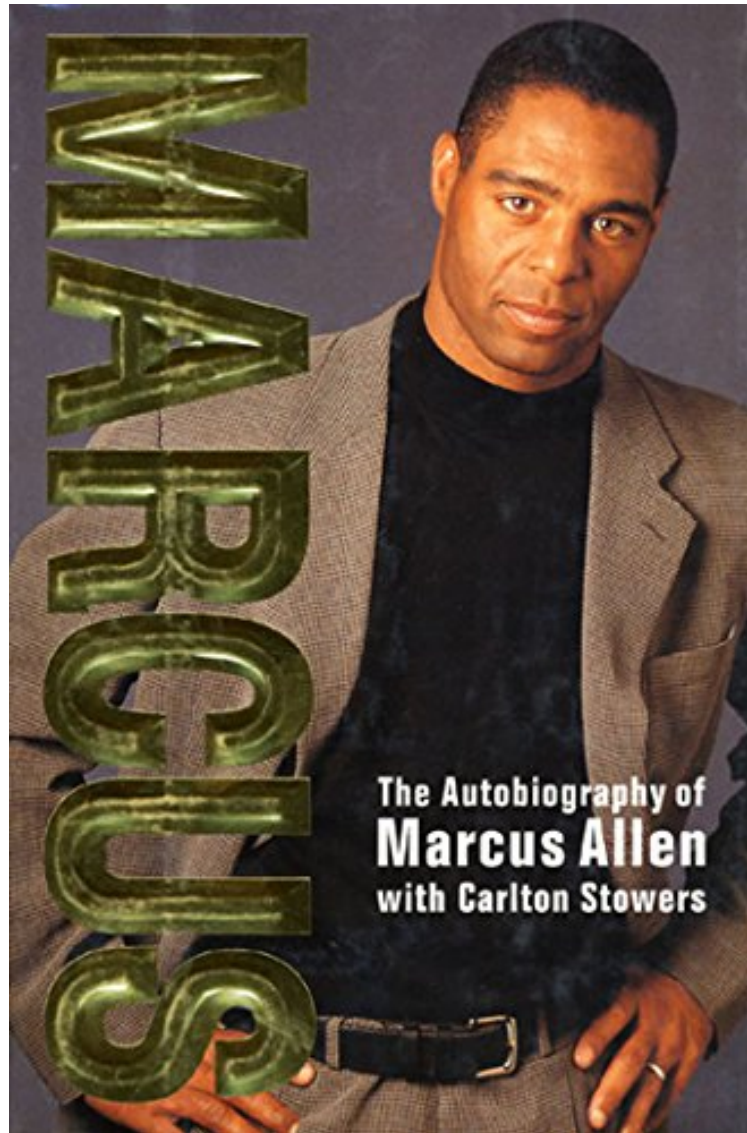


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Sometimes Nice Guys Finish FirstVon Ein KundeThis is not your typical Professional Jock Worship book, primarily because (1) very little of the narrative is taken up with descriptions of individual games or plays, (2) Carlton Stowers is an excellent writer who portrays Marcus well, and (3) Marcus himself is an intelligent and thoughtful person who has had a fascinating life to date.The real heroes of this book are Marcus' parents, Harold (Red) and Gwen Allen, who

put the necessary time and effort into providing their children with the integrity that has made Marcus successful. This is a book of contrasts and conflicts, the first of which are with Al Davis, owner of the Oakland Raiders. Marcus despises Al and is candid in describing his reasons. Anyone who is not familiar with Al Davis might think Marcus is exaggerating, but those who are familiar with him will find the criticism reasonable, if not understated. Corroboration for his descriptions of Al's eccentricities may be found in "Slick: The Silver and Black Life of Al Davis" by Mark Ribowsky [ISBN: 0-02-602500-0], a highly entertaining biography that is now out of print but may be available through a used-book service. The other interesting contrast is that between Marcus and his friend O.J. Simpson. As Marcus described Nicole Simpson's death and the subsequent murder trial, I kept asking how these two men, similar in so many ways, could have ended up so differently. As I said at the outset, the real heroes of the book are Marcus' parents. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Best football autobiography i have ever read Von bassglenn@aol.com He shows an amazing insight into what really goes on in the dirty world of American football. To the specifically vindictive nature of Al Davis towards Marcus, to the heartfelt news which so totally devastated him upon learning of the revelation of O.J.!! Written with a great deal of intelligence almost as if he was a best-selling novelist. Definitely makes you support the Chiefs whenever they play the Raiders, even though I support the Seahawks. Maybe now Marcus has retired he will put pen to paper more often, I certainly will purchase any of his material. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent insight to the Raider organization! Von Ein Kunde After reading this book, I was amazed at the things that went on between Al Davis and Marcus. How Marcus stayed in Los Angeles that long amazes me. This book covers Marcus' life before football, during high school, at USC and the Heisman, and being drafted by the Raiders and then ending up at Kansas City. Marcus talks about the O.J. fiasco and how it changed his life. This book is excellent for any football fan and shines light on the dark side of being a Raider.

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