



## The Last Coach: A Life of Paul Bear Bryant (Paperback)

By Allen Barra

WW Norton Co, United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. When Paul William Bear Bryant died on January 26, 1983, it was the lead story on the all three networks evening news. New York City newspapers reported his death on their front pages. ( Crimson Tears, read the headline in the New York Post, Nation weeps over death of legendary Bear Bryant, 69. ) Three days later, America watched in awe as an estimated quarter of a million mourners lined the fifty-five mile stretch from Tuscaloosa to a Birmingham cemetery to pay their respects as his three-mile long funeral cortege drove by. President Reagan and the three former American presidents sent flowers, as did people as diverse as Bob Hope, ABC's Roone Arledge, advice columnist Ann Landers and the Reverend Billy Graham. Scores of Bryant's former players, including Joe Namath, Lee Roy Jordan, Ken Stabler and Ozzie Newsome, were in attendance. So were Bryant's most distinguished colleagues, the greatest living football coaches, including Southern Cal's John McKay, who said, It was like a presidential funeral procession. No coach in America could have gotten that. No coach but him. But then,...

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