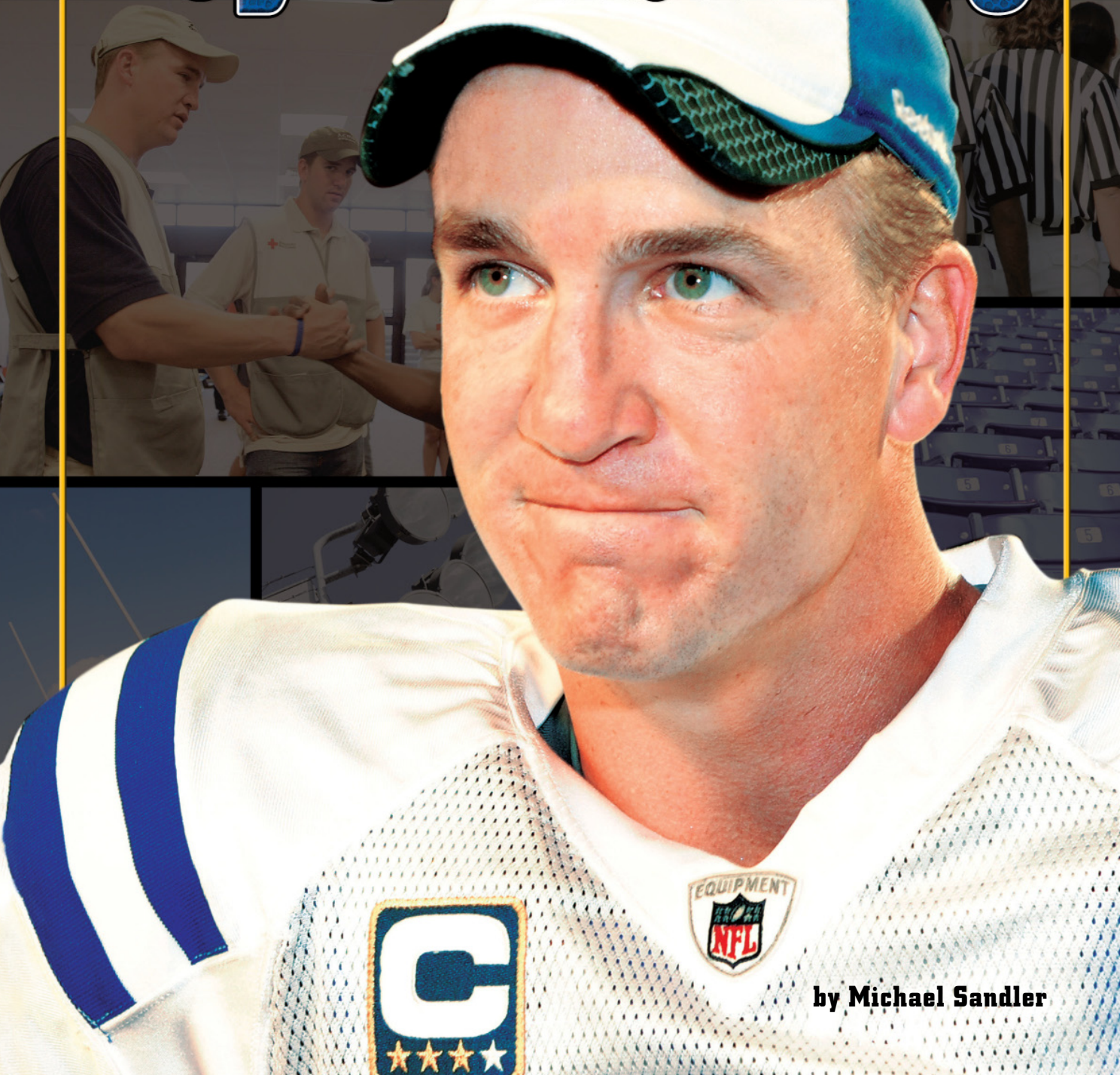




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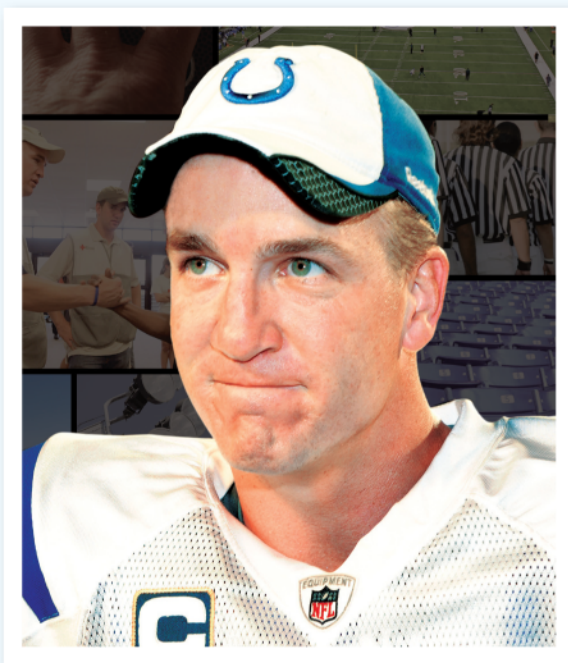


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Final Minutes


On January 2, 2011, at Lucas Oil Stadium, the Indianapolis Colts were battling the Tennessee Titans. It was the final game of the 2010–2011 NFL regular season. The Colts needed a win. With it, they would earn their seventh **AFC South** title in eight years.

With just over a minute left in the game, the two teams were tied, 20–20. Colts fans knew what needed to happen next. They had seen it so many times before—their quarterback Peyton Manning leading a game-winning **drive** with the clock ticking down. From inside the Colts' **own territory**, Peyton got ready to work his magic.



Fans at Lucas Oil Stadium, the Colts' home stadium, cheer on Indianapolis.





Peyton (#18) gets ready to throw the ball during the game against the Tennessee Titans.

Peyton Manning is considered by many to be the NFL's greatest **active** quarterback. He has made 11 Pro Bowls, won one Super Bowl, and earned four Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards.

Home Field Hero


Cool and steady, Peyton brought his team downfield. With 1 minute and 18 seconds left on the clock, he hit **receiver** Blair White with a 20-yard (18-m) pass. On the next play, he handed the ball to Joseph Addai for a 6-yard (5-m) gain.

Now there was just over half a minute to go. Peyton quickly connected with **tight end** Jacob Tamme to put the Colts into **field goal range**. Then kicker Adam Vinatieri came in to finish the job. He sent the ball through the **uprights** as time ran out. Score! Thanks to another unbelievable Peyton drive, the Colts had a 23–20 victory and were headed to the playoffs.



Jacob Tamme (#84) heads downfield.



A full-page photograph of Peyton Manning, number 18 of the Indianapolis Colts, in his blue and white uniform. He is wearing a white Riddell helmet and is in a three-point stance on the field, looking forward with his mouth slightly open. Other players in Colts uniforms are visible in the background and foreground, including one with number 66 on the left.

Peyton (#18) calls out
a play during the game
against the Titans.

This was the ninth straight season that the Colts were headed to the playoffs with Peyton as quarterback. This tied the NFL record for **consecutive** playoff appearances.



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Peyton Manning

During his long career with the Indianapolis Colts, quarterback Peyton Manning has won a Super Bowl title, earned four Most Valuable Player awards, and led more game-winning drives than most fans can count. Still, his work away from the football field is just as impressive. Each year, Peyton works with young quarterbacks at a football camp in his native Louisiana. His charity, the PeyBack Foundation, supports dozens of groups that provide leadership and athletic programs for kids. Peyton's work helping others never stops. Follow Peyton through his biggest moments, both on and off the field, to see how this champion makes a difference.

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Tony Gonzalez

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