

Aurora's Duthie set to release new book on broadcasting career

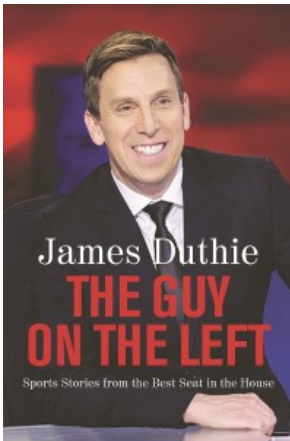
By Jake Courtepatte

James Duthie has been one of the most recognizable faces in Canadian sports journalism for close to two decades. The current host of The NHL on TSN has been around the block and had a firsthand view of mostly every major sporting accomplishment during that time.

The Aurora resident is offering his firsthand accounts to the public with the release of his third book, titled "The Guy on the Left: Sports Stories from the Best Seat in the House."

The best seat indeed.

Duthie has earned numerous Gemini and a Canadian Screen Award for his journalistic work, his resume boasting involvements with the Olympics, Stanley Cup, CFL Live, NBA on TSN, and much more.



Published by Penguin Books, The Guy on the Left tells the story of Duthie's career in broadcasting, from a nerdy appearance on a game show to chatting with Tiger Woods in the men's room at The Masters.

"I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of interesting people and do a lot of interesting things, and I want to share them."

The book covers topics from both a "behind-the-scenes" angle, giving the reader another perspective of major moments in sports like Sidney Crosby's Olympic gold medal-winning goal, to lighter, less-heard-of topics "like the dos and don'ts of an anchor's pants dress code on air.

"I have a lot of stories to tell, and I figure I should write some of them down before I forget them myself," joked Duthie.

The Guy on the Left is Duthie's third published book, but the second he has written solo. He co-authored "They Call Me Killer", an autobiography about legendary junior hockey coach Brian Kilrea, and wrote "The Day I Almost Killed Two Gretzkys", a collection about sports and life in general.

Michael Farber of Sports Illustrated has praised Duthie for his unique combination of comedy and sports in his writing.

"Tragedy is easy. Comedy is hard. Sports comedy is even harder, but James Duthie "treads whimsically through a sports landscape that certainly needs a smile. His is a biting wit, guaranteed to leave teeth marks."

With his new venture, though, Duthie says he also digs into the serious side of his profession. In the book, he recounts the evening

he had to go to air on September 11, 2001.

?Sports are part of all of our lives, the good times and the bad times. I'm just lucky to be a part of it.?

The book is set to be released this Tuesday.