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# Stars On Ice: An Intimate Look At Skating's Greatest Tour





### Synopsis

Scott Hamilton is one of the most beloved figure skaters in the world-not just among his colleagues, but to the sport's countless fans as well. So when the Olympic gold medalist and four-time World Champion launched his "Stars on Ice" tour back in 1986, everyone wished him the best. In fact, the best is exactly what he got. Hamilton's "Stars on Ice" has become the most successful ice skating tour on the planet. In this lively look at figure skating's most remarkable success story, Stars on Ice features full-color illustrations of the graceful skaters who have entertained fans throughout the show's reign. From Dorothy Hamilt to Brian Orser, from Katarina Witt to Kristi Yamaguchi, Stars on Ice beautifully displays the talents of Olympic and World Champion skaters through stunningly realistic photography. In addition, behind-the-scenes vignettes from the tour reveal the heartfelt camaraderie and sense of family felt among the skaters. From the tour's early days of opening night fiascoes to the tragically unexpected loss of Sergei Grinkov to Scott Hamilton's own battle with cancer, Stars on Ice tells a tale of a sport that has touched fans like no other. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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#### **Customer Reviews**

I thought this was an absolutely fantastic book!!! It really gets you up close and personal with the World's Greatest Skating Tour, and I loved the chapter in tribute to Sergei Grinkov. Lots of terrific pictures from all the programs through the years!! It starts out with the story of how Stars On Ice got started, and tells about the earliest skaters, all the way up to today's performers (like my favourite, Katia Gordeeva). This book is a must-have for any fan of SOI and skating in general. You will

definately have to see the show in person, after this book!!!

This book was not very expensive in my opinion. Around \$20.00, and WELL worth it. The photos are fabulous! Hienz Kluetmeir is a genius with the camera, and many of his famous shots are in the book. It is a VERY good behind-the-scenes look at how this incredible show got started, how it is put together, how difficult the training, and organization is, and how close all of the skaters and crew are. It really IS a big family. There is a WHOLE entire chapter devoted to Gordeeva and Grinkov, and many photos of them, as well as Katia solo, and some of Dasha too. There also is a whole chapter on Scott...the "Father" of the show. Great content. Great photos. Great read. On a skating scale I give it a 9.9 !!! (.01 deduction for not having a photo of G&G on the front or back covers.) :o) LOL!!

Reason why I bought the book: Just one. Rosalynn Sumners. She was rather reluctant when Scott called her and invited her to join the tour.....and that was back in 1986. Thirteen years and a few hundred shows later, Roz has matured into one of the finest entertainers on the ice. Her departure from the SOI tour after the 1998-99 season was rather sad, but rereading her thoughts and feelings on subjects such as Sergei's death to Scott's cancer and her own shining moments was well worth the money I paid for the book. Roz, I'll miss you when SOI starts the 1999-2000 tour. God bless!

First, as in nearly all figure skating books these days, the photography is excellent. The photographs will make the reader rush out and buy tickets to Stars on Ice. The chapter about the tragic death of Sergei Grinkov is as moving as one would expect. However, the family feeling of Stars on Ice did not shine through out the entire book. In most chapters it was a shallow, superficial coverage of this unique tour. It could have been so much more.

This book was what i expected it to be. It was full of colorful pictures, and very good description of how Stars on Ice evolved to what it is now. GREAT pictures excellent story....though if u were thinking of getting the video "The Best of Stars on Ice" ... it wasnt good at all. They were performances from the last 5 years and not the 10 years it talks about on its back cover..

This book has lots of great photos pf all the skaters. A must for every SOI fan.

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