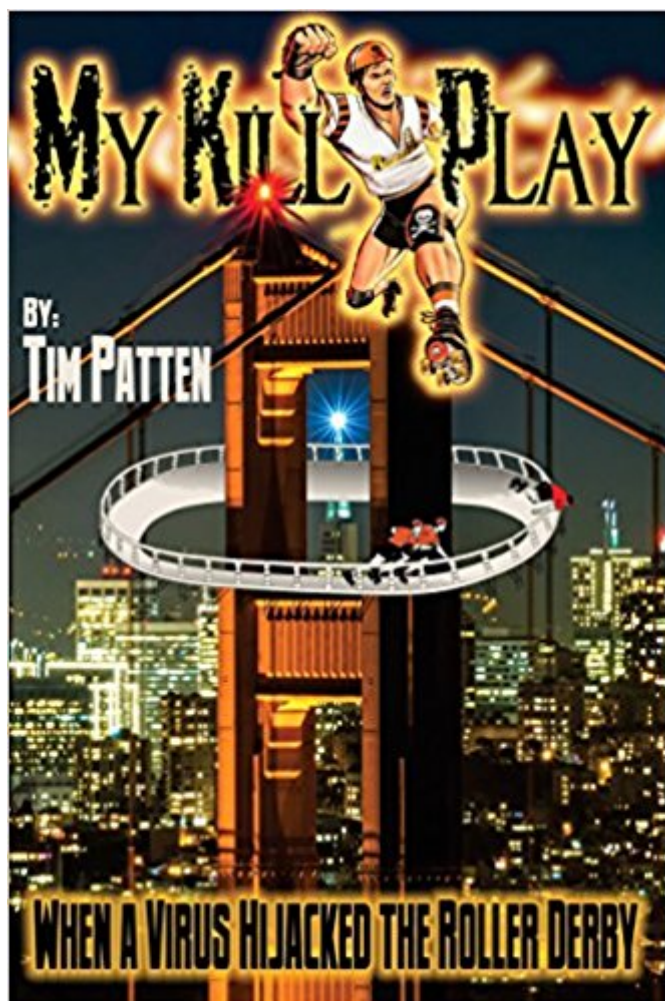


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# My Kill Play: When A Virus Hijacked The Roller Derby



## Synopsis

Ever since the birth of modern roller derby in the 1930s, this dangerous and dynamic sport has lit up the souls of millions of fans worldwide. Players risk life and limb in dazzling displays of daring, skill and strength, and audiences shower them with enthusiastic adulation and affection. During the 1970s, roller derby became a sports entertainment phenomenon in North America. Matches were broadcast live on television and banked-track arenas were packed out with crowds cheering wildly for their favorite teams. In the 1980s, a deadly virus threatened to strike down many talented players. This book tells the inspiring story of one of these athletes. As a child, Tim Patten watched his first roller derby match and initiated his lifelong love affair with the sport. After training incessantly, he eventually joined its ranks. He competed professionally for twelve years before going on to own a derby league. With honesty and wit, he recounts the true story of his rise in this thrilling sport, and of his battle with the disease that threatened to end his life. You'll experience his most intense and spectacular moments on the banked track and meet some of the friends he made along the way. This is a tale of passion, ambition, and the indomitable human spirit, and about finding and keeping true love.

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Excellent book for those that grew up watching the Roller Derby. Tim mentions so many of the stars of the Banked Track from the 60's, 70's and 80's. Though most skaters had battles on the track, there were some that health battles that was stronger than any opponent on the banked track. The Aids epidemic that hit the world in the 80's took the lives of some of our favorite skaters. It's a great book by Tim that not only talks about on the track action but, skater's lives off the track.

This is the second non fiction book I've read of Tim Pattens. He has the wonderful ability to express his experiences in a very elegant way . Yet his wording is easily understood . I enjoy learning about him. I think he is a incredibly intelligent man who has led a life full of ups and downs. In which he has survived gracefully. I'm hoping he will also book very soon. I recommend this book to anyone,

Mr. Patten has written a excellent memoir about his days as a Roller Derby skater. It chronicles the early days of the AIDS epidemic and how it effected the sport. Patten gives a unique insight of the game and how it is played. This book is a must read for any Derby fan.

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