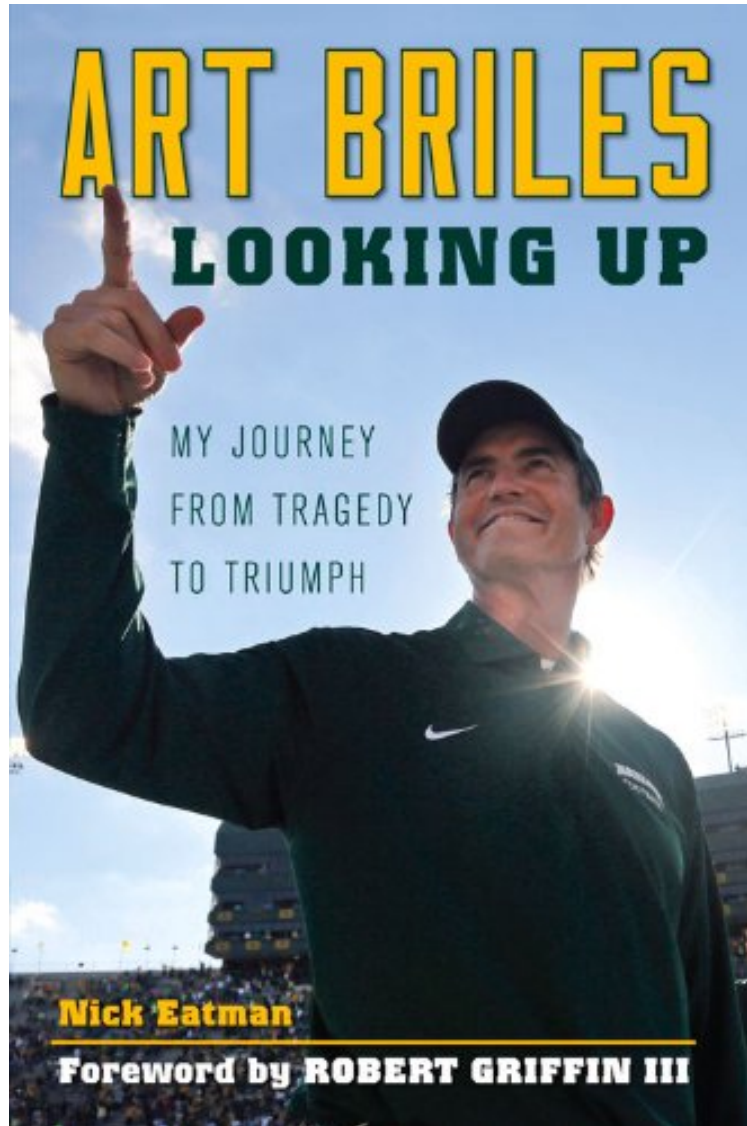


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Nick Eatman : Art Briles: Looking Up: My Journey from Tragedy to Triumph before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Art Briles: Looking Up: My Journey from Tragedy to Triumph:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Briles has Baylor fans looking up! By Paul Mastin I have never met Art Briles, but I can't help but love the guy. As any Baylor fan will tell you, Briles has returned Baylor to a place of respectability in college football, even beyond where the great Grant Teaff had taken Baylor in the 70s and 80s. And Briles isn't finished yet; he just signed a 10 year contract extension that will keep him around for a few more

seasons. In *Art Briles: Looking Up: My Journey from Tragedy to Triumph*, Briles tells his story through sports writer Nick Eatman. (I'm not comfortable with the double subtitle. Too many colons.) This is not a book by Art Briles with Nick Eatman; Eatman wrote it based on interviews with Briles and others, as well as Briles's narratives, dictated on tape. Eatman does a great job of capturing Briles's voice while staying in the third person. If you don't know Briles's story, or if you only know him as RG3's coach, take some time to learn about Briles. Even if you're not a Baylor fan, you will be inspired and encouraged by his story. The tragedy referred to in the (sub-)subtitle was during his college days. Briles played football for the University of Houston. When Houston had an away game in Dallas, his parents and aunt drove from their west Texas home in Rule to see him play. Unfortunately, they never made it. As Briles was coming off the field at the end of the game, his coach pulled him aside and gave him the bad news. Briles's dad was also his football coach. His parents' example as coach, educator, Christians, and loving parents provided a guiding light for him, and continues to do so. He says a day doesn't go by in which he doesn't think about them, their legacy, and his desire to honor them in all aspects of his life. He took that tragedy and made it into triumph. Knowing that he's seen life at its worst, going through that suffering, he has taken on challenges that others might shy away from. He went to Stephenville, a high school football program that hadn't been to the playoffs in years, and was constantly beaten down by the rivals in a nearby town. Not only did he beat the rivals and make the playoffs, he led them to 4 state championships. He went back to Houston as head coach, taking over a football program that was about to be eliminated from the school. There he took them to bowl games and coached future NFL players. When he came to Baylor, the Bears had been cellar dwellers in the Big 12. He took them to their first bowl game in ages, now 4 bowl games in a row, coached a Heisman trophy winner, has the Bears in the top ten in the country, and, until last weekend, in the conversation for the national championship game. Anyone can appreciate the greatness of Briles's story. Coaches especially should pick up *Looking Up*. I enjoyed hearing about how Briles connects with and develops players. He's not an in-your-face screaming coach, he's a positive, encouraging coach, dedicated to helping his players be the best they can be. The connection with his family is impressive, as well. His son and son-in-law are coaches on his staff, and his daughter works for the Dallas Cowboys. By his accounting, they are very tight-knit. Fathers could probably learn much from his example, which is truly impressive if you realize how many time demands are put on coaches, even at the high school level. Unless you're a real football fan, or at least a fan of Texas high school football, you might get a little bogged down in the game-by-game, play-by-play descriptions of his time coaching high school. There's plenty to like for the non-football fan and the non-Baylor fan, but those readers will enjoy *Looking Up* much more than other readers. For Baylor fans, because of Briles, we can keep on looking up. I have a feeling, as great as this season has been, the best is yet to come. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Sic 'em Art Briles!!! By Stephen Mulkey I read this book a year ago when Mack Brown was leaving the University of Texas and there was talk that they might snatch up Art from Baylor. I would have been very sad if that had happened, but I would still love Art Briles. He is such a good and amazing person, sincere in his faith, and if he had left last year, he already would have done more than enough for Baylor. I was a freshman at Baylor when RG3 was a freshman at Baylor and it has been extraordinary to see the change in the football program, in the Baylor campus, and in Waco, all orchestrated by Art Briles. No matter where his life takes him, even if it is away from Baylor, I will always be an Art Briles fan. P.S. This is an awesome book! If you love sports stories, the story of Art Briles is one for the ages! And is still being written...figuratively and literally. There is a second book out now if you want more! *Beating Goliath: My Story of Football and Faith*. P.S. I can't wait for there to be a movie! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Story on Perseverance By William G. Stuart This book provides insight into what makes Coach Briles tick by analyzing the triumphs and challenges that have punctuated his life. From the tragic loss of his parents, injuries that derailed his playing career and one unsuccessful coaching stop (four victories in two years at a reclassified Georgetown High) to his solid rebuilding jobs at three high schools and two colleges, we meet the "real" Art Briles. I highly recommend this book as a biography and as an inspirational story. Only negative (which my son, Baylor Class of 2019 echoed unprompted) is that the author sometimes doesn't present the story in chronological order or rehashes certain events.

Baylor head coach Art Briles is one of the most highly regarded coaches in college football, and this authorized biography delves far beyond his football success and acumen. It explains how, at the age of 20, Briles lost his parents in a tragic car accident as they were en route to one of his college games. The book relates how Briles, devastated by the loss of his role models, used the catastrophe as motivation to propel him toward the destination of his dreams. As the book elucidates in detail, Coach Briles has made a career of turning failing football programs around in both the high school and collegiate ranks. His latest accomplishments at Baylor University are also chronicled in this account of overcoming tragedy and turning personal loss into overwhelming success.

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