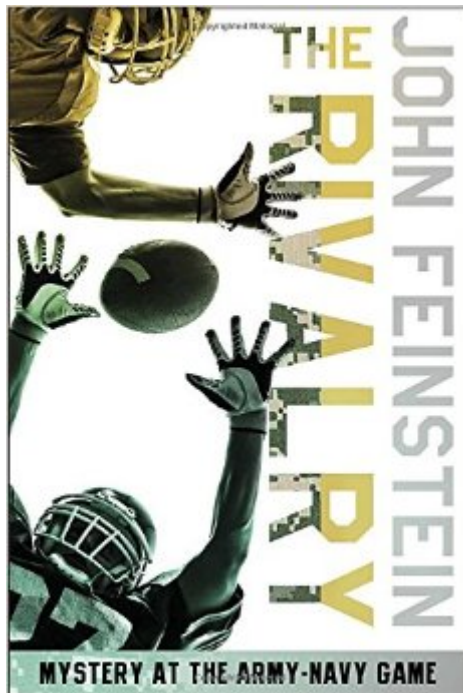


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# The Rivalry: Mystery At The Army-Navy Game (The Sports Beat, 5)



## Synopsis

New York Times bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein investigates a covert op at the Army-Navy football game in this exciting sports mystery. The Black Knights of Army and the Midshipmen of Navy have met on the football field since 1890, and it's a rivalry like no other, filled with tradition. Teen sports reporters Stevie and Susan Carol have been busy at West Point and Annapolis, getting to know the players and coaches and the Secret Service agents. Since the president will be attending the game, security will be tighter than tight. Weeks and months have been spent on training and planning and reporting to get them all to this moment. But when game day arrives, the refs aren't the only ones crying foul. . . . John Feinstein has been praised as "the best writer of sports books in America today" (The Boston Globe), and he proves it again in this fast-paced novel. From the Hardcover edition.

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The latest addition to Edgar Award-winning author John Feinstein's excellent sports mystery series finds Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson covering the Army-Navy football game for their national newspaper jobs. They quickly learn about the intense rivalry dating back over 110 years and get up to speed on the current issues, including suspicious officials and heavy secret service

attention. Juggling sports writing, freshman year of high school, and even their budding romance is difficult, but it certainly makes for fast-paced, fun reading. In *THE RIVALRY*, Feinstein ties in his in-depth knowledge of the nationally famous Army-Navy rivalry as he wrote a book about it titled *A CIVIL WAR: ARMY VS. NAVY: A Year Inside College Football's Purest Rivalry*. The players are not eyeing NFL contracts; instead, they're looking for honor before heading out for five years of serving their country. Each aspect of this game is steeped in history and pride, and is woven in through fascinating details. The presence of the secret service alerts Stevie and Susan Carol that this is no ordinary game, as the President plans to attend. Susan Carol is assigned to travel with Navy to a Notre Dame game, the last competition before Army-Navy. She eats with the midshipmen, interviews them and learns about their special traditions. Stevie spends his time with the Army side, going to a game with Georgia Tech for similar coverage. But at Susan Carol's game, she and the rest of the reporters are stunned by some unbelievable calls, which lead to a Notre Dame victory. She writes a scathing article for the Post, which leads to her getting threatening letters and emails to the editor. Stevie manages to get into some trouble as well when he argues with former basketball coach Bobby Knight.

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