Pain, Set, and Match: A Tennis Epic That Changed the Game Forever



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In the annals of tennis, there are few matches that have captured the imagination of fans like the 1980 Wimbledon final between Björn Borg and John McEnroe. It was a match that had it all: drama, tension, and incredible athleticism. And it was a match that would change the game of tennis forever.

Borg was the reigning Wimbledon champion, having won the tournament for the previous four years. He was known for his cool demeanor and his relentless baseline game. McEnroe, on the other hand, was a rising star known for his fiery temper and his all-court game. He was also one of the most talented players of his generation.

The match was played over three days and was filled with drama from start to finish. Borg won the first two sets, but McEnroe fought back to win the third and fourth sets. The fifth set was a marathon, with both players holding serve until the tiebreaker. In the end, Borg won the tiebreaker 18-16, giving him the championship.

The 1980 Wimbledon final was a watershed moment in the history of tennis. It was the first time that a player had come back from two sets down to win the Wimbledon final. It was also the first time that a player had won the Wimbledon final in a five-set tiebreaker. The match helped to popularize the game of tennis and made Borg and McEnroe two of the most famous athletes in the world.

In 2005, Richard Evans published Pain, Set, and Match, a book that tells the incredible story of the 1980 Wimbledon final. The book provides an indepth look at the two players, their rivalry, and the match itself. Evans also explores the impact that the match had on the game of tennis.

Pain, Set, and Match is a must-read for any tennis fan. It is a fascinating look at one of the most iconic sporting events of the 20th century and a tribute to two of the greatest players to ever play the game.

Reviews

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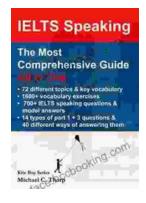
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