

Book Review

Tuesday Morning Quarterback
Gregg Easterbrook
 Universe Publishing



Gregg Easterbrook's latest book is based on his weekly column, "Tuesday Morning Quarterback," on Slate.com.

Easterbrook said his job gives him a great excuse to watch his favorite game, football.

He became so hooked he would watch the Arizona Cardinals play the San Diego Chargers when they both had a 4-28 record in 2000.

Each section begins with comments on the game and classic pictures of football players surrounded by haiku.

Haiku is an ancient art form that creates poems out of three lines. The first and third lines have five syllables and the second has seven.

While Easterbrook had no training in the art form, he makes it funny, thoughtful and incorporates football terms.

Easterbrook appeared on the NPR radio show "All Things Considered" and was the first person to recite professional football poetry to a national audience.

Tuesday Morning Quarterback includes funny haikus such as:

"Ideally, I don't play.
 Fans wince when I trot on the field.
 I am the punter."

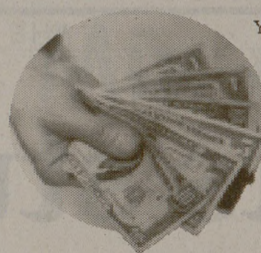
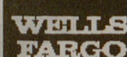
"Where's that darn remote?
 Found, click. Shoot, dropped it again.
 Two games on at once."

Tuesday Morning Quarterback makes a great coffee table book, and if readers do not appreciate the art of haiku, this 6-by-7-inch book makes a great coaster for beer during the games. (Grade: B)

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