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Willie's Game: An Autobiography Stanley Cohen, Willie Mosconi America's greatest professional billiards player tells the story of his legendary life and career—from his days as a child prodigy to his record-breaking run of world championships

Willie Mosconi's father never wanted him to play billiards. At night, the boy would lie awake listening to the clatter of balls downstairs in the family pool hall, and when his father wasn't around, he would climb onto an apple crate to practice his shots. When his dad started locking up the balls and cue, young Willie improvised with potatoes and a broom handle. By the time he was 7 years old, he was good enough to play against Ralph Greenleaf in a match billed as "The Child Prodigy vs. The World Champion."

It was the start of a magnificent career that would include an unprecedented 15 world championships and the record for most consecutive balls run without a miss: 526. Nicknamed "Mr. Pocket Billiards," Mosconi was instrumental in popularizing pool in America, serving as a consultant for iconic films such as *The Hustler* and *The Color of Money* and facing off against the famed hustler Minnesota Fats in 2 celebrated matches.

Cowritten with journalist Stanley Cohen, *Willie's Game* is the colorful, captivating autobiography of an illustrious champion who lifted his sport to new heights and played by one simple rule: If you don't miss, you don't have to worry about anything else.

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