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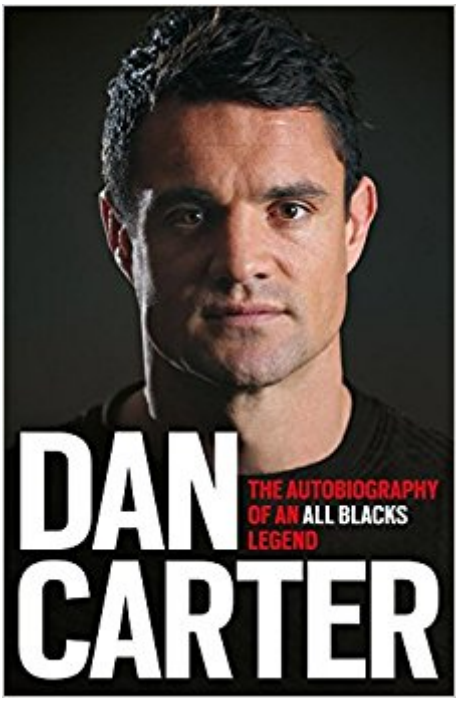
# Dan Carter: My Autobiography (Jack Lark)

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## Synopsis

My Autobiography is the up-close-and-personal memoir of a global icon of sport, a country boy who went on to become rugby's world superstar. Daniel William Carter is acknowledged as the greatest fly-half to have played international rugby. A veteran of more than 100 Test matches, he is the world record holder for most Test points, has twice been named the IRB's Player of the Year and twice named New Zealand Player of the Year. Legendary unbeaten All Blacks coach, Sir Fred Allen, who followed international rugby from the 1920s until after the 2011 Rugby World Cup, had no hesitation in naming Carter as the greatest fly-half he ever saw. Carter, though, is renowned for his modesty and unassuming nature, and argues that he has he always 'just tried to do the best job I can for the All Blacks'. In My Autobiography, the great All Blacks pivot with the model good looks opens up for the first time about his stellar 12-year career. He looks back on the myriad highs, including that virtuoso performance against the Lions in the second Test of the 2005 series when he scored a record 33 points. (The Guardian described the performance as 'the definitive fly-half display of the modern era.') With an equal measure of honesty, he reflects on the lows of his career, speaking frankly of the mental anguish he felt after twice being invalided out of Rugby World Cups. He also talks about his unflinching loyalty to the famous black jersey and the reasons why he elected to make a long-term commitment to New Zealand.

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## Customer Reviews

It was a great pity not to include the final.I found the book lacking in passion and somewhat

repetitive.A bit like a report card.Would have liked more about Dan's family. And especially his Mum who gets very little attention.

I really enjoyed the walk through of Dan's career, but there was something missing for me here. Whether it was due to Dan's intense care to present the right picture or the author, it seemed slightly like an emotionless factual timeline of Dan's career (something I already knew a lot about) as opposed to a real, raw, behind the scenes look at his life and upbringing. Still interesting enough though.

Very disappointed. Here we have one of the greatest fly-halves of all time (some would say the greatest) and we really know very little about Dan the player by the end of the book. What were his special playing talents? How were they demonstrated in his many great games for the All Blacks? We needed a more gripping account of the 2015 Final - something akin to McCaw's account of the 2011 final in his Autobiography. In short, I understood a little of Dan the character but nothing about Dan the player and the dramatic games in which he was involved. Sorry Duncan, you were very privileged to tell Dan's story but I await a biography by a recognized rugby journmalist

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