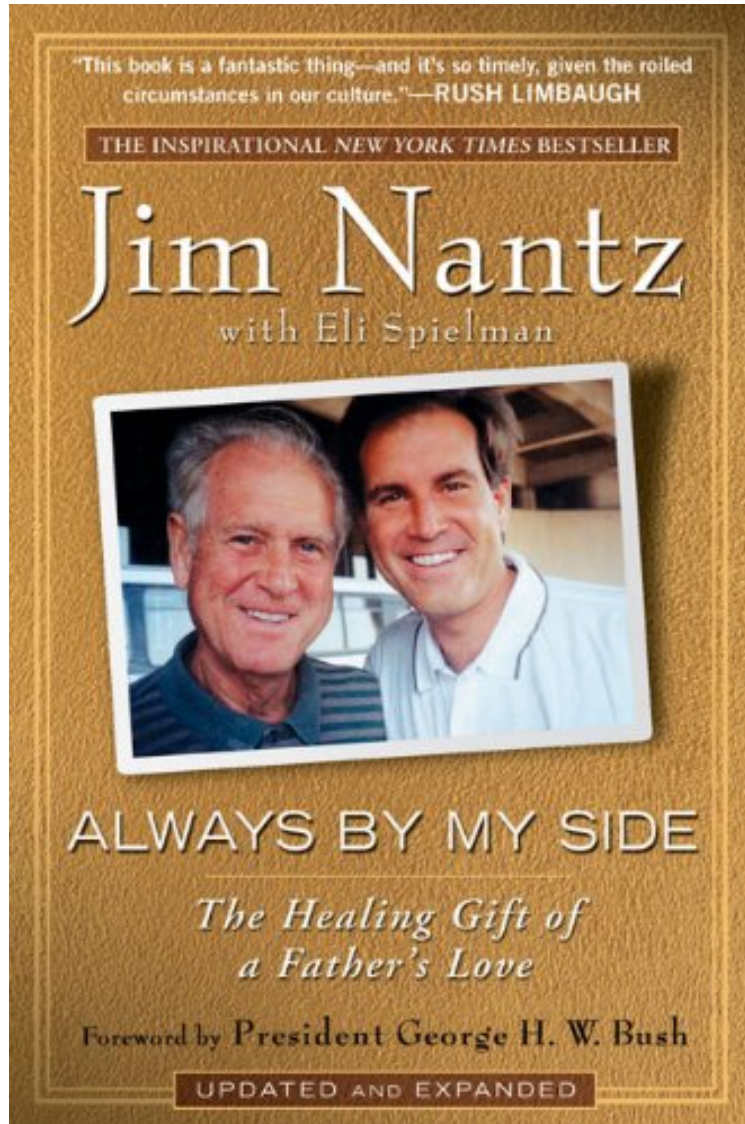


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. 1st Person story by Pat was betterBy Scott LovingoodI bought this for my mom because her sister is going through something similar to what Jim's father went through. She isnt a big sports person but does like basketball and football and watches some baseball. She preferred Pat Summitt's book because it dealth more with the actual disease and the issues that come with it. She liked this book but the sports

announcing part was a bit much for her taste. Over all a good book but the 1st person story told by Pat resonated more with her. It probably helps she is a big Tennessee fan as well :) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thank you Jimmy!

By Richard E. Herrmann I've always thought Jim Nantz is the best, or at least my favorite, sports announcer. I admire his background and accomplishments and his way with words, and most of all what seems to be an inherent goodness. His auto biography and story of his relationship with his father gives many great insights into his life as a successful network broadcaster as well as how the bonds between a father and son influence each other's lives. Exceptionally well written by a master story teller with so many cool stories to tell. A quick, engaging and thought provoking read. I would recommend to all highly! 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Compelling Two-Track Story of Family Love and Broadcasting Excellence

By Bill Lampton, Ph.D. [VIDEOID:moCC3SIT6LJIBI] Longtime CBS sports broadcaster Jim Nantz has distinguished himself on the air as a masterful storyteller. Whenever he speaks, you can be sure he will not bombard you with the cliches that have become commonplace among most announcers. Fortunately for readers, he carries his straightforward, succinct style into this compelling book. The book's first track centers around Nantz's close relationship with his father. As Jim's career blossomed, he turned to his father for companionship and advice. Yet in May of 1995, their consistently close and clear communication began to fade, as Jim heard the dreaded diagnosis: His father had Alzheimer's. Quite candidly, Jim writes: "Night and day I struggle with the question, what did my father ever do to deserve this living hell?" The second track traces Jim Nantz's broadcasting career, which began during his student days at the University of Houston. He started practicing what he had learned from observing sport broadcasters Jim McKay, Win Elliott, and Pat Summerall. As he transitioned quickly into network appearances, he remembered his father's counsel: "Aiming for the stars is what Dad always encouraged us to do." Definitely, Jim Nantz achieved his professional dream. Yet as my video review confirms, he missed out on one major dream--to have his father continue to accompany Jim to major sports events, with keen intellect intact and awareness undimmed. Once you read this book, I'm confident you will recommend it to your friends and colleagues, as I am doing with mine.

The New York Times bestseller, now in paperback. America's most visible sports commentator recounts some of the most dramatic moments in American sports and pays tribute to the man who inspired him--his beloved father. As vivid as an instant replay, *Always by My Side* gives readers an insider's look into an unprecedented sixty-three-day stretch from February through April of 2007, when Jim Nantz became the first broadcaster to call the Super Bowl, the Final Four, and the Masters. Though Nantz was unable to share the voyage with his dad, the devoted son felt his father's presence every step of the way, and used this championship odyssey to celebrate the people, venues, and moments that tapped into all the goodness that his dad--and his dad's generation--represent. In recounting the highlights of more than two thrilling decades with CBS Sports, Nantz recalls legendary voices of his youth--such as Jim McKay, Chris Schenkel, Pat Summerall, Jack Whitaker, and Dick Enberg--who sparked his imagination and shaped his style. *Always by My Side* traces Nantz's life and career, and along the way readers are treated to an array of memories, including Nantz's special relationship with former president George H. W. Bush and his friendships with such sports royalty as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Peyton Manning, Tony Dungy, Tom Brady, Bill Belichick, Mike Krzyzewski, John Wooden, and many others. *Always by My Side* turns every day into Father's Day.

From Publishers Weekly In this sentimental look back, Nantz recounts his beloved father's descent into illness during his own rise to success in sports broadcasting. Nantz's early ambition was to announce sporting events, and he got his start by taking advantage of even the smallest opportunity; his first job was driving Houston Open announcers from the parking lot to the clubhouse. Meanwhile, his jolly, curious and encouraging father was fielding the first symptoms of Alzheimers; sadly, as Nance finds greater recognition within the industry, the man who inspired him becomes more distant. Nantz finds father figures in his friendships with George H.W. Bush and golfer/broadcaster Ken Venturi, and turns up charming stories of others he admires like Tony Dungy, Arnold Palmer and former college roommate Freddie Couples. Though it has a saccharine streak, Nantz's on-the-job memoir fulfills his old man's vision ("Good people with good stories... To him, that was what sports--and sportsmanship--were all about") with a gentle, anecdote-heavy tour. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist CBS sportscaster Nantz, who has broadcast every major sporting event from the Olympics to the Super Bowl to the Masters, is one of those rare people who defined his professional goals early in life and set about reaching them. While in college in Houston, he worked his way through a series of low-level jobs, all related to broadcasting, and then, with his businessman father serving as mentor, he negotiated his way upstream in an incredibly competitive field. The elder Nantz, who developed Alzheimers just as Jim was entering the most satisfying stage of his career, has served as a constant benchmark for his son, who approaches his life seemingly armed with one question: What would Dad do? This professional memoir works best when Nantz reflects on memories of his father's irrepressible optimism. When Nantz the elder isn't a presence, the book devolves into a series of anecdotes interesting enough but hardly revelatory about the big events in sports over the last 20 years and the machinations of sports broadcasting. One of Nantz's best qualities as a broadcaster is his ability to fade into the background while emphasizing the action in front of

him. That's his approach here, too, and if it works slightly less well in a memoir, it does offer a refreshing change from the typical all-about-me celebrity bio. --Wes Lukowsky

An equally compelling journey is Jim Nantz's "Always By My Side: A Father's Grace and a Sports Journey Unlike Any Other," Part autobiography, part reminiscence, "Always By My Side" was inspired by CBS commentator Nantz's 2007 broadcast triple play of calling three of sports' grandest events: the Super Bowl, the Final Four and the Masters in a 63-day period. The sweetness of that triumph was tempered by the fact that his father and namesake was succumbing to Alzheimer's and could not share or even know of his son's success. But Nantz discovered a truth that resonated throughout his life: no matter what the circumstance, his father was always by his side. Moving and easily readable, Nantz's story offers inside moments that will delight sports fans, while touching the heart of anyone who has watched a loved one slip into the deep fog of Alzheimer's. --Booklist

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