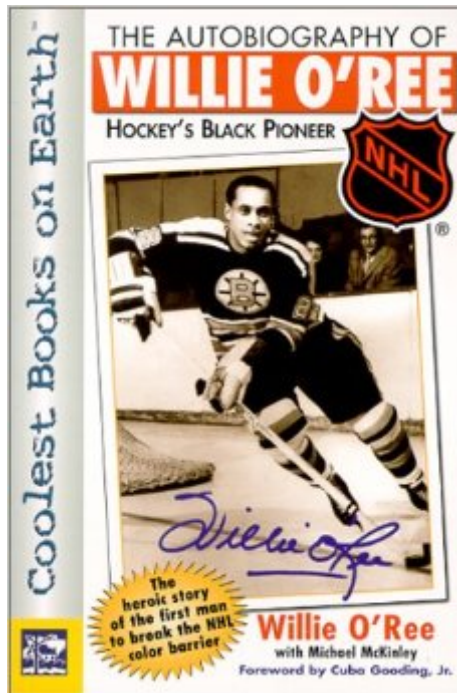


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# The Autobiography Of Willie O'Ree : Hockey's Black Pioneer (NHL)



## Synopsis

On January 18, 1958, Willie O'Ree stepped onto the ice at the Montreal Forum and changed the face of hockey. Racial prejudice was not Willie's only challenge: in junior hockey, an errant puck blinded Willie in his right eye. Doctors told Willie he would never play hockey again. Willie went on to play 1,288 games as a professional, in the NHL(R) and WHL over a 21-year pro career. Willie's story is a heroic tale of perseverance, courage and passion for the game of hockey. Today, Willie works on behalf of the NHL(R)/USA Hockey Diversity Task Force, bringing the game to underprivileged kids across the nation.

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This book is about perseverance. Mr. O'Ree tells his story with honesty. He does not hesitate to mention racial situations and his personal pain. I admire his ability to not give up on his "NHL" goal. It gives us average people hope for today and the future. I am awed by the obstacles he overcame to become the first black player in the NHL. Since I am a American, Black female hockey fan, I know the amount of awe people have when I say this so I cannot imagine being in his position. Mr. O'Ree does not hesitate to let you know he was thankful for his family and their support. I found this very appealing because most people "make it" so to speak and people begin calling them self-made but I am willing to wager that most people receive a little help and encouragement from someone on their

journey. Mr. O'Ree does not lack confidence in his abilities as he often states he was a natural and good athlete but it is not said with the same cockiness most professional athletes use today. I love to read about any athlete who does not have negative attachments to them. This is a book that those historical organizations especially the ones who proclaim they speak for minorities should read, digest and submit to be read to young athletes so they understand that for them to have the opportunities they have today, to be paid exorbitant salaries to play a game, the road had to be paved by someone and Mr. O'Ree is definitely one of those trailblazers.

This book gives a fine look at the first black player in the NHL. It is short but that is good.

O'Ree called Don McKenny the nicest player he ever played with!

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