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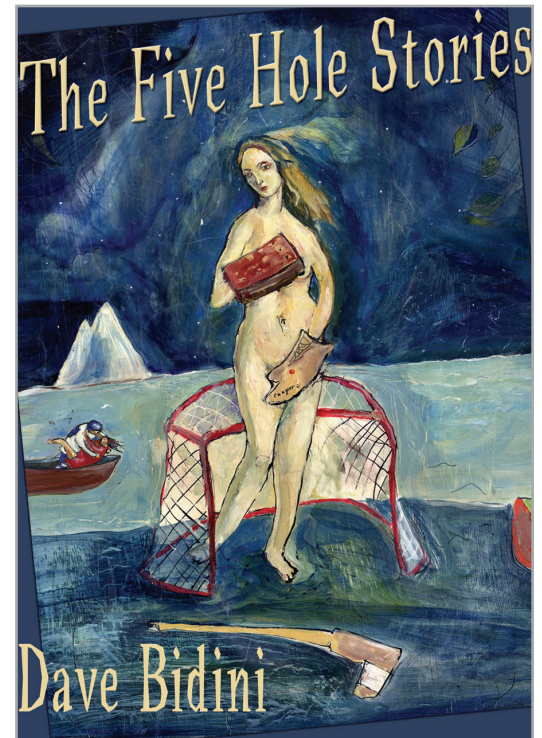
## The Five Hole Stories

Dave Bidini

Each of the six stories in Dave Bidini's playful, irreverent new book takes a headlong run at the hockey dressing room, and each knocks the door down. What's happening when the door opens next is anyone's guess. In one story, a chronic minor-leaguer discovers the wonders—and the pitfalls—of the game in Europe, both on and off the ice. In another, an NHLer is tight with his teammate, the league's leading goal scorer, but dreams of getting MUCH tighter. A star on a losing streak turns to a magical salve to turn his game around. A conversation between two friends yields surprising facts about Joan, everyone's favourite female goalie. A hundred bucks is all that stands between a hockey groupie and eternal happiness in 1940s Chicago. And finally, the eponymous 'Five Hole' itself speaks—though it never reveals all of its secrets.

Full of sex, drugs and high-sticking, each of *The Five Hole Stories* runs its proverbial tongue down hockey's seamy, steamy underbelly and then finds language to tell us what it tastes like.

A scintillating look at hockey with its clothes off, in six ambitious poses.



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DAVE BIDINI's *On a Cold Road*, his popular and critically acclaimed first book about what it's like to tour Canada in a rock 'n' roll band, was published in 1998. He has since written four more books, *Tropic of Hockey* (2001), *Baseballissimo* (2004), *For Those About to Rock* (2004) and *The Best Game You Can Name* (2005). When he is not writing or travelling the world, Bidini is rhythm guitarist for the Rheostatics. The band has released ten albums to date, including *Music Inspired by the Group of Seven*, the soundtrack to the film *Whale Music* which yielded the hit song "Claire," and *The Story of Harmelodia*, a children's album. He also starred in the Gemini award-winning film *The Hockey Nomad*. Dave Bidini lives in Toronto.

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