hockey, and at the adventures that ensue when someone does manage to make it big. McFarlane writes with a perfect blend of sport and humour. Featuring fast-paced plots, compelling characters (good and evil!) and a healthy dose of hockey action, Leslie McFarlane's Hockey Stories, Vol. 2 is bound to captivate hockey fans young and old. To young detectives worldwide, Leslie McFarlane was known under the pseudonyms Carolyn Keene, Roy Rockwood and, most famously, Franklin W. Dixon--author of The Hardy Boys series. McFarlane, who passed away in 1977, was one of the most successful Canadian writers of all time. ??a hilarious, nail-biting tale that hockey fans will find fascinating. McFarlane's prose style is wonderful and smacks of a different era. ?they're a punchy style totally unlike anything you'd read today. For middle-school readers and avid fans who want to see hockey from a different time and place, Hockey Stories is like a break-away ? it's quick, exciting and over all too quickly.? ?Hamilton Spectator

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