



RICK REILLY is a member of the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame. He was presented into it by legendary quarterback John Elway. He was voted National Sportswriter of the Year 11 times over a career that began in 1979. *USA Today* called Reilly "the closest thing sportswriting ever had to a rock star." The Sherman Report called Reilly "easily the most read sportswriter of his generation." The *New York Daily News* described him "as one of the funniest humans on the planet." *Publishers Weekly* called him, "an indescribable amalgam of Dave Barry, Jim Murray, and Lewis Grizzard, with the timing of Jay Leno and the wit of Johnny Carson."

His latest book — *Tiger, Meet My Sister ... And Other Things I Probably Shouldn't Have Said* (Penguin) — is a collection of his best columns written at ESPN, complete with postscript updates of each column at the bottom. The foreword is his own obit. "I just thought I'd make it easier on the obit guy," Reilly says. On June 10, 2014, Reilly wrote his final column as a sportswriter, for ESPN.com. Now, he'll write books, and screenplays and "not care about groin pulls," as he says. He'll continue to deliver his human-interest TV features for ESPN's Monday Night Countdown. He also provides opinion essays and features for ESPN's SportsCenter.

Reilly won the 2009 Damon Runyon Award for Outstanding Contributions to Journalism, an honor previously won by Jimmy Breslin, Tim Russert, Bob Costas, Mike Royko, George Will, Ted Turner and Tom Brokaw, among others. Three times his columns have been read into the record in the U.S. Congress. An astronaut once took his signed trading card into space.

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Testimonials

☐ Today I wish I had the "homer description" list you mentioned Thursday night. Simply saying that your appearance and performance was a Home Run doesn't cut it. Your story telling based on all the occupations that didn't suit you was hilarious. So you're not a caddie, you're not a president.... What you are is a talented, intelligent, generous entertainer who made 400 people laugh and enjoy the evening to benefit the library. If one more person stops me on the street or at the grocery store to offer compliments, I'll be away for hours. Thank you both especially for your warmth, kindness, and accessibility to the guests at the reception and at the L'Escargot dinner. We left feeling that we had known you forever - a good thing. You gave Carmel and the library the precious gift of your talent and energy. We are all very grateful. ☐

- Carmel Library.

☐ I just wanted to reach out and say what a pleasure it was to finally meet you!! The event was a huge success and Rick did a phenomenal job on getting Barry to open up. ☐

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