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The story of Jelena Dokic, in her words

This is a story of Jelena Dokic's survival. How she survived as a refugee, twice. How she survived on the tennis court to become world No. 4. But, most importantly, how she survived her father, Damir Dokic, the tennis dad from hell.

Jelena was a prodigious talent, heralded as Australia's greatest tennis hope since Evonne Goolagong. She had exceptional skills, a steely nerve and an extraordinary ability to fight on the court. Off it she endured huge challenges; being an 'outsider' in her new country, poverty and racism. Still she starred on the tennis court. By 18, she was in the world's top 10. By 19, she was No. 4. The world was charmed by her and her story – a refugee whose family had made Australia home when she was eleven years old.

Jelena has not told a soul her incredible, explosive story in full – until now.

From war-torn Yugoslavia to Sydney to Wimbledon, she narrates her hellish ascent to becoming one of the best tennis players in the women's game, and her heart-breaking fall from the top. Her gutsy honesty will leave you in awe. Her fight back from darkness will uplift you. Most of all, Jelena's will to survive will inspire you.

JELENA DOKIC

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At 17 she reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon. By September 2000 she became an Olympian and finished fourth at the Sydney Games.

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By 19, she was world No.4, holding her own against Monica Seles, Martina Hingis and Lindsay Davenport. She was the world No.9 in doubles.

She went on to win her first WTA singles title at the Rome Masters in May 2001. She was also a French Open doubles finalist the same year.

A shoulder and wrist injury prematurely finished her tennis career in 2013. One of the only female players to have won a WTA title on all four surfaces Jelena now spends her time mentoring young players. She has a vast amount of knowledge to share - her other career highlights include making her Fed Cup debut as a 15 year old - the youngest player ever – and winning both matches. She also won the Hopman Cup with Mark Philippoussis at 15.

As well as mentoring she also enjoys doing media work. She has worked as a commentator on both Fox Sports News and Channel Seven's tennis coverage.

She currently lives in Melbourne with her partner Tin.

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JELENA DOKIC

with Jessica Halloran

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