

## Wilt Chamberlain The Inspiring Story Of One Of Basketballs Greatest Players Basketball Biography Books

The first memoir for young readers by sports legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. At one time, Lew Alcindor was just another kid from New York City with all the usual problems: He struggled with fitting in, with pleasing a strict father, and with overcoming shyness that made him feel socially awkward. But with a talent for basketball, and an unmatched team of supporters, Lew Alcindor was able to transform and to become Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. From a childhood made difficult by racism and prejudice to a record-smashing career on the basketball court as an adult, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's life was packed with ""coaches"" who taught him right from wrong and led him on the path to greatness. His parents, coaches Jack Donahue and John Wooden, Muhammad Ali, Bruce Lee, and many others played important roles in Abdul-Jabbar's life and sparked him to become an activist for social change and advancement. The inspiration from those around him, and his drive to find his own path in life, are highlighted in this personal and awe-inspiring journey. Written especially for young readers, *Becoming Kareem* chronicles how Kareem Abdul-Jabbar become the icon and legend he is today, both on and off the court.

A brief biography of the popular basketball player, Michael Jordan.

In *Only in St. Louis!*, Charlie Brennan shares the most incredible, strange and inspiring stories he has come across in his three decades talking about the Gateway City. Readers will learn: Wilt Chamberlain was traded in a St. Louis restaurant. Jesus Christ Superstar was first staged in St. Louis, not New York. A St. Louis Cardinal pitcher beat Randy Johnson while drinking vodka. A St. Louis mayor was buried three times. Supreme Court Justices laughed aloud while hearing a St. Louis case. A St. Louis woman woke up when she heard an intruder...who turned out to be a national celebrity. Kenny Wayne Shepherd's worst moment on stage was in St. Louis. A St. Louis man found \$1,200 in his ceiling. J.S. Bach's personal bibles are in St. Louis. A St. Louis high school name is actually misspelled. Why Kurt Warner listed his name and address in the phone book. The Air Force's biggest weapon is made in St. Louis. John Lennon's song "Imagine" has a St. Louis connection. The NFL's "lowest blow" has ties to St. Louis. Twinkies were named in St. Louis. A lost wallet led to one of the best-selling songs of the 1960s. The woman who injected John Belushi with a fatal dose hid in St. Louis. A St. Louis man swam 292 miles of the Mississippi River without stopping. Why General William Tecumseh Sherman could defeat the south but not City Hall. The only company to prepare cocaine for medicinal use is in St. Louis. A St. Louis barista became a billionaire. A man was attacked by a shark in downtown St. Louis. A St. Louis man played basketball for St. Louis Community College, football for Yale and is now a top national journalist. Brennan, host of "The Charlie Brennan Show" on KMOX and provocateur of "Donnybrook" on KETC-TV, curates these and other stories for the first time in one volume.

The Laker superstar discusses his private life, politics, and fellow players as he reviews his extraordinary basketball career

"George Gund foundation imprint in African American Studies"--P. facing t.p.

In this fun top-ten book, readers will learn all about basketball's biggest stars! With exciting photos, interesting stats, and more, sports fans will find plenty to cheer about.

There are a lot of books out there that show collections of logos. But David Airey's "Logo Design Love" is something different: it's a guide for designers (and clients) who want to understand what this mysterious business is all about. Written in reader-friendly, concise language, with a minimum of designer jargon, Airey gives a surprisingly clear explanation of the process, using a wide assortment of real-life examples to support his points. Anyone involved in creating visual identities, or wanting to learn how to go about it, will find this book

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invaluable. - Tom Geismar, Chermayeff & Geismar In Logo Design Love, Irish graphic designer David Airey brings the best parts of his wildly popular blog of the same name to the printed page. Just as in the blog, David fills each page of this simple, modern-looking book with gorgeous logos and real world anecdotes that illustrate best practices for designing brand identity systems that last. David not only shares his experiences working with clients, including sketches and final results of his successful designs, but uses the work of many well-known designers to explain why well-crafted brand identity systems are important, how to create iconic logos, and how to best work with clients to achieve success as a designer. Contributors include Gerard Huerta, who designed the logos for Time magazine and Waldenbooks; Lindon Leader, who created the current FedEx brand identity system as well as the CIGNA logo; and many more. Readers will learn: Why one logo is more effective than another How to create their own iconic designs What sets some designers above the rest Best practices for working with clients 25 practical design tips for creating logos that last

One Last Shot gives Jordan fans the inside scoop they're looking for on basketball's greatest legend, with exclusive interviews from NBA executives, players, and coaches. Mitchell Krugel uses his fifteen years of following Michael Jordan's every move to explain why the man who left the game as The Greatest Player of All Time would risk his unparalleled legend to play again. After delivering the Chicago Bulls their sixth championship in 1998 by pulling off what became known as the greatest money shot in the history of the NBA, Michael believed he still had much of that Greatest-Player-Of-All-Time left in his game. But he felt that retirement was forced on him in 1999, and he left the game craving more doses of fifty-point binges, winner-take-all confrontations, and repeated nights of reminding fans they just saw the greatest player ever. One Last Shot not only explains why Michael Jordan came back to the court but also looks at his transition from Wizards executive to player, his struggle to join a team that had grown up with his posters on their walls, and his glories and setbacks in a Wizards season chock full of both struggles and surprises. Krugel also details the star-laden workouts Michael designed in the summer of 2001 to get his game back into shape. This look at Michael Jordan, circa 2001-2002, shows how much basketball had changed since his last coming and how much it hadn't, and how his drive pushed him to the verge of a crippling knee injury all in the pursuit of winning. And for six weeks he did make it back. He made the shots. He made good on his mission to teach the Wizards how to be winners, to teach talented teammate Richard Hamilton to be a shooting star, and to whip Kwame Brown, the high school kid he made the first-ever first pick in the NBA draft, into a man. And he did the things that only a man of legend could do. Krugel analyzes both the man and the legend to trace how the First Coming led to a Second and to a Third, and he chronicles the season that defines Michael Jordan as a man who will forever be playing for one last shot.

The bestselling author of Dream Team tells the interconnected stories of the NBA champion Golden State Warriors and the early-1970s Los Angeles Lakers, two extraordinary teams playing in extraordinary times and linked by one extraordinary man: Jerry West. With an update on Jerry West's new gig In Golden Days, acclaimed sports journalist Jack McCallum uses two teams—today's Golden State Warriors and the L.A. Lakers of the early 1970s—to trace the dynamic history of the National Basketball Association, which for much of the last half-century has marched memorably through the state of California. Tying together the two strands of McCallum's story is Hall of Famer Jerry West, the ferociously competitive Laker guard who later became one of the key architects of the Warriors. With "the Logo" as his guide, McCallum takes us deep into the locker rooms and front offices of these two era-defining teams, leveraging the access and authority he has amassed over his forty-year career to create a picture of the cultural juggernaut that the NBA has become. Featuring up-close-and-personal portraits of some of the biggest names in basketball history, from Wilt Chamberlain to Steve Kerr to the transcendent duo of Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant, as well as an update

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on the Warriors' continuing run of dominance and West's first season with the L.A. Clippers, Golden Days is a history, not just of a changing sport, but a changing America. Featuring vintage photos and contemporary shots of NBA greats including Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Wilt Chamberlain, Jerry West, Elgin Baylor, Pat Riley, and more. "Full of juicy anecdotes and wagging fun . . . McCallum holds legitimate claim for being the greatest NBA writer of all time."—The Wall Street Journal "Only one writer I know could pull all this together: two iconic champions, two roundball revolutions, and the deadeye legend whose silhouette binds them both. If basketball writing had a logo, it would be the image of Jack McCallum."—Lee Jenkins, senior writer, Sports Illustrated "I had the pleasure of playing with, coaching with, and coaching for Jerry West, one of the great influences in the history of the NBA. Golden Days gets at the essence of the man as a player and an executive, while also exploring today's game through the Golden State Warriors."—Pat Riley, president, Miami Heat "An original, fascinating, and breezy read."—Zach Lowe, senior writer, ESPN

A smooth-talking man who claims to have played basketball with Chip's father creates dissension on the Valley Falls high school team and plans to use Big Chip's pottery formula in his latest scam.

Learn the Inspiring Story of the New Jersey Nets' Point Guard Jeremy Lin! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device. Limited time offer: If you buy the print edition, you can keep the Kindle edition for yourself! In Jeremy Lin: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Underdog Stories, you will learn the inspirational story of one of basketball's grittiest point guards, Jeremy Lin. Once left with few options than sleeping on a teammate's couch, Jeremy Lin has had an incredible journey to get to where he is today as a highly capable starting point guard. Most known for his impressive performance in February through March of 2012, Jeremy Lin has since solidified himself as a top point guard in the league. Despite his successes, Jeremy Lin remains incredibly humble and a role model for aspiring basketball players around the world. He has become a global icon, especially within the Asian American community. In this unauthorized biography, you'll learn the story of what makes Jeremy so great and why it should be no surprise why he is successful today. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Childhood and Early Life High School and College Career Getting Drafted, Detour to the NBA, Rookie Season, The Birth of Linsanity, Skyrocketing with the Rockets The Short Stop in Los Angeles, Linsanity to Charlotte, The Injury Years in Brooklyn Personal Life Impact on Basketball Legacy and Future An excerpt from the book: What makes the world of professional sports beautiful is that everyone goes through a unique journey towards relevance and stardom. The path towards the life of a professional athlete, particularly in the NBA, takes many forms and shapes. Others have had it easy since they were young. Some showed potential early on but could not live up to it. And there are even some that never showed any hint of greatness within them but would eventually turn out to be better than advertised. Because journeys differ, not everyone gets to experience the full-frontal media-exposed life towards stardom that heralded basketball stars such as Wilt Chamberlain, Shaquille O'Neal, and LeBron James had ever since they showed potential for stardom at an early age. Similarly, not everyone goes through the process of long-term development that late-blooming players such as Jimmy Butler, Giannis Antetokounmpo, and Draymond Green have had to undergo. But there are those types of journeys that are as rare as they come. One case in point was how Jeremy Lin was able to make a name for himself in the NBA when the rest of the league thought he was merely a novelty player. Born in the United States to Taiwanese parents, Jeremy Lin is as Asian as they come, but grew up as an American. With that in mind, Lin was practically a basketball ambassador for Asia, where more than half of the world's population resides. His Taiwanese roots made him a similar player to that of Yao Ming because of how they bridged America with the Asian market. However, what made him more unique was that he was raised in an American setting whereas some of the other international

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ambassadors of the NBA grew up in their respective home countries. Because of this, Lin became the very first American of Chinese or Taiwanese descent that made it as far as the NBA. Tags: Jeremy Lin Bio, Jeremy Lin basketball, Kobe Bryant, Yao Ming, D'Angelo Russell, James Harden, Brook Lopez, Stephen Curry, Carmelo Anthony, Asian American basketball players, Taiwan basketball, Linsanity

Meadowlark Lemon illustrates the determination it took to overcome poverty, racial prejudice, and many other roadblocks that would have sidelined most any other person. Meadowlark, who was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003, delivers loving reminiscences of his youth, hilarious stories about his days with the Globetrotters, and wise instructions for living a JOY-filled life. Beginning with his upbringing in Wilmington, North Carolina to his vibrant message of JOY today, Meadowlark tells us to "trust our next shot. He uses the word "SHOT" to give us a guide for life. Spirit, Health, Opportunity, and Teamwork combine to fuel our passions, satisfy our heart's desires, create opportunities for doing good, and help others realize their dreams.

Learn the Incredible Story of the Basketball Legend Pete Maravich! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! In Pete Maravich: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Most Skilled Ball-Handlers, you will learn the inspirational story of one of basketball's greatest point guards, Pete Maravich. While we are blessed in today's game to observe the remarkable play of point guards such as Stephen Curry and Chris Paul, Pistol Pete was one of the first point guards to display many of the key ball-handling skills that we observe on a nightly basis in the game today. A legend in his own right, his story is one persistence and hard work in order to achieve great things. When you learn Pete Maravich's story, it comes as no surprise why he was one of the youngest players to ever be inducted into the Hall of Fame. In 1996, he was named one of the fifty greatest players in NBA history due to his remarkable creativity on the court. In this book, we'll learn his story. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Childhood and Early Life High School Career College Career and NCAA Legacy Maravich's NBA Career Getting Drafted Rookie Season Back-to-Back All-Star Seasons Trade to the New Orleans Jazz Scoring Champion Season Knee Injuries and Final All-Star Season Relocation to Utah, Getting Waived Joining the Boston Celtics, The Final Stretch Retirement Life After Basketball Pete Maravich's Personal Life Legacy, Influence, and Contribution to the Game of Basketball An excerpt from the book: The NBA game today has become a spectacle filled with players with the flashy style and theatrics that wow millions of fans worldwide. Plays such as the behind-the-back dribble, the no-look pass, the between-the-legs dribble, and many other flashy moves are all crowd favorites. But basketball fans today forget the fact that there was one player who exclusively made the stylish brand of basketball his trademark on the court. That basketball legend went by the name of Pete Maravich, better known as "Pistol Pete" because of his penchant for shooting the basketball from the side like an old Western cowboy would shoot his revolver from the side. We've all seen so many players do the flashiest of moves on the court that it's not a novelty in the NBA anymore. No-look passes have been the trademark moves of Magic Johnson, Steve Nash, and Chris Paul. They did it at such a high level that they were among the best point guards of their generations. Furthermore, the behind-the-back pass is such a staple for Stephen Curry and Ricky Rubio that they do it at least once or twice a game. While those kinds of plays are always a joy to see, they are no longer a rare spectacle in the NBA. But in Pete Maravich's days, he was the only guy who performed these flashy moves on the court. Pistol Pete became a crowd favorite and people flocked night in and night out to see his moves. He was probably the first basketball great to 'bring the playground and freewheeling moves to the NBA and he was a pioneer of today's brand of basketball. Plus, he always played with great flowing hair that became his trademark do on the floor. Tags: pete maravich bio, pete maravich basketball, oscar robertson, jerry west, larry bird, wilt chamberlain, julius erving, dr. j, john stockton, jason

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Learn the Inspiring Story of the Boston Celtics' Legendary Center, Bill Russell! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device. Limited time offer: If you buy the print edition, you can keep the Kindle edition for yourself! In *Bill Russell: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Legendary Centers*, you will learn the incredible story of one of basketball's greatest players of all time, Bill Russell. In his thirteen-year career, Bill Russell accomplished what many NBA players today would dream of. He was an eleven-time champion, twelve-time All-Star, and five-time Most Valuable Player. He won the MVP award so many times that the league renamed the trophy after him in 2009! Even today, his accomplishments stand among the basketball elite in pedigree. It'd be difficult to envision another player achieving the stat sheet that Bill Russell was able to when he played the game. Pick up this unauthorized biography today to learn the inspiring story behind Bill Russell. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Childhood and Early Life High School and College Career Getting Drafted, Rookie Season, First NBA Championship First MVP Season, the Calm Before the Dynasty The Dawn of a Dynasty, Wilt Chamberlain's Arrival, Dominating the NBA Championship Meeting Wilt in the Finals, Winning Eight Straight Titles, The Playing Coach, Losing to Wilt, The End of the Streak Return to the Top of the NBA, Bill Russell's Final Seasons, After Retirement Bill Russell's Personal Life Impact on Basketball Legacy and Future An excerpt from the book: In the world of basketball or any other competitive sport for that matter, winning is everything. More often than not, fans and history only remember those who have won. The world knows how to celebrate winners by putting them at the apex when it comes to the greatest achievers in the history of basketball. After all, winning a championship is the ultimate goal and the primary purpose of anyone playing the sport. In its long history, the NBA has seen its share of winners. We have immortalized Michael Jordan as arguably the single greatest player in league history primarily because of his six championships. Players such as Tim Duncan and Kobe Bryant belong in that category. And nobody could ever discredit what Magic Johnson and Larry Bird, whose respective teams dominated the championship scene in the '80s, did as individual players and winners. However, when it comes to winning, nothing in the history of the NBA or even basketball is as synonymous with championships as Bill Russell's name. Bill Russell is the single most dominant player in all of basketball as far as winning championships is concerned. With 11 championships under his belt, no other all-time great player has ever come close to his accomplishments as a winner. Yes, even championships greats such as Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Tim Duncan, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and Magic Johnson were never close to what Russell achieved concerning NBA titles. As the cornerstone of the Boston Celtics in the late '50s up to the '60s, Bill Russell can be considered that team's first true franchise star. While the Celtics had Bob Cousy, it was Bill Russell's toughness as the franchise center that made that team one of the first dynasties in league history. His toughness down in the middle and his nature as a leader was what paved the way for the Boston Celtics' success during those years. Tags: Bill Russell Bio, Boston Celtics basketball, greatest basketball players of all time, wilt chamberlain, hakeem olajuwon, kareem abdul-jabbar, larry bird, jerry west

On the night of March 2, 1962, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, right up the street from the chocolate factory, Wilt Chamberlain, a young and striking athlete celebrated as the Big Dipper, scored one hundred points in a game against the New York Knickerbockers. As historic and revolutionary as the achievement was, it remains shrouded in myth. The game was not televised; no New York sportswriters showed up; and a fourteen-year-old local boy ran onto the court when Chamberlain scored his hundredth point, shook his hand, and then ran off with the basketball. In telling the story of this remarkable night, author Gary M. Pomerantz brings to life a lost world of American sports. In 1962, the National Basketball Association, stepchild to the college game, was searching for its identity. Its teams were mostly white, the number of

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black players limited by an unspoken quota. Games were played in drafty, half-filled arenas, and the players traveled on buses and trains, telling tall tales, playing cards, and sometimes reading Joyce. Into this scene stepped the unprecedented Wilt Chamberlain: strong and quick-witted, voluble and enigmatic, a seven-footer who played with a colossal will and a dancer's grace. That strength, will, grace, and mystery were never more in focus than on March 2, 1962. Pomerantz tracked down Knicks and Philadelphia Warriors, fans, journalists, team officials, other NBA stars of the era, and basketball historians, conducting more than 250 interviews in all, to recreate in painstaking detail the game that announced the Dipper's greatness. He brings us to Hershey, Pennsylvania, a sweet-seeming model of the gentle, homogeneous small-town America that was fast becoming anachronistic. We see the fans and players, alternately fascinated and confused by Wilt, drawn anxiously into the spectacle. Pomerantz portrays the other legendary figures in this story: the Warriors' elegant coach Frank McGuire; the beloved, if rumpled, team owner Eddie Gottlieb; and the irreverent p.a. announcer Dave "the Zink" Zinkoff, who handed out free salamis courtside. At the heart of the book is the self-made Chamberlain, a romantic cosmopolitan who owned a nightclub in Harlem and shrugged off segregation with a bebop cool but harbored every slight deep in his psyche. March 2, 1962, presented the awesome sight of Wilt Chamberlain imposing himself on a world that would diminish him. Wilt, 1962 is not only the dramatic story of a singular basketball game but a meditation on small towns, midcentury America, and one of the most intriguing figures in the pantheon of sports heroes. Also available as a Random House AudioBook

Learn the Inspiring Story of the Boston Celtics' Star Gordon Hayward! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! In *Gordon Hayward: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Star Forwards*, you'll learn the inspirational story of one of basketball's premier forwards, Gordon Hayward. Few would have expected when he was selected with the 9th overall pick in the 2010 NBA Draft that Gordon Hayward would become as influential of a player as he is today. For seven years, he played on the Utah Jazz and helped the franchise return to prominence after it had spent years looking from the outside in during the playoffs. Hayward's ascent in the league actualized in 2017 when he was selected for his first All-Star game. In the 2017 offseason, Hayward decided it was time to reconnect with his old college coach, Brad Stevens. He signed a four-year, \$128 million contract to join the Celtics to play alongside Al Horford and Kyrie Irving. It will be exciting to see how Hayward continues to mature in the years to come. This work details everything up until the start of the 2017-2018 NBA season for the career of Gordon Hayward. If you're a fan of Gordon Hayward, don't delay in picking up this book. Start learning his inspiring story today. Here's a preview of what you'll read about: Childhood and Early Life High School Career College Career at Butler Gordon Hayward's NBA Career Getting Drafted Rookie Season The Steady Rise of Gordon Hayward Breaking Out All-Star Status, Final Season in Utah The Move to Boston Gordon Hayward's Personal Life Hayward's Impact on Basketball and Legacy An excerpt from the book: The game of basketball is always a learning process. Nobody in this world is born an expert in the sport, or even someone who has mastered certain skills one way or another. Every superstar and all-time great has gone through periods of learning, training, and developing to become who they are today and who they are in the history of basketball. However, the pace may be somewhat different. While it is true that superstars and all-time greats have had to undergo the same process that every basketball player has had to go through to become better, there are some who seem like they were born to it. That is where genetics come into play. Though nobody is born a superstar in basketball, some were brought into this world with the pedigree and genetic makeup that would someday make them greats in the game with the proper training, coaching, and development. The physical aspect is what is initially looked at when it comes to telling how much of a potential a basketball player has. He might be an athletic freak of nature like Wilt Chamberlain, Shaquille O'Neal, and LeBron James are. And some may be

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genetic miracles because of their size, length, and athleticism. Players such as Giannis Antetokounmpo and Kristaps Porzingis might come to mind. Oftentimes, a player's destiny as a future star could also be a legacy carried on from one generation to one another. Players that have had parents as basketball players and NBA professionals often have the genetics to someday follow in the footsteps of their forebears. Those that come to mind are Kobe Bryant, Klay Thompson, and Stephen Curry, among others. Such players seemed to have been born with the talent to one day become as great as their fathers or mothers but only through work ethic did they achieve the heights that they reached. Tags: gordon hayward bio, gordon hayward basketball, boston celtics basketball, rudy gobert, kyrie irving, isaiah thomas, al horford, derrick favors, jae crowder, jaylen brown, butler basketball, brad stevens

An opinionated tour of the past, present, and future of pro basketball, written by ESPN's "Sports Guy" columnist, shares insights on everything from major NBA events and underrated players to how Hall of Famers should be selected.

Learn the Incredible Story of 90s Basketball Superstar Patrick Ewing! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! In Patrick Ewing: The Remarkable Story of One of 90s Basketball's Greatest Centers, you'll read about the inspirational story of basketball's premier center, Patrick Ewing. Patrick Ewing defined New York Knick basketball from the 1980s through the 1990s. In an age filled with greats like Michael Jordan, Karl Malone, Patrick Ewing, Reggie Miller and John Stockton, Ewing played in one of the most exciting eras of modern basketball. The New York Knicks had quite a few deep playoff runs during Patrick Ewing's time with them. A hall of famer, Patrick Ewing drew fear from opposing teams when it came to scoring in the paint. The New York Knick defense was grounded behind Ewing's efforts every night in Madison Square Garden. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Early Life and Childhood College Years at Georgetown Ewing's NBA Career Patrick Ewing's Personal Life Impact on Basketball and Beyond Patrick Ewing's Legacy An excerpt from the book: Sweat. If there is anything that defines Patrick Ewing, it is sweat. Throughout his 17 years in the NBA, Ewing was famous for the gallons of sweat that dripped off of him every single game. No one in the history of the NBA sweated as much as Patrick Ewing. When you look back at Ewing's career, he suffers from the fact that there seems to be no way to define him like there is for the other great centers in NBA history. Shaquille O'Neal was a physical monster, Kareem had his skyhook, Hakeem the Dream Shake, and Wilt Chamberlain his ludicrous numbers. Ewing may not have been quite as talented as those centers, but his sweat shows that he worked his hardest to make the conversation as one of the All-Time NBA greats. Ewing was projected to be a defensive talent when the New York Knicks selected him in 1985 with the first overall pick. While he became an excellent defender, he also developed a reliable postgame and helped lead the Knicks to many playoff series wins. Ewing have never won a championship and he may have failed to defeat Michael Jordan's Bulls and Hakeem Olajuwon's Rockets; however, he never had as much as help as those two players. Despite his shortcomings in championships, Ewing remained a loyal Knick to the very end. While he may not have finished his career with the Knicks, he is still the greatest New York player in NBA history. Tags: patrick ewing, new york knicks, madison square garden, hakeem olajuwon, charles barkley, scottie pippen, david robinson, karl malone, larry bird, muggsy bogues, alonzo mourning, john stark

"In Kevin Durant: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Small Forwards, you'll read about the inspirational story of basketball's star, Kevin Durant. Kevin Durant started his career as the face of the Thunder dynasty upon entering the league in 2007 as the second overall pick. After a nine-year stint with the Thunder, Durant opted to sign with the Golden State Warriors in the 2016 offseason. Reflecting back on Durant's time in OKC, the team came a long way, becoming one of the perennial Western Conference contenders during his tenure. Playing alongside athletic and talented players like Russell Westbrook, James Harden, Serge Ibaka, and Reggie Jackson, Durant had the opportunity to lead the Thunder to several deep

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playoff runs behind the helm of Coach Scott Brooks. While he did not win a championship with the Thunder, Durant accomplished quite a bit with Russell Westbrook in his nine years in OKC. Time will tell what he will be able to accomplish with Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson, and Draymond Green in Golden State. In this book, you'll learn about Kevin's incredible story to the NBA. Kevin Durant has had an incredible basketball career playing in the National Basketball Association. In this short book, we will learn about how Kevin became the star MVP small forward that he is today. Starting first with his childhood and early life, we'll learn about Kevin Durant prior to entering the NBA, his time in the NBA, along with his impact on Oklahoma City"--P. [4] of cover.

Bill Russell epitomizes innovation, teamwork, and leadership. Now the winner of 11 championships as a player and coach of the Boston Celtics and five-time NBA Most Valuable Player reveals the 11 essential steps to attaining success in your professional and personal life. In this invaluable book, Bill Russell shares the insights, memories, and most important, the essential "rules of success" that influenced him in every aspect of his life, from raising a daughter as a single father to becoming a successful coach and mentor to others. Filled with personal and professional stories of his days playing with Celtic greats Bob Cousy, Tom Heinsohn, Sam Jones, and coach Red Auerbach, Russell Rules offers inspiring lessons on commitment, personal integrity, teamwork, and success.

TRIUMPH is an inspiring true-life story of a girl from a small town who became a world renowned legend. It begins in a time and place where women had few options and sports were a man's world. As a child Kay loved playing basketball but like many young women of that time she anticipated life as a teacher. Through the encouragement of her parents and principal, she changed her expectations and raised the bar on what women could accomplish. Kay defied these limitations to become a successful Basketball coach, a hall of fame inductee, and an Olympic gold coach. With her many successes there would be even bigger challenges. Her fiercest opponent would become her ongoing battle with breast cancer. Coach Yow faced these trials head on with grace, dignity, and her deep faith. Kay's love of people, her sense of humor, and her undying hope were contagious. She believed "When Life Kicks You, Let it Kick You Forward." This story will inspire you, give hope to you and let you find the hidden hero within yourself.

Learn the Incredible Story of the New Orleans Pelicans Star Center, DeMarcus Cousins! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device. This holiday season, if you buy the print edition as a gift, you can keep the Kindle edition for yourself! In DeMarcus Cousins: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Top Centers, you'll read about the inspirational story of basketball's star, DeMarcus Cousins. Since entering the league as the 5th overall pick in the 2010 NBA Draft, DeMarcus Cousins has made quite the name for himself as a premier big man. After spending nearly seven years as the face of the Sacramento Kings franchise, DeMarcus was given a fresh start mid-way through the 2016-2017 season as he was traded to the New Orleans Pelicans to play alongside fellow star, Anthony Davis. There is still much basketball to be played out in DeMarcus' career. It will be exciting to continue to watch DeMarcus mature over time with Davis. If you're interested in learning the incredible story of how DeMarcus became the player he is today, pick up a copy of this book today Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Early Life and Childhood High School Years College Years at the University of Kentucky DeMarcus' NBA Career Getting Drafted, Rookie Season, Westphal's Ouster, the Double-Double Machine The Rise to Stardom, Cousins the All-Star, Final Year in Sacramento The Move to the Big Easy, Flying High with the Pelicans International Career Cousins' Personal Life Cousins' Impact on Basketball and Beyond DeMarcus Cousins' Legacy and Future An excerpt from the book: Has the world ever seen a complete NBA center? That is one of the most challenging questions to answer in the lore of NBA basketball. The league has seen its share of complete point guards, shooting guards,

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small forwards, and power forwards that could all shoot, rebound, make plays, and defend at elite levels. And especially in today's NBA era where skill matters most in a pace-and-space style of play. But somehow, complete centers are somewhat rare in the league. It is no secret that dominant and skilled centers have come and gone in the history of the NBA. Wilt Chamberlain and Shaquille O'Neal were both unstoppable athletic giants inside the paint. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Hakeem Olajuwon would leave their defenders scratching their heads because of the array of post moves they brought to the game. Meanwhile, David Robinson's and Dwight Howard's superior mobility have helped them become dominant centers on both ends of the floor. However, as far as all-around skills are concerned, those centers were far from being complete. We have seen centers that are unstoppable near the basket. There are also those that can spin heads with their post moves and superior athletic mobility. Some centers thrive by stretching the floor because of their three-point shooting. Others only care about doing their job at the defensive end by blocking shots and grabbing rebounds. There are even rare centers that could play the point from the post. However, you rarely see centers that could do all of those things at a high level. Tags: DeMarcus Cousins, New Orleans Pelicans, Sacramento Kings, University of Kentucky Basketball, Dwight Howard, Kemba Walker, Anthony Davis, Kevin Durant, Karl-Anthony Towns, Paul George

Learn the Inspiring Story of the Charlotte Hornets' Star Point Guard Kemba Walker! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! In *Kemba Walker: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Most Explosive Point Guards*, you will learn the inspirational story of one of basketball's most dynamic point guards, Kemba Walker. Since entering the league in 2011, Walker has become the face of the Charlotte Hornets franchise. Walker has evolved his game every single year to become one of the most lethal scorers in the game today. Statistically, he has improved his field goal percentages to mark that of an elite point guard. It's hard to believe that just a few seasons ago, Walker struggled from behind the three-point arc. That's no longer the case and his statistical improvements are simply a mark of his dedication to the game. In this book, we'll learn more about Kemba Walker's journey into the NBA, his impact on the game, and his growing legacy as one of the best offensive point guards to grace the courts in the modern era of basketball. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Childhood and Early Life High School Career Walker's College Career at UConn: Spitfire Freshman, Sophomore Season, and the Miracle Run in Junior Year NBA Career Walker's Rise to Alpha Status Kemba's Personal Life Walker's Impact, Legacy, and Future An excerpt from the book: NBA eras are defined by the players and positions that dominate the landscape during those days. Centers and big men dominated the early years of the NBA with mountains such as Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar becoming the staple names back in the 60's and 70's. The 80's had its share of centers that dominated the league, but the highlight of those days were perimeter players such as Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, and Larry Bird. While the 90's also relied mostly on centers such as Shaquille O'Neal, David Robinson, and Patrick Ewing, among others, the earlier part of the new millennium saw the birth of the NBA's reliance on versatile forwards such as Dirk Nowitzki, Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan, and LeBron James. The NBA had only a few elite guards during that era. But there has been a drastic change since the late 2000's up to today's modern NBA era. The league has tended towards relying mostly on point guards, but not for their ability to run plays or to make passes. This was not the time when teams relied on excellent passers such as Magic Johnson, Steve Nash, and Jason Kidd to make life easier for scorers waiting in the wings. This is an era where teams rely on point guards to do nearly everything—scoring, passing, and leading. The NBA trend of relying on point guards started when Chris Paul was leading the New Orleans Hornets in virtually every category back in the late 2000's. Then came the time when Derrick Rose and Russell Westbrook broke onto the scene to wow crowds and fellow players alike with their jaw-dropping athletic abilities and with their penchant for doing everything on the floor. Rose would

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become the youngest MVP in league history, but has since been marred by injuries.

Meanwhile, Russell Westbrook has transformed into a walking triple-double machine. Tags: Kemba Walker Bio, Kemba Walker basketball, Charlotte Bobcats basketball, Charlotte Hornets Basketball, Nicolas Batum, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Cody Zeller, Jeremy Lamb, Al Jefferson, Isaiah Thomas, John Wall, Kyrie Irving

Learn the Inspiring Story of the Philadelphia 76ers' Star Center Joel Embiid! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device. Limited time offer: If you buy the print edition, you can keep the Kindle edition for yourself! In Joel Embiid: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Star Centers, you will learn the incredible story of one of basketball's future greats, Joel Embiid. As the third overall pick in the 2014 Draft, Joel Embiid has emerged as one of the top centers to play in the modern league due to his ability to do close to everything. Whether it's rebounding, blocking shots or making three pointers, Joel Embiid is close to the total package when it comes to finding a franchise player. It is incredibly difficult and rare to find a big man with the unique skillset that Embiid possesses. In the 2017-2018 season, the 76ers shocked many as they not only returned to the playoffs, but also quickly became favorites to make a deep run. While they were ultimately thwarted by the Boston Celtics, an impression was clearly made among players and coaches in the league that the 76ers were finally ready to reestablish themselves as dominant forces in the Eastern Conference. Just twenty-four years old at the time of this writing, it'll be exciting to follow Embiid's journey as he continues to grow in the years to come. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Childhood and Early Life High School Career in the United States Getting Drafted, The Two-Year Absence, First All-Star Season Embiid's Personal Life Impact on Basketball Legacy and Future An excerpt from the book: Throughout the history of the NBA, the league has seen its share of great centers. As many successful championship teams have proven, the center position is one of the most vital roles in the NBA. From George Mikan, Bill Russell, and Wilt Chamberlain all the way to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Shaquille O'Neal, these centers have defined what it is to be great in the NBA. While there may have been great centers that have dominated the league, nobody could claim to be more complete than the Houston Rockets' legendary Hakeem Olajuwon. With his seven-foot, 250-pound frame, Olajuwon had size and strength. However, it was his overall skill level that got him the two championship trophies and MVP award he rightfully won. He was a nimble center despite being so massive. He had the grace of a ballet dancer and the footwork of a boxer whenever he went for his patented post moves. He could also drain jump shots, dribble all the way to the basket, and pass the ball whenever he saw open teammates. On top of all that, Hakeem Olajuwon was a great defender and leads the NBA in career blocks. As time passed and the center position diminished concerning skill and purpose in the NBA, many came to realize that we may never again see the likes of Hakeem Olajuwon or even other great pivot players. The NBA has transitioned into a positionless style that now focuses more on ball movement, spacing, and three-point shooting. Because of this, centers have been reduced to shot-blockers, rebounders, and targets for drop and lob passes. However, this transition also gave rise to skilled big men. Because the NBA now puts more emphasis on ball movement and shooting, centers learned how to pass, dribble, and shoot the ball like guards do. This led to the rise of versatile centers that could do it all. And among all of those centers, no other player resembles the skill level of Hakeem Olajuwon more than Joel Embiid. Tags: Joell Embiid Bio, 76ers basketball, ben simmons, kevin love, jahliil okafor, dario saric, nerlens noel, lebron james, markelle fultz, brett brown, giannis antetokounmpo

Learn the Inspiring Story of the New York Knicks All-Star Power Forward, Julius Randle! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! One of many riveting reads in the Basketball Biography Books series by Clayton Geoffreys. In Julius Randle: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's All-Star Forwards, you'll learn the motivational story of one of basketball's young All-Star Power Forwards, Julius Randle. Since being drafted by the Los

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Angeles Lakers in the 2014 NBA Draft, Julius Randle has had quite the journey in order to become the All-Star that he is today. His consistent hard work over time paid dividends, as he was given the NBA's Most Improved Player Award in just his second season with the Knicks and named a reserve for the 2021 NBA All-Star Game. Randle has many good years of basketball left, so it'll be exciting to see what he achieves next. Get this basketball book on Julius Randle today if you're looking for an inspiring basketball biography book to read, or a gift for a basketball fan! It's perfect for reading at home or on the go. Here is a preview of what is inside this Julius Randle book: Chapter 1: Childhood and Early Life Chapter 2: High School Career Chapter 3: College Career Chapter 4: NBA Career - Getting Drafted, Injured Rookie Year, The Return, Final Season in LA, The Short Stop at Nola, Moving to the Big Apple, and Becoming an All-Star Chapter 5: Personal Life Chapter 6: Impact on Basketball Chapter 7: Legacy and Future An excerpt from this biography book on Julius Randle's story: In the NBA, or even in the game of basketball as a whole, there are players who are born to be stars the moment they first get to touch a ball. When they get to the NBA, they are already poised to become some of the best players in the entire league because of how seemingly talented and ready they are for the next level. This is something that is quite a rarity in the league, as only generational talents have this attribute. When you think about such players, names such as Wilt Chamberlain, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, and LeBron James come to mind. Those few generational talents came to the NBA and instantly became megastars. In a league that is never shy of talent, such players are rare, as only those who are born with the gift and the potential to become big-name players get to rise to such heights. Of course, these are the type of players that will excel in whatever situation and team you put them in. But we are not here to talk about such names. Too much has been said about the greatest players the league has ever seen. Instead, we are here to talk about the players who may have been immensely talented but still needed to be in the right place at the right time to truly shine and become the best versions of themselves. These are the guys who may have had the potential to become stars but were not in the best situation at the start of their careers. One such name that we can think of in the NBA right now is the versatile power forward named Julius Randle. Did you enjoy this excerpt? If so, be sure to pick up a copy of this basketball biography book on Julius Randle today! This is just one of many basketball biographies by Clayton Geoffreys. Also, be sure to check out Clayton's biography on Derrick Rose and Rudy Gobert after you finish this one.

A fresh look at the remarkable career of NBA legend Wilt Chamberlain. Did you know ... that Wilt had more success in the playoffs than Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Kobe Bryant, or LeBron James and that the average NBA center was TALLER then than today? This book includes Wilt's NBA statistics and game logs for his entire career The history of the NBA has been filled with superstars, names known to fans and non-fans alike. But while comparisons between athletes who competed against each other face-to-face is a common occurrence in the sports world, it is not quite as easy to compare players from different eras. How would Wilt Chamberlain stack up against Shaquille O'Neal? What about LeBron James and Larry Bird, or Magic Johnson and Oscar Robertson? In Pro Basketball's All-Time All-Stars: Across the Eras, Robert Cohen not only examines the best players from each era, but also ranks the five greatest players at each position in the history of the pro game. Dividing the history of professional basketball into five distinct eras, this book first describes the style of play that prevailed during each period. From the slow-paced, rough-and-tumble style of play that characterized the NBA during its formative years, to the up-tempo, high-flying style that currently prevails, Pro Basketball's All-Time All-Stars gives an in-depth view of how the game has evolved. For each of the five eras, Cohen has selected the best players to man the five positions on the court, providing career bios for each. To determine the best of the best, Cohen considers the level of dominance each player reached during his time in the league, his

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individual statistics, the degree to which he impacted the fortunes of his team, and the extent to which he improved his teammates' level of play. Individual honors and quotes from teammates and opponents alike are used to support the rankings. Covering NBA greats such as Bob Pettit, Bill Russell, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan, and Kobe Bryant, this book will appeal to basketball fans of all generations, and to any NBA fan interested in the history of the game.

Learn the Inspiring Story of the Los Angeles Lakers' Legend Shaquille O'Neal! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! In Shaquille O'Neal: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Centers, you will learn the inspirational story of one of basketball's greatest centers, Shaquille O'Neal. Often nicknamed "Shaq" or "The Diesel", O'Neal left an indelible mark on the center position. His incredible power and athleticism made him a practically unstoppable presence on both the offensive and defensive ends of the basketball court. It's no surprise O'Neal concluded his career a four-time NBA Champion. He was such a unique generational talent who could immediately change the course of a game. In this book, we'll learn more about Shaq's journey into the NBA, his impact on the game, and his legacy as one of the best to ever play at the center position. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Childhood and Early Life High School Career College Career at LSU Shaq's Illustrious NBA Career: From Starting in Orlando, Achieving a Three-Peat in LA, to Bringing Miami the Championship International Career Post-Retirement Career Personal Life O'Neal's Impact and Legacy on Basketball An excerpt from the book: The NBA has had its share of dominant players that could lord over defenders and push around grown men inside the paint with ease. As they say, the NBA is a big man's league, and some of the best players the league has ever seen were among the greatest and most dominant men to have ever set foot on a hard wood floor. And wherever those dominant players went, success would usually follow. One of the NBA's pioneering dominant players was George Mikan, who played for what was then the Minneapolis Lakers back in the 50's. At 6'10" and 250 pounds, Mikan would not be considered one of the biggest players in today's era. But back then, he was already among the largest in the league. Nobody could stop him in the paint on his way to five NBA titles. The first truly dominant player in league history was Wilt Chamberlain. Standing above seven feet tall and weighing nearly 300 pounds of lean muscle mass, "Wilt the Stilt" used his height and strength advantage to bully players down under the basket. Chamberlain was rumored to be so strong that he could easily lift a man over 200 pounds using only one arm. He even once dunked the ball so hard that it broke an opposing player's toe. All of this strength and size were vital for Wilt Chamberlain to score 100 points in a single game. He even averaged over 50 points a game during one season while holding five of the top ten scoring averages in a single season. He was a man among boys back in the 60's era. Wilt would end up with two NBA titles, which he won during the twilight years of his career. During the 80's and 90's, Karl Malone would use his bodybuilder strength and muscle to push opposing power forwards around when he bulled his way to easy baskets inside the paint. Because of how well-conditioned and dominant of a player Malone was, he was able to stay active until the age of 40. Eventually, Malone finished second in most points ever scored in a career. Sadly, Malone was always the bridesmaid to Michael Jordan's bride as he would never win an NBA championship during his era. Tags: Shaquille O'Neal Bio, Shaq basketball, Los Angeles Lakers basketball, Miami Heat basketball, Wilt Chamberlain, Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Magic Johnson, Charles Barkley, Dwight Howard, Tim Duncan, Kenny Smith, Ernie Johnson

When in 1969 the NBA sought an emblem for the league, one man was chosen above all as the icon of his sport: Jerry West. Silhouetted in white against a red-and-blue backdrop, West's signature gait and left-handed dribble are still the NBA logo, seen on merchandise around the world. In this marvelous book—the first biography of the basketball legend—award-winning reporter and author Roland Lazenby traces Jerry West's brilliant career from the coalfields

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near Cabin Creek, West Virginia, to the bare-knuckled pre-expansion era of the NBA, from the Lakers' Riley-Magic-Kareem Showtime era to Jackson-Kobe-Shaq teams of the early twenty-first century, and beyond. But fame was not all glory. Called "Mr. Clutch," West was an incomparable talent—flawless on defense, possessing unmatched court vision, and the perfect jumper, unstoppable when the game was on the line. Beloved and respected by fans and fellow players alike, West was the centerpiece of Lakers teams that starred such players as Elgin Baylor and Wilt Chamberlain, and he went on to nine NBA Finals. Yet in losing eight of those series, including six in a row to the detested Boston Celtics, West became as famous for his failures as for his triumphs. And that notoriety cast long shadows over West's life on and off the court. Yet as the author discovered through scores of exclusive interviews with West's teammates, colleagues, and family members, West channeled the frustration of his darkest moments into a driving force that propelled his years as an executive. And in this capacity, the success that often eluded West on the court has enabled him to reach out to successive generations of players to enrich and shape the sport in immeasurable ways. Though sometimes overshadowed by flashier peers on the court, Jerry West nevertheless stands out as the heart and soul of a league that, in fifty years, has metamorphosed from a regional sideshow into a global phenomenon. And in *Jerry West*, Roland Lazenby provides the ultimate story of a man who has done more to shape basketball than anyone on the planet.

**A BRILLIANTLY WRITTEN ACCOUNT OF THE NBA'S GLORY DAYS, AND THE RIVALRY THAT DOMINATED THE ERA** In the mid-1950s, the NBA was a mere barnstorming circuit, with outposts in such cities as Rochester, New York, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Most of the best players were white; the set shot and layup were the sport's chief offensive weapons. But by the 1970s, the league ruled America's biggest media markets; contests attracted capacity crowds and national prime-time television audiences. The game was played "above the rim"—and the most marketable of its high-flying stars were black. The credit for this remarkable transformation largely goes to two giants: Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain. In *The Rivalry*, award-winning journalist John Taylor projects the stories of Russell, Chamberlain, and other stars from the NBA's golden age onto a backdrop of racial tensions and cultural change. Taylor's electrifying account of two complex men—as well as of a game and a country at a crossroads—is an epic narrative of sports in America during the 1960s. It's hard to imagine two characters better suited to leading roles in the NBA saga: Chamberlain was cast as the athletically gifted yet mercurial titan, while Russell played the role of the stalwart centerpiece of the Boston Celtics dynasty. Taylor delves beneath these stereotypes, detailing how the two opposed and complemented each other and how they revolutionized the way the game was played and perceived by fans. Competing with and against such heroes as Jerry West, Tom Heinsohn, Bob Cousy, John Havlicek, and Elgin Baylor, and playing for the two greatest coaches of the era, Alex Hannum and the fiery Red Auerbach, Chamberlain and Russell propelled the NBA into the spotlight. But their off-court visibility and success—to say nothing of their candor—also inflamed passions along America's racial and generational fault lines. In many ways, Russell and Chamberlain helped make the NBA and, to some extent, America what they are today. Filled with dramatic conflicts and some of the great moments in sports history, and building to a thrilling climax—the 1969 final series, the last showdown between Russell and Chamberlain—*The Rivalry* has at its core a philosophical question: Can determination and a team ethos, embodied by the ultimate team player, Bill Russell, trump sheer talent, embodied by Wilt Chamberlain? Gripping, insightful, and utterly compelling, the story of Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain is the stuff of sporting legend. Written with a reporter's unerring command of events and a storyteller's flair, *The Rivalry* will take its place as one of the classic works of sports history.

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"An oral history of basketball"--

On New Year's Eve, in 1929, as the Great Depression and Prohibition cast a shadow over America, a spirited young Philadelphian kissed his Cinderella at midnight. Joe Cherry was 20. Mary Mitnick, the belle of South Philadelphia, was 17. That kiss between the author's parents ignited a remarkable love story, the subject of Cherry Delight. Starting married life with little but grit and determination, Joe and Mary survived the Great Depression and World War II. In post-war America, they thrived: Joe built successful food businesses-among them the business that created the iconic Slim Jim; Mary filled the family with good food (Jewish and American) and good values. Generous and big hearted, they shared their success and love, enriching many lives

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around them—none more than the author's. Robert Cherry, the acclaimed biographer of Wilt Chamberlain, spent three years writing his own parents' inspiring story, gathering material from government and synagogue archives in the Ukraine, his father's diaries, family letters, and interviews with friends and relatives. (And even if, unlike Wilt, the author's parents never led the NBA in rebounding or scoring, they are well worth reading about and spending time with.) However, this book is more than a memoir. It is a tribute to the Greatest Generation, a chronicle of courage, devotion and mettle. Yet the story also includes the dark days that inevitably intrude on even the sunniest of lives. Beginning in the Russian Empire and unfolding in Philadelphia, this narrative spans the late nineteenth century to the first decade of the twenty-first. The story of one family, in truth it is a story that will resonate with anyone whose ancestors built a life in America. Or who just enjoys a well-told tale. Come meet Joe and his beloved Mary—a Cherry Delight.

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Big Bam* A clash of NBA titans. Seven riveting games. One young reporter. Welcome to the 1969 NBA Finals. They don't set up any better than this. The greatest basketball player of all time - Bill Russell - and his juggernaut Boston Celtics, winners of ten (ten!) of the previous twelve NBA championships, squeak through one more playoff run and land in the Finals again. Russell's opponent? The fearsome 7'1" next-generation superstar, Wilt Chamberlain, recently traded to the LA Lakers to form the league's first dream team. Bill Russell and John Havlicek versus Chamberlain, Jerry West and Elgin Baylor. The 1969 Celtics are at the end of their dominance. The 1969 Lakers are unstoppable. Add to the mix one newly minted reporter. Covering the epic series is a wide-eyed young sports writer named Leigh Montville. Years before becoming an award-winning legend himself at *The Boston Globe* and *Sports Illustrated*, twenty-four-year-old Montville is ordered by his editor at the *Globe* to get on a plane to L.A. (first time!) to write about his luminous heroes, the biggest of big men. What follows is a raucous, colorful, joyous account of one of the greatest seven-game series in NBA history. Set against a backdrop of the late sixties, Montville's reporting and recollections transport readers to a singular time – with rampant racial tension on the streets and on the court, with the emergence of a still relatively small league on its way to becoming a billion-dollar industry, and to an era when newspaper journalism and the written word served as the crucial lifeline between sports and sports fans. And there was basketball – seven breathtaking, see-saw games, highlight-reel moments from an unprecedented cast of future Hall of Famers (including player-coach Russell as the first-ever black head coach in the NBA), coast-to-coast travels and the clack-clack-clack of typewriter keys racing against tight deadlines. *Tall Men, Short Shorts* is a masterpiece of sports journalism with a charming touch of personal memoir. Leigh Montville has crafted his most entertaining book yet, richly enshrining luminous players and moments in a unique American time.

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paint, who often commands the attention of double teams and opposing defenses to prevent him from scoring easy buckets. In this unauthorized biography, you'll learn Drummond's inspirational story into the league. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Childhood and Early Life High School Career College Career NBA Career: Getting Drafted, Rookie Season Andre Drummond, the Double-Double Machine, All-Star Season Playoff Debut, Continued Growth Andre Drummond's Personal Life Drummond's Impact and Legacy An excerpt from the book: The traditional center has become a lost position in today's era of the NBA. In the past, centers such as Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Moses Malone, David Robinson, and Shaquille O'Neal, among others, have lorded the paint to score inside points, rebound misses, and block shots. Championship teams almost always needed those type of centers to win titles. But in today's game, the center has become a thing of the past. While rebounding the ball and defending the paint are still within their job descriptions, centers have evolved into frontcourt players that specialize in stretching the floor, hitting outside shots, and even defending guards on switches. You would rarely see centers looming inside the paint waiting for passes at the post or drop passes whenever guards drove into the key. The faster pace and reliance on the three-pointer of today's era have rendered the traditional center an endangered species. Nevertheless, a few players in today's game still play like the giants of old. They still take advantage of their size and strength at the post and inside the paint. They still rebound buckets at a dozen or more. And they still loom inside the key to block shots or intimidate smaller opponents. One such player goes by the name of Andre Drummond. At 6'11" and sporting an enormous muscular frame, Andre Drummond is the prototypical traditional center. He has both the height and strength to punish smaller defenders in the paint as well as the athleticism and explosiveness to finish strong at the basket. In line with his physical attributes, he reminds the world of how great of a rebounder Moses Malone was back in the day. Drummond uses his massive frame to get inside position and box opposing players out to get rebounds in bunches. Ever since he became a starter in the league, Andre Drummond never averaged below 13 rebounds a game and has been a double-double machine for as long as he has been in the league. Tags: Andre Drummond Bio, Andre Drummond basketball, Detroit Pistons basketball, Reggie Jackson, Stan Van Gundy, Anthony Davis, DeAndre Jordan, DeMarcus Cousins, Marcus Morris, Tobias Harris, Hassan Whiteside

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yet, click on Search Inside this book and punch in your favorite player! And that includes you too, Skip Bayless from ESPN's First Take. So far at the end of August, a panel of experts (so to speak) on the show have been giving their selections for Top 3 Greatest Players of All-Time soon after LeBron James publicly announced his. He chose, of course Michael Jordan, and then Dr. J & Larry Bird - followed by Magic Johnson after he was asked to name a fourth. And then more recently, current and past players were giving their Mount Rushmore picks (Top 4) with assortment of mixed opinions. LeBron gave his in a more serious interview during the 2014 All-Star break when he then chose Jordan, Magic, Bird, and then Oscar Robertson! Hard to argue with those picks. Well, also, this is partly what this new 2013 release is all about, ranking the greatest players of all-time. LeBron himself would be amazed of what is written about him as a player. In addition, every chapter on every player has an awesome and unmatched description of his attributes an very own skill set! This book is a must have for all basketball fans. It contains hardcore facts and stats of The NBA's 50 Greatest Players of All-Time (rankings of Magic, Bird, Jordan, Wilt, Russell, Oscar, Dream and the rest of the greats of the game- find out who's in the top 10?) with exclusive projected rankings of seven current players? As they approach their primes and where they might end up in the Elite Rankings of All-Time! On the cover of the book and on its first page title, instead of changing the subtitle from projected pick six?, to a projected super seven! I have decided to keep both subtitles. Within the 57 chapter player rankings, there is also an additional 50 plus players written about exclusively and extensively including Kevin Love in Blake Griffin's chapter as potentially becoming the greatest power forward of the current era. In the player comparisons throughout, it distinguishes which players are better than others from an objective point of view- which in turn allows you to judge for yourselves! For example: Is Wilt Chamberlain better than Bill Russell or Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? Is Magic Johnson better than Larry Bird? Is Kobe Bryant better than Jerry West? Is Tim Duncan better than Karl Malone? Is John Stockton better than Isaih Thomas? Also listed is an All-Time NBA First Team, Second Team, and Third Team based on projected rankings. The book is filled with player introductions including a mini-biography, player opinions from past and current great players, player attributes and skill sets, records and individual accolades, award and honors, player rankings and player comparisons throughout, and a player's chronological history year by year with interceding player evaluations of the NBA's elite and players outside the top 50. The book was completed at near 200,000 words. And finally the most interesting part of this book, is that I have created a one-of-a-kind chart (as mentioned above) for individual accolades, honors and awards of the 50 greatest basketball players of all-time!

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brand of basketball. Gigantic shot-blocking centers once ruled the NBA hardwood floor, much like how dinosaurs once dominated the face of the earth. Back when the game relied on inside baskets and post play, the shot-blocking center was the most important defensive aspect of a contending team. The defensive-minded center traces its roots back to the 60's when Bill Russell won two handfults of titles for the Boston Celtics, not on the strength of his offense, but by anchoring the team's inside defense. In an era where the perimeter shot was seldom used, and the three-point line was yet to be instituted, everyone wanted to get to the paint as much as possible. But Russell was always there to protect the basket for the Boston Celtics, who formed a dynasty in the 60's. Russell's rival, Wilt Chamberlain, was also just as great of a shot-blocker as he was back in that era. As years went by, several defensive shot-blocking centers inherited the mantle that Bill Russell once wore. The next great center, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, may be known for his all-time great offense, but he was also a good paint protector himself during his prime in the 70's and early 80's. By the 80's and 90's, Hakeem Olajuwon and David Robinson dominated the league with their two-way skills. They were not only great offensive players but were even more valuable on the defensive end. They would win a combined three Defensive Player of the Year awards. Tags: rudy gobert bio, rudy gobert basketball, utah jazz basketball, steven adams, deandre jordan, gordon hayward, rodney hood, boris diaw, dante exum, derrick favors, karl malone, john stockton

Having coached one of the best basketball players to have ever played the game is a great accomplishment, but Cecil Mosenson has a bigger story to tell. In *It All Began with Wilt* the reader gets to see the power of a coach, the power of a man, and the power of a friend. Armed with the ability to coach and teach, Cecil worked his way through highly acclaimed and successful coaching positions, awards on every level, administrative opportunities, and, ultimately, into the lives of countless teenagers. His kids still thank him for the impact that he had—in sports and life. His inspiration now extends past the court into a wonderfully wrought memoir. Cecil Mosenson shares his life of coaching—starting with Wilt. “I was talking to the other coach and the officials when I happened to glance at Wilt. He had adorned himself with a golf hat, a shimmering white silk scarf and dark sun glasses, I called him over and told him very directly...” (Adam) “Even through the anguish that my father caused, I never wanted it to end. I loved every minute of it, even with the disappointments, the embarrassments, the endless valleys, and that one peak that will live with me forever.” “As if by magic, all the fans stopped in their tracks, turned around, and started back into the stands. It looked to me as if he were holding the Ten Commandments in one hand and the other hand was pointing upwards into the heavens. He was the Charlton Heston of the basketball world.” “This is about the people Mosenson touched, and those who touched him. It began with Wilt, but it hardly ended there.” ?Phil Jasner, Philadelphia Daily News NBA Sports Writer

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