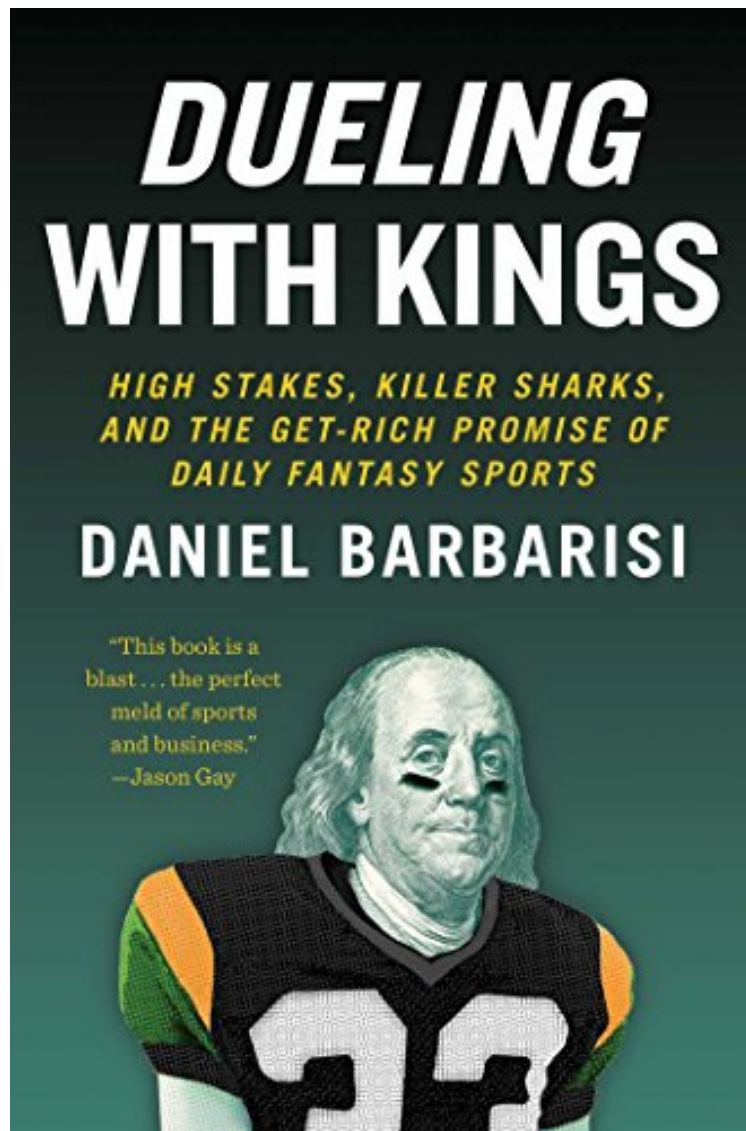


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Meet MaxDalury and CondiaBy Fred CorsigliaI can't give a stronger recommendation. I saw pre-publish outline for this book authored by a former Boston Globe writer and decided to

wait two weeks for the release. The book is a combination auto-biography and documentary of the DFS industry. The book is well structured with early engagement on DFS players such as MaxDalury and Condia who made their profits from the author and I. The author decided to take a sabbatical and embed himself to become a winning DFS player. Read the book to learn his result!The book is a wealth of information unlike other DFS references I have seen. Personally, I have read/reviewed more than 30 thoroughbred horse handicapping books. A book written by a professional writer (this book) adds a lot to transferring knowledge to the reader. I waited two weeks from the decision to purchase a book on DFS to receive this book. I spent an enthralling vacation week reading this book and was pleased with my decision to wait. I learned the user (sometimes real) names from the players of the DFS industry such as MaxDalury, Condia, beepinamjeep and 000_oreo_000. I have been unwittingly playing these players and now I understand their core strategies. The author explains why DFS is a game of skill, takes us through the legislative and relationships back to online poker, core issues with DFS and his own voyage from DFS fish to shark. Depending on what you are looking for with respect to DFS, I am confident you will find it here. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Inside Look at Daily Fantasy Sports By David Dueling with Kings by Daniel Barbarisi is an excellent book by a former Wall Street Journal staffer. Barbarisi enters and writes on the DFS (Daily Fantasy Sports) industry. He meets and befriends the top players (The Sharks and Whales) to learn their secrets. He explains how they became sharks by their computer scripting, multiple entries, juggling lineups, etc., and how the novice player (you and me) has absolutely no chance against them, at least not in the long term. Mr. Barbarisi becomes one of the sharks he loathed at the beginning of the book, taking down a top prize in a hockey tournament. He also details the DFS fight in New York and the pending agreement between the two largest players, Fan Duel and DraftKings to merger and unite rather than to continue to battle and beat each other's brains out. The two companies discovered they had more in common than differences. This is an excellent book that was difficult to put down and a real insider's peek at the DFS industry. I highly recommend it, whether you are a sports fan or DFS fan or not. You don't have to even know what DFS stands for to enjoy the book (but it might help). Great book. Thank you Mr. Barbarisi. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Sports, glamour, politics--this book has it all! By Rachel Marmor Barbarisi does an excellent job of weaving together multiple perspectives to give a 360 view of the world of daily fantasy sports. Through Dan the DFS player, the read explores firsthand what it is like enter this new world and ponders the relationship between fish and sharks in the games. Through Dan the reporter, the reader learns the intricacies of the DFS business, the legal issues, and the political strategies of the companies. The friendships Dan formed with professional DFS players add nicely to both these perspectives, and Dan's profiles of these individuals are well written and colorful. As a poker and sports enthusiast, I've read a lot of gambling and big sports data stories--this book is unique!

"Hilarious behind-the-scenes look at the characters, compulsions, and chaos inside the fantasy sports gold rush." — Jason Gay, author of *Little Victories As Bringing Down the House* did for card counters and *Positively Fifth Street* did for poker players, Daniel Barbarisi does for Daily Fantasy Sports fans in this leap down the rabbit hole of America's latest obsession. Daniel Barbarisi quits his job as the New York Yankees beat writer for *The Wall Street Journal* and begins a quest: to join the top one percent of Daily Fantasy Sports ("DFS") players, the so-called "sharks," and figure out whether DFS is on the level—while maybe cashing in along the way. DFS is fantasy sports on steroids. It's the domain of bitter rivals FanDuel and DraftKings, online juggernauts who turned a legal loophole into a billion-dollar industry by allowing sports fans bet piles of cash constructing fantasy teams. Yet as Barbarisi quickly realized, what should have been a fun companion to casual sports viewing was instead a ferocious environment infested with sharks, a top tier of pros wielding complex algorithms, drafting hundreds of lineups, and wagering six figures daily as they bludgeon unsuspecting amateur "fish." Barbarisi embeds himself inside the world of DFS, befriendng and joining its rogues' gallery as he tries to beat them at their own game. In a work equal parts adventure and rigorously reported investigation, Barbarisi wades into this chaotic industry at the very moment its existence is threatened by lawmakers sick of its Wild West atmosphere and pushy advertising. All their money made FanDuel and DraftKings seem invincible; but, as Barbarisi reports, they made plenty of dubious—perhaps even scandalous—moves as they vied for market supremacy. In *Dueling with Kings*, Barbarisi uncovers the tumultuous inside story of DFS, all while capturing its peculiar cast of characters, from wide-eyed newly minted millionaires, to sun-starved math geeks, to bros living an endless frat party of keggers and Playboy Bunnies. Can he outwit them all and make it to the top?

"In *Dueling with Kings*, Daniel Barbarisi pulls back the curtain on Daily Fantasy Sports, an utterly fascinating world mysterious even to many avid sports fans. The gripping story of DraftKings and FanDuel and those who play fantasy games nightly reads like a classic thriller, featuring one surprising turn after another—but the crazy part is, it's all true. Barbarisi not only takes a deep dive, but also swims with the sharks . . . and lives to tell about it!" Ken Rosenthal, *Fox Sports* "Daniel Barbarisi is one of the best young talents working in sports journalism today; his work is always penetrating and inventive. Now, in *Dueling with Kings*, he brings his narrative flair and understanding of characters to a subject that benefits from his keen eye." — Gay Talese "This book is a

blast. Daniel Barbarisi's *Dueling with Kings* is an engrossing and often hilarious behind the scenes look at the characters, compulsions and chaos inside the fantasy sports gold rush. It's the perfect meld of a sports and business book, engagingly written like a fun, page turning novel. — Jason Gay, *The Wall Street Journal* sports columnist
"Finally, someone explains daily fantasy sports." Daniel Barbarisi lived in the belly of the beast and emerged with this compelling story. It's where *No Cheering in the Press Box* meets *The Wolf of Wall Street*. Before you pick your sport and pick your players . . . pick up this book. — Dan Shaughnessy, *The Boston Globe* sports columnist
About the Author Daniel Barbarisi is a longtime sports and news journalist, having published over five thousand pieces in publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The Providence Journal*, and appeared on hundreds of radio and TV programs over the course of his career. Most recently, he was on staff at *The Wall Street Journal*, serving as the Yankees beat reporter. He and his wife reside in Boston, Massachusetts. *Dueling with Kings* is his first book.