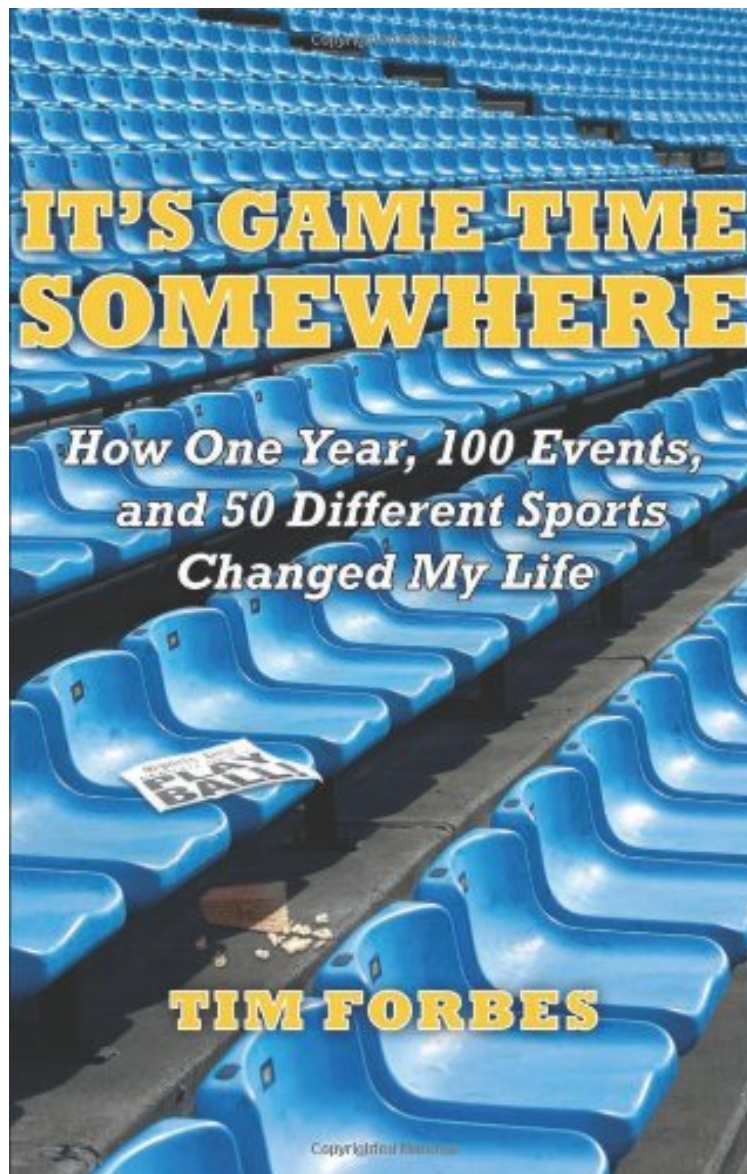


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**Tim Forbes : It's Game Time Somewhere; How One Year, 100 Events, and 50 Different Sports Changed My Life** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised It's Game Time Somewhere; How One Year, 100 Events, and 50 Different Sports Changed My Life:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The art of storyBy The Golf GodTim Forbes has an eye for a story we don't see very often. This is so much more than just a "sports" book. You'll meet people who love sports and compete for the pure fun of competition. No preening comic book athletes, no zillion dollar owners whining about how tough their life is without a new stadium.As a former pro golf executive Forbes brings a sharp eye and an even sharper sense of humor to the business side of sports. I was touched by the stories of the World Kickball Championships, his own attempts at curling, and how age doesn't matter when you love a sport.It's Game Time Somewhere is a great first novel. Don't be surprised if you too go searching for your mitt after reading it.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What a wonderful journey!By Eddie MerkelFull disclosure, I am not a rabid sports nut. That said, I feel that Tim Forbes and I are somewhat kindred spirits. Everything he said about being disillusioned with corporate life resonated with me deeply. When he took the plunge and gave it all up to do what he loved, I envied him.As the story progressed I started to get a sinking feeling. I have long thought that the BIG sports in America were broken. Money has taken over and as Tim told of his experiences I understood but felt bad for him and for myself. I did not sign up for a diatribe on what is wrong with sports in America, and I had the idea that was what I was in for. It was, but there was a light at the end of the tunnel and I was very glad I kept reading.When I read a book like this, once I am done I always find myself wondering if I would like to have dinner with the author. If I can say "yes" to that question then I count the time reading as well spent. Upon finishing this book I can only say that I would love to have dinner with Tim Forbes and if you give yourself the chance to stick with him through his entire journey, you would probably say the same.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Let's PlayBy Faith D. FlahertyIt's Game Time Somewhere, by Tim Forbes has him—watching 100 events, 50 sports, within a year. But why? This is the story, and the journey to get there. That's why you'll keep turning the pages. And that's why you'll nod your head in agreement.Not every dream ends when you wake up. Some people are blessed to continue the dream. Tim Forbes was blessed enough to drop out of the corporate world and step into his dream world. It's Game Time Somewhere: How One Year, 100 Events, and 50 Different Sports Changed My Life, relates this dream of Tim Forbes, who left his successful corporate job and lifestyle to pursue his love of sports.Tim and his wife, The Bird, make a deal. The deal was that Tim would support The Bird, while she went for her MBA, and then the roles would reverse. The Bird would support Tim, while he left his corporate job and pursued his dream—working in sports.The tale is the story of what happens to Tim. Starting at Professional Golfers Career College, to "sports society experiences", the reader is taken on tour in making life-changing decisions, to disenchantment slowly evolving, back to capturing excitement. As an adult looking at his childhood's favorite sports, they seem like love—better the second time around?Forbes writing style is fun. His descriptions, surprises, disappointments, and disgust, are portrayed vividly. The reader will feel. He calls the commercials during TV games Television Interruptus. Watching the games as a spectator at the real event, he can pick out the wasted time the game is forced to play around, just to accommodate the sponsors' commercials. At least at home, you can switch channels, but at the event, itself, Forbes cries out, "What to do? What to do...? I've got it! Let's break up the monotony with a beer and a quick fistfight!"The Little League World Series had such long breaks that "Several of the players completed puberty in the time it took to get the back underway."Forbes landed a job in golf, after Professional Golfers Career College. It soon became a "job." After this job, Forbes took up his "sports walkabout" seriously—50 different sports. And the sports weren't just the big ones: football, baseball, soccer, etc. He visited 100 events from car racing, swimming, tennis, kickball, cross country, curling, etc.He learned that being a sports fan wasn't as much fun as it used to be, and it just may be the fans' fault. But you will see, reading further, it will depend on the level of the sport. "There is an undeniable ugliness in the world of spectator sports." Money spoils the fun.The amateurs, the second-tier, the no-hyped, fringe sports, were where the spectators found the most satisfaction. "Smaller just may be better." Who knew?Somewhere from packed stadiums to counting heads, the spectator atmosphere changed for the better. The smaller group lived and died with their athletes. These second-tier sports had die-hard followers. They took their victories and defeats to heart. And get this—they also took their good attempts to heart.Another surprise was learning about the transition from paying athletes to play, to athletes paying to play. What a concept! This epiphany came when Forbes realized that The Bird paid an entry fee to run a marathon. Now here's proof of an athlete loving her sport. She actually paid for the privilege to play!There are many lessons, in It's Game Time Somewhere. Tim Forbes learns to love a new sport—lawn bowl; he makes new friends, he has new found appreciation for some hard working, and deserving athletes, and he has written a book. A good book, that relates how a man learns a lot about himself, while journaling the process.

Tim Forbes was like many Americans: painfully unsatisfied in his corporate job but making too much money to walk away. But then, one momentous day, he and his wife struck the Deal, leading to a career in the one field he loved more than anything: sports. Years later, having carved out his place in the sports business, he was surprised when a friend asked, "Do you still love sports?"...And stunned when he didn't know how to reply. Of course he still loved sports! Didn't he? Was it possible that walking away from a perk-filled Corporate American life had all been for nothing? His year-long quest to find that answer started with a single game. But what he discovered there soon led to an unlikely coast-to-coast "sports walkabout" involving 100 more games and 50 different sports--from major-market events to the

smallest of the small. Poignant, irreverent, and ultimately inspiring, *It's Game Time Somewhere* chronicles one man's search for the love of the game.

"Are the buttons on your remote worn down from tuning to SportsCenter? Then Tim Forbes' *It's Game Time Somewhere* is the book for you. ... But *Game Time* is no gimmick book; Mr. Forbes' canny and probing observations about America's love affair with sports . . . elevate *It's Game Time Somewhere* to the status of real, in-depth journalism. Miss the ball game tonight and read this!" --Steven Pressfield, author of *"The Legend of Bagger Vance"*

**About the Author** Tim Forbes has worked in the sports management business for nearly 15 years, specializing in golf event marketing and production for three major professional golf tours (the Symetra Futures Tour, the LPGA Tour, and the PGA Tour), and serving as a general manager for golf facilities in Nashville and Orlando. In 2009, Tim founded Sports Walkabouts Inc., to combine his twin passions of sports event production and sports journalism. He lives in L.A. with a cat, a fish, and a wife named Bird.