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**The Best of Peter Finney, Legendary New Orleans Sportswriter**  
*LSU Press to Publish Collected Volume of Finney's Sports Writing in February 2016*

**Baton Rouge**—Next February, LSU Press will publish a collection of the very best of New Orleans sportswriter Peter Finney, bringing together a prime selection of Finney's best essays from a career total of 15,000 articles. Five times each week over the past several decades, sports fans in New Orleans began their mornings by reading local sportswriter Peter Finney. Finney's newspaper columns—entertaining, informative, and inspiring—connected New Orleans readers to the world of sports, for nearly 70 years.

Beginning his writing career as a college freshman at Loyola University, Finney added his distinctly poetic voice to the sports pages of the *States-Item* (1945–80) and the *Times-Picayune* (1980–2013). This impressive time span placed the reporter on the sidelines of the most iconic moments in Louisiana sports history. This collection includes Finney's account of Billy Cannon's 89-yard punt return against Ole Miss in 1959; Tom Dempsey's 1970 NFL-record 63-yard field goal; and the Saints' 31–17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts in the 2010 Super Bowl. His interviews and profiles covered nearly every major sports figure of his time: Ted Williams, Jesse Owens, Joe DiMaggio, Muhammad Ali, Joe Namath, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Arnold Palmer, Billy Cannon, Pete Maravich, Lee Trevino, Rusty Staub, Archie, Peyton, and Eli Manning, Eddie Robinson, Doug Williams, Dale Brown, Billy Martin, Brett Favre, Nick Saban, Shaquille O'Neal, Mike Ditka, Sean Payton, Drew Brees, Sugar Ray Leonard, Skip Bertman, Les Miles, and Tom Benson, among many others.

The riveting moments and fascinating characters portrayed in ***The Best of Peter Finney, Legendary New Orleans Sportswriter*** will delight both hardcore sports enthusiasts and casual fans, in stories told with Finney's characteristic grace, humility, and wit.

**Peter Finney** is a 17-time winner of the Louisiana Sportswriter of the Year Award from the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. He is the author of *The Fighting Tigers, 1893–1993: One Hundred Years of LSU Football* and *Pistol Pete: The Story of College Basketball's Greatest Star*.

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