

NEW BOOK HELPS PARENTS AND KIDS LEARN TENNIS TOGETHER

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Let's Play Tennis! A Guide for Parents and Kids by Andy Ace is a new book about getting parents and their children started playing tennis together. The author and illustrator, Patricia Egart, has coached youth and high school tennis for fifteen years.

Jim Brown, PhD, author of *Tennis: Steps to Success* and *Sports Talent: How to Identify and Develop Young Athletes*, former health and human performance professor and college tennis coach and USPTA Professional, had this to say about the book, "Patty Egart has come up with just the right formula — not too much information and not too little — for introducing tennis to very young players. Now kids and their parents have a guide for equipment, rules, and fundamentals that is easy to read, colorful, and fun. Those who teach tennis, those who want their children to play, and tennis organizations would make a wise investment by getting their players started with *Let's Play Tennis*."

This book is especially geared to children between five and ten years of age. Mike Goldammer, executive director of the United States Tennis Association Northern Section said, "Unfortunately, parents with limited exposure to tennis can shy away from the notion that they can get their kids started in tennis the RIGHT way. *Let's Play Tennis! A Guide for Parents and Kids* is the perfect resource to help parents help their kids. This book offers a unique blend of easy reading, kid focused illustrations and tangible technical advice to make tennis easy to learn and fun to play."

"As Andy Ace says, 'Tennis is a lifetime sport' and Patty has done a beautiful job of explaining the game of tennis to players of all ages. By creating fun characters that children can relate to and explaining the game through their experiences, this book will inspire future tennis players. The beautiful and brightly illustrated pictures and "talking bubbles" add fun and character to this book! I wish we had a book like this to read when our children asked us if they could play that game with a racket and tennis ball!" says Susan Johnson, first grade teacher and "Tennis Mom" of three, from Andover, MN.

The book is endorsed by the United States Tennis Association Northern Section.

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