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### **In the Shadow of Legends: The Lenny Simpson Story**

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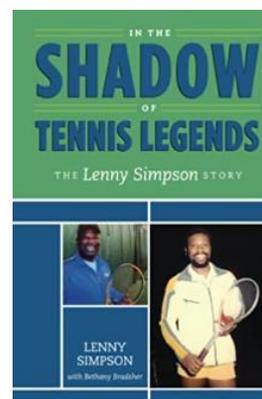
By Lenny Simpson

With Bethany Bradsher

When a curious five-year-old Lenny Simpson finally convinced his mother to let him visit the mysterious tennis court behind his house in Wilmington, N.C., he walked through the gates of Dr. Hubert Eaton's "black country club," and his life was transformed. From that first day, when he met the great Althea Gibson and she gave him his first tennis racket, to the years of tournaments and training under the guidance of black tennis giants Dr. Eaton and Dr. R. Walter Johnson, to a meaningful friendship with the legendary Arthur Ashe, Lenny Simpson walked an extraordinary path in the company of greatness. His incredible story is marked by determination, vision, and a commitment to upholding the legacy of those who inspired him along the way.

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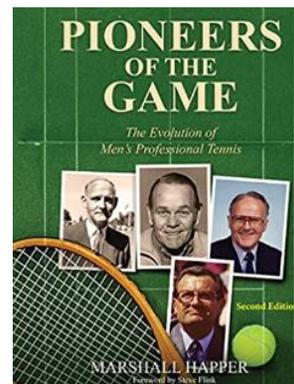


### **Pioneers of the Game: The Evolution of Men's Professional Tennis – Second Edition**

By Marshall Happer

This is the updated **Second Edition** of the saga and history of the inside struggles and conflicts of the "Pioneers of the Game" of Tennis, a small group of international visionaries and activists responsible for the development of men's professional tennis. The book documents the Pioneers' 40-year competition between amateur and professional tennis, eventual approval of Open Tennis in 1968 and the creation and development of the business, administration and governance of tennis as a professional Sport between 1968 and 1990. Written by Marshall Happer, who was the first and only "Commissioner" of men's professional tennis from 1981 to 1989, it documents the role of the International Tennis Federation in the development of men's professional tennis, the 16-year history of the Men's Tennis Council, the founding of the Association of Tennis Professionals in 1972 and its demise as a pure player association in 1990.

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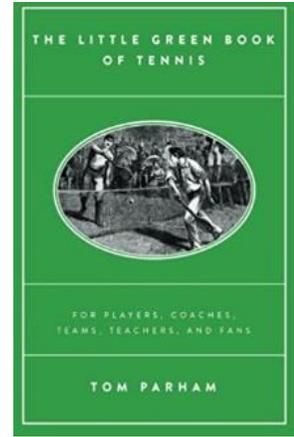


**The Little Green Book of Tennis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition**  
For Players, Coaches, Teams, Teachers, and Fans  
By Tom Parham

Coach Tom Parham has patterned his newest book on tennis instruction using methods similar to Harvey Penick's "Little Red Book of Golf." Drawing from fifty years of teaching and coaching, Coach Parham shares insights from his mentors who helped him craft repeatable techniques for learning and teaching. A three-time national champion, Coach Parham also shares his personal experiences and observations that have proven to be effective for winning teams. "The Little Green Book of Tennis" is filled with instructional gems for all levels of players and coaches.

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**Tennis in North Carolina**  
Celebrating Our History  
By Tim Noonan

Published in honor of the North Carolina Tennis Foundation's 50th anniversary, Tennis in North Carolina tells the story of the game in the Old North State from the earliest sand courts of the late 19th century to the busiest league action of the 21st.

The book was written by well-known author and former ATP player, Tim Noonan. The NC Tennis Foundation Editorial Committee, which included Cy King, Billy Trott, Judy Utley and Kelly Gaines, spent countless hours guiding and reviewing text, selecting images, and advising on design and layout.

A limited number of the NC Tennis History Books remain. If you are interested in receiving one, please contact Kelly Lombardino at [lombardinokelly@nctennis.com](mailto:lombardinokelly@nctennis.com).

