## **Jimmy Devellano: Forty Years In The NHL**

Jimmy Devellano has spent four decades in the NHL, first as a player and coach, and then as a general manager and team president. Now, he shares his incredible story in his new book, Forty Years In The NHL.



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Devellano's book is a fascinating look at the inner workings of the NHL. He shares stories about some of the biggest names in hockey, including Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, and Bobby Orr. He also provides insights into the business side of the NHL, including the challenges of managing a team's salary cap and the importance of building a strong fan base.

Devellano's book is a must-read for any hockey fan. It is a fascinating look at the life of one of the most successful executives in the NHL.

### Early Life and Career

Jimmy Devellano was born in Toronto, Ontario, on May 12, 1949. He grew up playing hockey and quickly became one of the top players in his age group. He was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1968 and made his NHL debut in 1970.

Devellano played for the Maple Leafs for four seasons before being traded to the Vancouver Canucks in 1974. He played for the Canucks for two seasons before retiring from playing in 1976.

### **Coaching Career**

After retiring from playing, Devellano began his coaching career. He was an assistant coach with the Canucks for two seasons before being named head coach of the team in 1979.

Devellano coached the Canucks for four seasons, leading them to the playoffs twice. He was fired in 1983 and spent the next two seasons as an assistant coach with the New York Islanders.

### **Management Career**

In 1985, Devellano was named general manager of the Vancouver Canucks. He held that position for 12 seasons, leading the team to the playoffs nine times. He was fired in 1997 and spent the next two seasons as a consultant with the NHL.

In 1999, Devellano was named president and general manager of the Florida Panthers. He held that position for four seasons before being fired in 2003.

In 2006, Devellano was named president of the Toronto Maple Leafs. He held that position for four seasons before retiring in 2010.

### Legacy

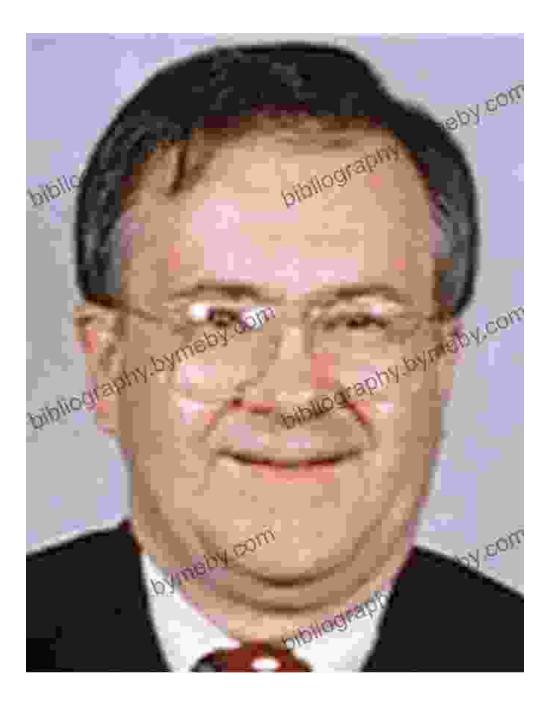
Jimmy Devellano is one of the most successful executives in NHL history. He has spent four decades in the league, first as a player and coach, and then as a general manager and team president. He has led his teams to the playoffs 11 times and has won two Stanley Cups.

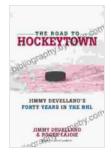
Devellano is a respected figure in the NHL and is known for his keen eye for talent and his ability to build successful teams.

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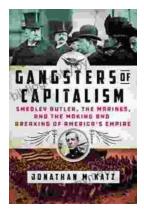
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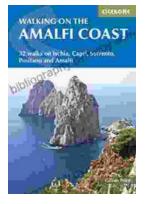
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