

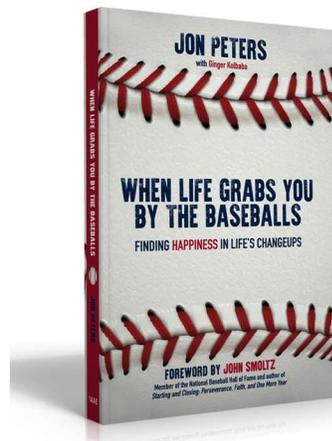


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SPORTS ILLUSTRATED COVER BOY LAUNCHES BOOK

Success and Fame May Not Be All It's Cracked Up to Be



Houston, TX, March 1, 2018– Jon Peters, the first high school baseball player to grace the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, has announced the release date of his new book to be March 27th. In 1989, Jon became the national record holder for the most consecutive wins (53) by a high school pitcher. After his high school career in Brenham, TX, he attended Texas A&M University. His fourth arm surgery would eventually end his playing career.

In his book, *When Life Grabs You by the Baseballs: Finding Happiness in Life's Changeups*, Jon opens up to what it was like to experience fame and success at an early age to watching his dream of playing professional baseball fade away. He leaves no stone unturned as he shares his life story. The foreword is written by **John Smoltz**, a National Baseball Hall of Fame member, an eight-time MLB All-Star, National League Cy-Young Award winner, and a World Series champion.

A brief synopsis is as follows:

“When dreams collapse . . .

Jon Peters had it all: record-breaking high school baseball pitcher, on the cover of Sports Illustrated, a beautiful girlfriend.

He was going to play professional baseball. He was going to have everything he'd ever wanted.

Until a shoulder injury and four surgeries changed his life.

With dreams shattered, Jon struggled to find value and happiness. After years searching vainly to make sense of it all, alcohol, a suicide attempt, deep-seated anger, and a failed marriage made him feel even more desperate.

When new dreams come . . .

In the worst place of his life, he reached out and found help and hope. Trading in his old dreams for beautiful new ones birthed out of the ashes of his past, he's at last found value, fulfillment, and purpose.

Now in When Life Grabs You by the Baseballs, Jon shares the secrets he's learned to living a happy life. His message is universal: no matter what dreams you've lost or what demons you're battling, you too can find hope, redemption, and joy.”

A few endorsements are as follows:

“After his high school baseball career, Jon Peters experienced what many professional athletes have faced when their careers are over. He has a unique story of being in the spotlight—an eighteen-year-old, who broke a national pitching record and was featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. This book is about what Jon experienced during that time and afterward, going through four arm surgeries and losing his dream. In this candid personal story, Jon shares his struggles and disappointments and his desire to help other athletes overcome their challenges.”

—**Nolan Ryan**, former Major League Baseball pitcher, National Baseball Hall of Fame member, and author of *Throwing Heat: The Autobiography of Nolan Ryan*

“Jon’s personal story is real, genuine, and powerful. He goes from reaching the top of the mountain to falling to the bottom, only to rise again. The way he shares himself is an act of true generosity. *When Life Grabs You by the Baseballs* is the story of a champion who never gave up on himself and created a life that is truly admirable.”

—**Bo Eason**, former NFL standout, acclaimed Broadway playwright and performer, public speaker, and performance coach

“Jon Peters says growing as a young pitcher was like being a snake. He got bigger and shed a skin every year. He got stronger, but on the inside he still had the same nature. This powerful story of soaring fame and the calamitous fall that followed ultimately winds its way to greater glory from the inside out. It is a path that all of us must find in our own way.”

—**Larry Dierker**, former Major League Baseball pitcher, manager, broadcaster, and author of *This Ain't Brain Surgery*

Books can be pre-ordered through Amazon. If you would like more information about this book, please contact Jon Peters at 713-470-6689 or email at Jon@JonPeters.org.

About Jon -

Jon Peters is a father, friend, coach, author, and speaker. The national record holder for the most consecutive wins by a high school pitcher, he was the first high school baseball player to grace the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. His passion to serve and help others is displayed through his energetic, positive, and contagious personality. He resides in the Houston area, and when not traveling and speaking, he is often found hanging out with his kids.