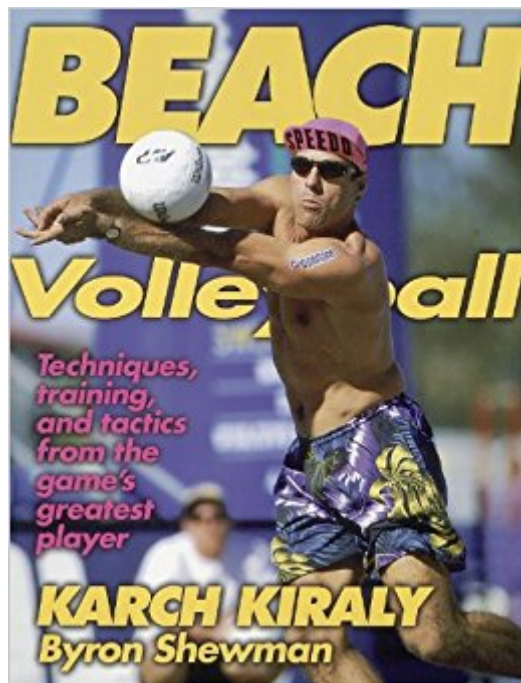


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# Beach Volleyball



## Synopsis

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Good book, but its only purpose is to appeal to "the masses." Most volleyball books are designed to help everyone; whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or advanced player. Let's face it, if you're trying to make a lot of money off a book...that's the best way to go. However, if you're already a good player, you're not going to benefit much from this book. You're much better off buying Mark Tanner's Smarter Volleyball. It actually talks about the "mental game," rather than the traditional pass, set, hit scenario that you see in most of these books. I've been Karch's biggest fan for most of my life, but to be honest...this book is a waste of time if you're actually wanting to get to a higher level of play. If you're just starting out, buy the book...but if you're looking for more in-depth strategies, go with Mark Tanner's book or one of the "lesser known" authors...they're probably not in it for the "big" money.

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This book is great for the beginner. It does not go in depth into strategy, reading hitters, positioning, etc... It does give GREAT tips on improving your overall game, endurance, shot placement, et al. There is a bit of humor mixed into the fray, which adds the human touch. When I bought this book I was a beginner. My serves were poor, sets average, kills average, blocks average, and passes were mediocre. After just a few weeks I had a great jump serve, monster kills, and incredible blocks. I love it. If you are a beginner and want to improve quickly - this is for you. If you have been around a bit - you might find something useful in here but you probably already know this stuff. In depth strategy is lacking.

Si eres un principiante del voly de playa, o aÃ±n si eres un experto, este libro deberÃ- a estar en tu colecciÃ n. EstÃ¡ "salpicado" con interesantes anÃ©cdotas de la historia de este deporte y con descripciÃ nes de las características de algunos famosos jugadores del pasado reciente (mediados-finales de los 90's). Si acaso quieres seguir los consejos tÃ©cnicos ofrecidos es probable que las fotografías que los acompaÃ an te defrauden. Son en blanco y negro y no de muy buena calidad. Por si no estÃ¡s familiarizado con los tÃ©rminos de la jerga del voly de playa, el libro ofrece las descripciones de los mismos junto al lugar en donde aparecen. No hay mucha bibliografÃ a que trate este deporte, esto hace que el libro sea "escencial".

This book has great photos and a balanced overall approach to beach volleyball. It's got all the basics covered and the stories that are peppered throughout the book make for interesting reading.

I would probably have liked to hear more about the players and matches of the past, but I think Karch wanted this to be an instructional book rather than one for entertainment. Still I would have preferred more opinions and insights into the players and strategies. I hope that Karch does a second edition with the new AVP and it's rules.

If you are looking for a book that teaches solid fundamentals and a good workout regimen, this is fine. However, if you already have some experience as a player and are looking for advanced tips and strategies, such as how to read blocks, using the wind on the serve, reading hitters, defensive positioning/strategies, advanced hand placement techniques, you will not find them here. Hopefully Karch will write another book going into these details.

The Grand-daddy of beach volleyball gives excellent pointers on training, strategy, and skills in this book. He also sheds some light on the state of the AVP pro beach volleyball tour. For the latest on the AVP and inside, behind-the-scene stories, I'd also recommend "Order On The Court" by Tom Burke (2008) as a must-read!

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