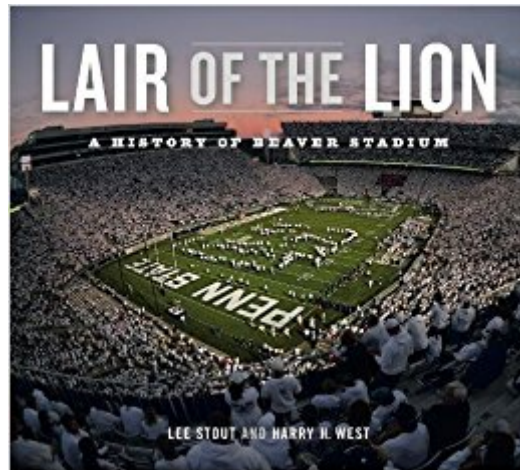




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# Lair Of The Lion: A History Of Beaver Stadium (Keystone Books)



## Synopsis

Football is an unmistakable part of the culture of Penn State, though the experience of a Nittany Lions home game— from the crowds and tailgates to the spectacle of the game itself— has changed significantly over the years. This richly illustrated and researched book tells the story of the structure that has evolved along with the university's celebrated football program: the iconic Beaver Stadium. Historian Lee Stout and engineering professor Harry H. West show how Beaver Stadium came to be, including a look at its predecessors, "Old" Beaver Field, built in 1893 on a site centrally located northeast of Old Main, and "New" Beaver Field, built on the northwest corner of campus in 1909. Stout and West explore the engineering and construction challenges of the stadium and athletic fields and reveal the importance of these facilities to the history of Penn State and its cherished traditions. Packed with archival photos and fascinating stories, *Lair of the Lion* is a celebration of the ways in which Penn State fans, students, and athletes have experienced home games from the 1880s to the present day, and of the monumental structure that the Lions now call home.

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"*Lair of the Lion* is the seminal work on the beginnings of Beaver Stadium, on the west side of campus, to its modern-day state on the opposite end." —Wally Richardson, Director, PSU Football Letterman's Club, and former PSU quarterback (1992-1996) "Stout and West's narrative offers insights into the Penn State

character that extend far beyond the gridiron. They present a wonderfully entertaining story that's likely to interest even those University alumni and friends who have never attended a football game at Beaver Stadium. •Michael Bezilla, author of Penn State: An Illustrated History

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Every Penn Stater or any Penn State fan needs to read this book! It is top shelf, beautifully written and easy to read including photographs and illustrations that depict how Beaver Field/Beaver Stadium grew with the advancement of the football program. After receiving my copy I read it over the next two days and am now rereading many chapters. It is written so an accounting major can understand the complexities of the massive undertakings of several of the stadium enhancements. Thank you Lee and Harry for providing such a beautiful, well written history of the Lair of the Lion and for bringing back many fond memories. WE ARE ---Joel S

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