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# More Than Winning

The Story of Tom Osborne

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With John E. Roberts

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### Book Synopsis:

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## Book Description

At age twenty-eight, when Tom Osborne agreed to join Bob Devaney's full-time coaching staff at the University of Nebraska, he resolved to be a head coach by the time he reached age thirty-five. Little did he know that this goal would chart his course toward becoming one of the nation's premier football coaches. Six years later in 1972, Devaney named Osborne as head coach of the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

In high school and college, Osborne had been an outstanding athlete in his own right. He went on to play professional football and to earn his master's and doctorate degrees in educational psychology. Throughout all these years in sports and academics, he was developing his unusual and inspiring philosophy of coaching, which above all emphasizes the process of athletics.

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## Author Biography

**Tom Osborne** was head coach of the University of Nebraska football team for twenty-five years, during which time the Huskers won three national championships. After he retired from coaching in 1997, Osborne served Nebraska's third district in the House of Representatives for six years. He now works as the athletic director at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

**John E. Roberts** is the executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and has also served as the executive vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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