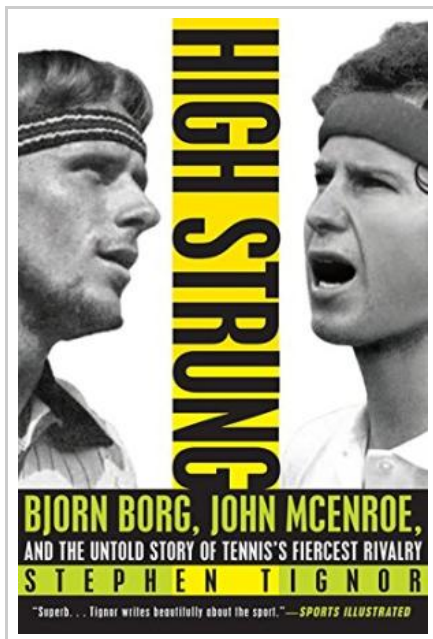




High Strung

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HarperCollins Publishers Inc. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, High Strung, Stephen Tignor, The golden age of tennis came crashing down suddenly at the 1981 U.S. Open. Bjorn Borg, the stoical Swede who had become the richest and most famous player in the sport's history, had just lost to his brash young rival, John McEnroe, in the final at Flushing Meadows. After his last shot floated out, Borg walked to the net, shook McEnroe's hand in silence, and disappeared from the game he had dominated for the last decade. No one realized it at the time, but the era that Borg and the three other semifinalists at that year's Open - McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, and Vitas Gerulaitis - had helped define had also ended. For nearly a century, the lawns of tennis had been reserved for wealthy amateurs-gentlemen, in the original British parlance - but in 1968, the game was opened to professionals and was forever changed. The 1970s were boom years for tennis. Thanks to charismatic young players and dramatic matches, participation skyrocketed in the United States and brought the game to a new peak of global popularity. In the ensuing decade, the sport would be taken further from...



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