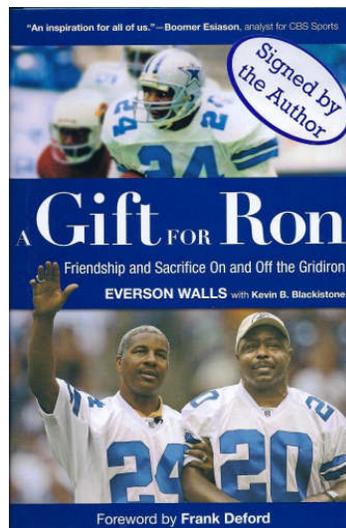


A Review of

## ***A Gift for Ron: Friendship and Sacrifice On and Off the Gridiron (2010)***

Author: Everson Walls with Kevin Blackstone

Everson Walls gives us a fascinating living organ donation story that is woven around his and Ron Springs long friendship and football careers together. For sports fan and general readers alike this is an inspiring story of selfless love between family and friends as Everson after 14 seasons of outstanding NFL playing retires and follows the downward spiral of Ron's diabetes disease. When he finds himself being the right blood match, their friendship reaches that special new level of sharing a kidney between friends, saving Ron's life in that gift giving.



This is not your typical football story. From his on-again-off-again high school football experience, his first true football experience that forever shaped his life at Grambling State University and legendary Coach Eddie Robinson, to his time in the NFL, Everson chronicles each of these experiences in detail and depth tying everything that happened to him back to his growth into the person who made a living organ donation. He weaves amazing stories of his life, going back and forth in time, with each chapter being tied to a theme.

This book is more than a one-dimensional look at the career of an NFL player. It looks at all aspects of the life of a true hero (who will NOT call himself that). Everson continues to give the gift of life to all that read this book. This book is a must read for any sports fan, or any person who wants to understand the mind of someone who truly lives a selfless life, showing all of us what a true friendship is all about..

Note: This book is available in hardback (for as little as \$0.01 used with of course), paperback and kindle versions at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

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