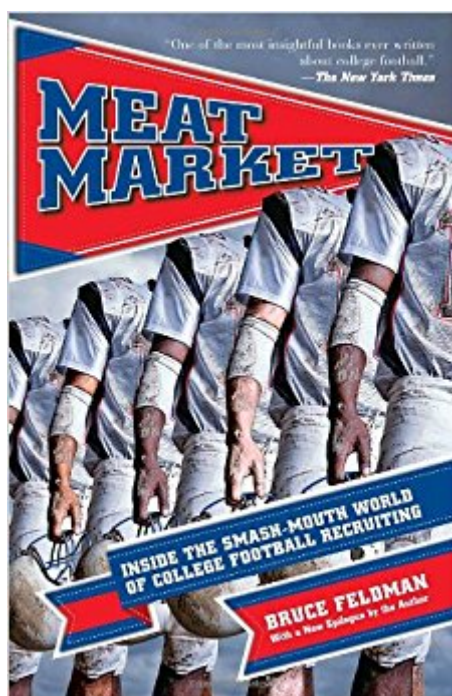


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Meat Market: Inside The Smash-Mouth World Of College Football Recruiting



Synopsis

"One of the most insightful books ever written about college football." - The New York Times "Easily among the best sports books of the new millennium." - Paul Finebaum, columnist and radio host In this unprecedented look at college football's secret season, Bruce Feldman rips the cover off the game's frenzied pursuit of raw talent, taking you deep inside the SEC war room of recruiting legend Ed Orgeron, the combustible Cajun who helped build national championship teams at the University of Miami and at USC. In a stunning, blow-by-blow account of the year leading up to National Signing Day 2007, the award-winning journalist shadows Orgeron and his Ole Miss assistants as they set about hunting high school students, pleading, plotting, and inventing ways to lure them to their sleepy Oxford campus. Packed with candid confessions and outrageous off-the-field action, Meat Market makes what happens on the field seem almost tame by comparison.

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Customer Reviews

Bruce Feldman is the New York Times' bestselling coauthor of Swing Your Sword, and he is the FOX Sports senior college football columnist, giving him unparalleled access to the new generation of quarterback gurus.

Despite not being the world's biggest Ed Orgeron fan (he's a bit too much Ryan brothers in my opinion) I really liked this inside look at his Ole Miss tenure. I had a dead tree copy some years ago that I somehow never ended up reading a few years back but this book was almost made more

interesting with the hindsight of some of his "can't miss" players. While the death of Tony Fein was of course heartbreaking a few years ago, there have been some nice stories to come out of the kids he recruited including Peria Jerry, Michael Oher & Mike Wallace. A nice inside view of the recruiting "game" and how much the mentality of 17 year old kids plays into it. Overall a very good read.

This book is easily read on a beach, but doesn't contain the insights into the process I would have liked. You do get some glimpses into the enormous amount of uncertainty that plagues the recruiting process, but less so the precise nature of each recruiting relationship. This is NOT a book that's going to shed much light on the corruption that's undoubtedly involved in the process. This book instead just gives a sunny view of Coach O and his peers in the business. In that sense, alone, the book gets a 2-star deduction b/c you can't claim to cover the recruiting cycle if you ignore its ugly side the way Feldman does.

Great information about the intensity of college football recruiting while Coach O was at Ole Miss. You kind of wonder if they pulled the plug too fast on him. Yes, they were losing. But his recruiting class had not started playing yet. His successor was successful until the talent Bebe recruited depleted itself. Hope they give him time at LSU. It certainly won't be as tough to recruit at LSU unless they string out the job search too long.,

Very very good book that takes you behind the scenes of college recruiting. Shows the extent that coaches go to get their man. Shows the side of college football that you don't see on TV. The time and the texts and the visits and phone calls can be mind numbing and that does not even include the actual coaching end of it.

Ncaa needs to get some nuts!

Loved learning more about LSU's newest coach. The long winding road has come full circle for Coach O. Here's wishing him a long and successful career. Good luck 'Bebe'!

It's all about Ole Miss and I should have researched better as I thought it would be about all recruiting. Very good read, love the end where they follow-up on how the players did in college and some in the NFL.

amazing and lively insider-view to the crazy world of college recruiting!

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