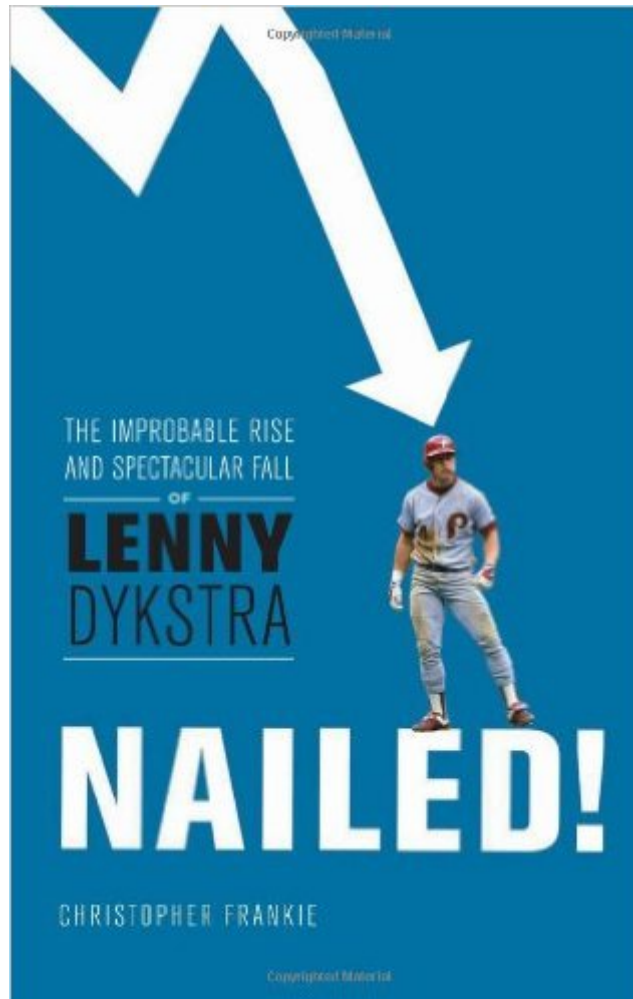


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Nailed!: The Improbable Rise And Spectacular Fall Of Lenny Dykstra



Synopsis

Nailed! is a dramatic biography of Lenny Dykstra, the heroic center fielder for the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies in the 1980s and 1990s whose gritty play earned him the nickname 'Nails'. Dykstra's unlikely post-baseball rise in the business world is a success story that is only matched by the sordid tale of his ultimate downfall. From famously receiving financial guru Jim Cramer's ringing endorsement as 'one of the best' stock prognosticators, to hanging out with Charlie Sheen and numerous prostitutes, to holding court in his \$15 million California home, Dykstra lived a highflying lifestyle. He was the toast of the business world before his litany of crimes were detected and his empire began to unravel in 2009, leading to a conviction and prison sentence in 2012 with more charges pending. Through compelling storytelling supported by extensive research and documentation, including interviews with many of Dykstra's friends, family, and business associates, Nailed! Peels back the layers to reveal that the criminal charges of grand theft auto, identity theft, vandalism, lewd behavior, sexual assault, are just the tip of the iceberg. This is an engaging read of a sports and business hero gone bad.

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As a major league baseball player for the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies, Lenny Dykstra was a steroid user, obnoxious, hard-drinker, womanizer, party hound and reckless on the field. He was the stereotypical dumb jock. By 2008, however, he had become a darling of Wall Street, touted by Mad Money's Jim Cramer. Dykstra had sold his car wash empire for \$55 million and was building another

financial empire based on his dealings on Wall Street. Cramer announced him as "one of the top four or five stock pickers in the world." Dykstra was definitely living large. He drove a \$400,000 German car, had a private jet and lived in Wayne Gretzky's former \$18 million mansion. His success story dominated the headlines in 2008. And, soon his spectacular downfall would dominate the headlines. Christopher Frankie, who worked with Dykstra on a newsletter details his out-of-control, no-ethics downfall in "Nailed." Frankie labels working for Dykstra as his "toughest challenge ever." When you read the book, you won't be able to believe that anyone could work for Dykstra for more than a week. Dykstra, who was an abrasive jerk most of the time, was accomplishing much with smoke and mirrors. Frankie says Dykstra's ultimate downfall stemmed from his inability to recognize his own limits. He was a desperate man, who seemed delusional most of the time. He had unrealistic expectations, treated his employees and everyone else like dirt and was unethical. In a two-year period, he was sued 24 times. He frequently ran up outrageous bills (like \$30,000 for staying at a swanky hotel) and never paid up. He refused to pay back loans. Dykstra was out-of-control, working and calling meetings with his staff 24/7.

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