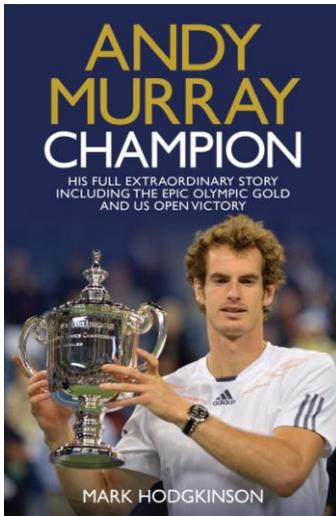




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ANDY MURRAY: Champion

His Full Extraordinary Story

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When Andy Murray finally overcame Novak Djokovic in a five-set thriller to secure the 2012 US Open, it was a dream fulfilled for the man from Dunblane. After four previous defeats in Grand Slam Finals, Murray had finally achieved what no British man had managed since the 1930s. The full inside story of Murray's rollercoaster ride to the top in tennis is revealed in **ANDY MURRAY: CHAMPION**, now available in an updated paperback edition, to include this year's Australian Open.

In **ANDY MURRAY: CHAMPION** writer and journalist, Mark Hodgkinson, looks at the people who have influenced Murray's career, from his mother and first coach, Judy; to Mark Petchey, Brad Gilbert and Miles Maclagan, who worked alongside him as his career developed; and finally, to Ivan Lendl, the coach who joined him at the end of 2011. He shows how Murray's competitiveness with his brother, Jamie, 15 months his senior, helped him develop his game, and how his decision to attend a tennis academy in Barcelona, rather than stay in Britain, set him on the road to success.

The author reveals how Lendl, the former World's Number 1, came to be Murray's coach, and looks at the differences he has brought to his game. He also discusses the effect on Murray of playing in such a hugely competitive era alongside Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, and explains why winning the gold medal at the London Olympics, and the success at the US Open, meant so much to him.

ANDY MURRAY: CHAMPION is the compelling story of how a young Scot defied the odds to become one of Britain's greatest ever tennis players, and a true national sporting icon.

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