

I Grew Up With Basketball: Twenty Years Of Barnstorming With Cage Greats Of Yesterday

Learn All About Michael Jordan and Lessons His Life Teaches Us in This Special Michael Jordan Book With Questions to Make Kids Smarter! Here's Just a Taste What You'll See In This Concise Michael Jordan Biography for Kids: Michael Jordan's Childhood Despite his eventual rise to become one of the most famous celebrities of all time, MJ came from humble beginnings. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Jordan moved to North Carolina as a toddler. MJ's father, James R. Jordan Sr. was a former air force man who also played semi-pro baseball. After studying airplane hydraulics in Brooklyn, James Jordan and his wife Deloris decided to move their family back to Wilmington, North Carolina to flee the increasingly dangerous neighborhoods of Brooklyn, NY. James and Deloris met at a basketball game in 1954. They quickly fell in love and dated for the next three years before getting married and welcoming their first child in 1957. While Michael was the most well-known of the kids, he was definitely not the only child. James and Deloris had five kids in total, three boys and two girls. Larry Jordan, James R. Jordan Jr., and Deloris Jordan were Michael's older siblings. MJ also had a younger sister named Roslyn. We can see the origins of MJ's competitive

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nature if we study his childhood, namely his early experiences with racism and competitions with his brothers. "At the time you had racism all over North Carolina -- all over the United States -- and it was a lot of it around here" said Jordan. "So, as a kid, it was like, this is where I don't want to be. I want to excel outside of this. So my motivation was to be something outside of Wilmington." MJ grew up wanting to use athletics as a vehicle to get to a better life. A life where he could journey far away from Wilmington and be able to distance himself from the racism he was experiencing. Question to Ponder: How do you think experiencing racism made MJ feel and impacted his life? How would you deal with racism in your own life? The other source of Jordan's competitiveness came from his older brother, Larry. Growing up, Larry was a better basketball player than Michael and was able to use his advantages in strength and size to best his younger sibling. Larry was also the most competitive of all his siblings. "When you come to blows with someone you absolutely love, that's igniting every fire within you. And I always felt like I was fighting Larry for my father's attention. ... When you're going through it, it's traumatic, because I want that. I want that approval, I want that type of confidence. So my determination got even greater to be as good if not better than my brother." Michael said. The quote shows a window into some of the pain that MJ grew up with. His life wasn't all flowers and

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daisies. He experienced racism, fought his siblings for his father's attention, and went through traumatic events. Yet what made MJ special was his ability to use painful events to fuel him and help him strive for a better life. He could have decided to stay home and refuse to play when his father favored his brother Larry, or when his community favored those with a different skin color. Instead Michael got up, worked hard, and achieved his dreams. Question to Ponder: Do you think it's okay to fight with your siblings? How can two siblings have a healthy rivalry while still loving each other? ...Scroll up and Buy Now to Read the Rest! Currently on 40% Promotional Discount 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed or Your Money Back!

This book has a connection to the inner city experience in such a way that readers can get a real feel for what life is like in the city as well as how sports plays a prominent role in the lives of so many. The historical facts alone makes this work significant. For example, the Harlem Globe Trotters were established in Chicago, and respected historian Dr. Larry Hawkins was the first African American coach to win a state championship in Illinois. Reading about the "Golden Triangle" informs you of how organized basketball was introduced into the inner city community. The most important feature about Calvin's book is the fact that it is a teaching tool. Not only will readers enjoy it, they will learn from it.

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Imagine a boy, five feet tall and one hundred pounds, who wants to play high school basketball. Now imagine that he was blind until the age of six and that he's the first black student to attend his suburban school. And there you have Michael Thompson in 1965 in San Bruno, California. He played at the school where a young English teacher was coaching "lightweight basketball," a competition for smaller players that has since disappeared. The team that Coach John Christgau put together came to be called the Whiz Kids for the way they rocketed up and down the court, led by Michael and invariably winning. Michael and the Whiz Kids tells the story of the team's 1968 championship season. It is a tale of cliffhanger games and players as outsized in character as they are short in stature, from the wild-haired, bespectacled "Professor" to the well-traveled Latvian dubbed "Suitcase" to the quiet and tenacious "Salt," as in "of the earth." But it is also a tale of the time—of counterculture, suburbia, integration, and racial brawls erupting on the court. In Christgau's deft telling, it is an absorbing, often comic story of coming of age, for coach and Whiz Kids alike.

A girl tries to choose between fitting in and playing the game she loves in *Basketball Blues*, the eleventh book of the *Go Girl!* chapter book series. When Angie is told that she plays basketball like a boy, she is heartbroken. She quits her favorite basketball team and dreams of cheerleading instead. Angie just

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wants to fit in, but is that worth giving up her true self?

Twenty Years of Barnstorming with Cage Greats of Yesterday

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A Game of Character

Farm Life & Basketball in the 1940s & '50s

The Classic About Growing Up Hip on New York's Mean Streets

A Story of Basketball, Race, and Suburbia in the 1960s

Stephen Curry #30: The Boy Who Would Grow Up to Be: Stephen Curry

Basketball Player Children's Book

Presents the life, work, and popularity of Stephen Curry, a professional basketball point guard who helped the Golden State Warriors win the NBA championship.

This is story about a Basketball that lives in Sportsville – a town filled with all the different sports balls. He is a happy basketball that loves telling jokes and making himself laugh. He becomes famous for his jokes and thinks fame makes him happy. He soon finds out he can't tell anymore jokes and is humiliated. Sad, he runs away into the lost fields of Sportsville. It is there, where he meets a special friend that reminds him why he loved jokes and helps him make a triumphant return to Sportsville. Only this time he never forgets

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what matters, happiness.

Expressing the passion felt for basketball using all 26 letters of the alphabet accompanied by rhymes, colorful illustrations, and informative text, this tribute to the sport explores the hardwood heroes in a fresh and fun way. Readers will enjoy fun facts about NBA superstars past and present, including LeBron, Kobe, Jordan, and Magic, seemingly doing the impossible on the court.

The Historical Dictionary of Basketball is a comprehensive account of all forms of basketball_ amateur, professional, men's, women's, Olympic, domestic, and international_ from its invention in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith through the present day. This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, an extensive bibliography, and over 600 cross-referenced dictionary entries on the people, places, teams, and terminology of the game.

The Joy of Basketball

Boxed Out of the NBA

For the Love of Basketball

An Inspirational Biography and Lessons of a Basketball Legend for Children, Young Adults, and Kids

This Was Never About Basketball

An Encyclopedia of the Modern Game

A Biographical Dictionary

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Perhaps the preeminent contemporary scholar of southern letters, Fred Hobson is adept at cutting through the many myths and self-illusions spun about the South and exposing a far more intriguing reality. In his inaugural collection of essays, Hobson offers both an astute and deeply personal take on American and southern life. He touches on history, literature, religion, family, race, and sports as he ponders various famous and obscure biographical and autobiographical figures. Rife with stimulating writing and thought, *The Silencing of Emily Mullen* informs, moves, and entertains all at once. Hobson's own great-grandmother inspires the title essay, in which he investigates the whispered family rumor that Emily Mullen Gregory committed suicide by jumping down a well in the late nineteenth century. Besides the facts of Mullen's death, Hobson inquires into the plight of southern middle-class women's lives generally in that era. A happier female relative animates another absorbing chapter: Hobson's great aunt who left the benighted South with the intent of bringing enlightenment to China as a missionary and teacher from 1909 to 1941, and who became both friend and critic of Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Ruminative appraisals of H. L. Mencken, W. J. Cash, progressive journalist Gerald W. Johnson, social critic James McBride Dabbs, man of letters Louis D. Rubin, Jr., African American author Mary Mebane, novelist Richard Ford, and twentieth-century southern literature add incrementally to the collection's overall intellectual pleasures. Hobson's concluding three pieces take a more intimate turn. He reflects on his connection to the hills of

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North Carolina, the impact the book *The Mind of the South* had on him, and the love of college basketball he shared with his father. *The Silencing of Emily Mullen* captures both the richness and deficiencies of the South within the American society at large. It is a book that makes for exceptionally rewarding and enjoyable reading. The experience of a young talented African American athlete who grew up in the South during the late '60s. He soon realized that his basketball skills may provide him with opportunities to open the door to an education and a world of possibilities. 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.

Describes the way basketball is played at playgrounds around the country, defines basketball slang terms, and demonstrates common offensive and defensive moves
Kids Read Daily 3 Book Set

The Last Shot

The Basketball Diaries

A History of DC Area High School Hoops

A History of Chicago Basketball

Religion, Hip-Hop, and Street Basketball

Sports in America from Colonial Times to the Twenty-First Century: An Encyclopedia

Basketball Books For Boys
NBA basketball superstars LeBron James,

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Stephen Curry, Giannis Antetokounmpo, Luka Doncic and Zion Williamson are all popular professional basketball players. But before they accomplished their dreams of becoming famous basketball players they were little boys growing up with their families. In these beautifully illustrated biographies, kids get a close-up look at the childhoods of these players and how they grew up to be the best basketball players in the world. The rhyming storybook will inspire, entertain and bring joy to little boys, girls, and parents with every read. In this book, children will learn valuable life lessons: -How to overcome adversity -How to never give up even when things look bleak -The importance of being an unselfish person and caring about others -The importance of practice, patience, and discipline This book is: LEVEL 3 READER Age: 8 years old and up Flesch Reading Ease: 84 Flesch-Kincaid Grade level 2.3

The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist looks at the life and times of the Chicago Bulls superstar— “The best Jordan book so far” (The Washington Post). One of sport’s biggest superstars, Michael Jordan is more than an internationally renowned athlete. As illuminated through David Halberstam’s trademark balance of impeccable

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*research and fascinating storytelling, Jordan symbolizes the apex of the National Basketball Association's coming of age. Long before multimillion-dollar signings and lucrative endorsements, NBA players worked in relative obscurity, with most games woefully unattended and rarely broadcast on television. Then came Larry Bird and Magic Johnson, Jordan's two great predecessors, and the game's status changed. The new era capitalized on Jordan's talent, will power, and unrivaled competitiveness. In *Playing for Keeps*, Halberstam is at his investigative best, delving into Jordan's expansive world of teammates and coaches. The result is a gripping story of the athlete and media powerhouse who changed a game forever. This ebook features an extended biography of David Halberstam.*

The eagerly anticipated inspirational memoir from Michelle Obama's brother, celebrating the extraordinary family members and mentors who have shaped his life. When he stepped into history's spotlight at the National Democratic Convention, Craig Robinson recalls that nothing could have been more gratifying than introducing his sister, Michelle Obama, to millions of Americans. Within minutes, he won the hearts of the nation by sharing highlights of growing up in the modest

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Robinson household, where the two were raised by devoted parents who taught them the values of education, hard work, and the importance of reaching far beyond what even seemed possible. Those lessons of character were fundamentals in shaping Craig Robinson's own remarkable journey: from his days playing street basketball on Chicago's Southside, while excelling academically, to admission at Princeton University, where he was later named Ivy League Player of the Year, twice. After playing professionally in Europe, Robinson made an about-face, entering the competitive field of finance. With his MBA from the University of Chicago, his meteoric rise landed him a partnership in a promising new venture. But another dream beckoned and Craig made the unusual decision to forego the trappings of money and status in the business world in order to become a basketball coach. He soon helped transform three struggling teams - as an assistant coach at Northwestern, then as head coach at Brown and now at Oregon State University. In his first season at OSU, he navigated what was declared to be one of the nation's best single season turnarounds. In A Game of Character, Robinson takes readers behind the scenes to meet his most important influences in his

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understanding of the winning traits that are part of his playbook for success. Central to his story are his parents, Marian and Fraser, two indefatigable individuals who showed their children how to believe in themselves and live their lives with conviction through love, discipline and respect. With insights into this exemplary family, we relive memories of how Marian sacrificed a career to be a full-time mom, how Fraser got up and went to work every day while confronting the challenges of multiple sclerosis, how Craig and Michelle strengthened their bond as they journeyed out of the Southside to Princeton University and eventually, the national stage. Heartwarming, inspiring, and even transformational, A Game of Character comes just at the right time in an era of change, reminding readers of our opportunity to work together and embrace the character of our nation, to make a difference in the lives of others and to pave the way for the next generation. Watch a Video

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Basketball

Playing for Keeps

No Malice

Growing Up

Sport Illustrated Kids Basketball Jokes!

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED KIDS presents an all-star collection of BASKETBALL jokes, riddles, and memes! With slam-dunk one-liners like "Why do babies make good basketball players? Because they're so good at dribbling!" these colorful, illustrated joke books will have BASKETBALL fans rolling in the stadium aisles.

It seems unlikely that James Naismith, who grew up playing "Duck on the Rock" in the rural community of Almonte, Canada, would invent one of America's most popular sports. But Rob Rains and Hellen Carpenter's fascinating, in-depth biography *James Naismith: The Man Who Invented Basketball* shows how this young man—who wanted to be a medical doctor, or if not that, a minister (in fact, he was both)—came to create a game that has endured for over a century. James Naismith reveals how Naismith invented basketball in part to find an indoor activity to occupy students in the winter months. When he realized that the key to his game was that men could not run with the ball, and that throwing and jumping would eliminate the roughness of force, he was on to something. And while Naismith thought that other sports provided better exercise, he

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was pleased to create a game that “anyone could play.” With unprecedented access to the Naismith archives and documents, Rains and Carpenter chronicle how Naismith developed the 13 rules of basketball, coached the game at the University of Kansas—establishing college basketball in the process—and was honored for his work at the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin.

This is a book about how a simple boy born in Akron Ohio became NBA basketball superstar LeBron James. LeBron James has been a King on the basketball court since high school. But life wasn't always so rich for King James. Life started out hard for LeBron he was once a little boy born to a poor single mother. It was a real struggle before LeBron found a stable home where he could attend school regularly, wear nice clothes and eat a proper meals. One day a coach saw LeBron playing with his friends and asked the boys to race. It was that day that LeBron discovered his athletic talent that eventually led into him becoming one of the greatest high school phenoms in the world of sports. LeBron became a pro basketball player right after graduating high school and has been "King James" ever since. But even as a pro LeBron faced more adversity learning how to win before becoming a champion. This Beautifully illustrated rhyming children's book will inspire, entertain and bring joy to little boys, girls and parents with every read. In this book children will learn: -How to overcome adversity -How to never give up even when things look bleak -The importance of being an unselfish person and caring about others -The importance of practice, patience and

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discipline -That its not how you start off in life but how you finish
NBA basketball superstar Stephen Curry was once a little boy who had a dream to be a professional basketball player just like his Dad. But all his life many people told him that he was too small and too weak to ever be a pro. This is the story of how a young boy using fierce determination, practice and will power went against the odds to prove his doubters wrong and become one of the biggest superstars in basketball today. This Beautifully illustrated rhyming children's book will inspire, entertain and bring joy to little boys, girls and parents everywhere. In this book children will learn: - An example of how determination can help you achieve your goals - That size isn't everything you don't have to be the biggest or strongest to be the best - Practice makes perfect and hard work pays off - To believe in yourself even when everyone else don't - The importance of having strong self confidence - How to be patient and achieve long term success in life

Where Tomorrows Aren't Promised

A Memoir of Survival and Hope

Historical Dictionary of Basketball

The NBA According to the Sports Guy

The Capital of Basketball

Remembering the Eastern Professional Basketball League

Sprawlball

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Presents 577 biographical entries on the lives and careers of individuals important to the history of basketball, from its origins to the present.

*Metta World Peace knows what it means to be both the hero and the villain. In his 17-season professional basketball career, he's darted back and forth between extremes, taking on the roles of youthful phenom, league-wide disgrace, All-Star, unlikely international ambassador, and fan favorite. Along the way, there have been awards, teammate rifts, an NBA championship trophy, plus a name change or two. It's more than the guy born Ronald William Artest, Jr. might have imagined for himself as a kid growing up in Queens. In *No Malice*, World Peace speaks candidly about his life on and off the court, from his difficult upbringing, to his time as a star athlete and budding math major at St. Johns; from the infamous "Malice at the Palace" brawl in Detroit, where he earned one of the lengthiest suspensions the NBA has ever handed down, to his sunnier days as a Los Angeles Laker. World Peace also opens up on such diverse subjects as his*

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forays into business and entertainment, the truth behind his volatile, unbelievable antics which have puzzled fans and team management alike, as well as his outspoken advocacy for mental health awareness. No topic is off the table, making this a must-read for hoops fans in Indianapolis, LA, Chicago, China, and any place in between.

Dreaming of a college scholarship and escape from the neighborhood, the talented Abraham Lincoln High School Railsplitters see basketball as their only hope, but the reality of SATS, the NCAA, and college recruitment are tough to overcome.

From iconic NBA All-Star Carmelo Anthony comes a New York Times bestselling memoir about growing up in the housing projects of Red Hook and Baltimore—a brutal world Where Tomorrows Aren't Promised. For a long time, Carmelo Anthony's world wasn't any larger than the view of the hoopers and hustlers he watched from the side window of his family's first-floor project apartment in Red Hook, Brooklyn. He couldn't dream any bigger than emulating his

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older brothers and cousin, much less going on to become a basketball champion on the world stage. He faced palpable dangers growing up in the housing projects of Red Hook and West Baltimore's Murphy Homes (a.k.a. Murder Homes, subject of HBO's The Wire). He navigated an education system that ignored, exploited, or ostracized him. He suffered the untimely deaths of his closely held loved ones. He struggled to survive physically and emotionally. But with the strength of family and the guidance of key mentors on the streets and on the court, he pushed past lethal odds to endure and thrive. By the time Carmelo found himself at the NBA Draft at Madison Square Garden in 2003 preparing to embark on his legendary career, he wondered: How did a kid who'd had so many hopes, dreams, and expectations beaten out of him by a world of violence, poverty, and racism make it here at all? Carmelo's story is one of strength and determination; of dribbling past players bigger and tougher than him, while also weaving around vial caps and needles strewn across the court; where dealers and junkies lined one side of the

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asphalt and kids playing jacks and Double Dutch lined the other; where rims had no nets, and you better not call a foul—a place Where Tomorrows Aren't Promised.

I Grew Up with Basketball

The In-Your-Face Basketball Book

Black Gods of the Asphalt

The Man Who Invented Basketball

Go Girl! #11 Basketball Blues

A Novel

Michael Jordan and the World He Made

This book tells the story of the Eastern Professional Basketball League, a pro basketball institution for over 30 years. The league featured top players who just couldn't make the NBA--many because of scandals or because of unofficial quotas on Black players--with games played in tiny gyms across the northeast.

Tim Duncan, originally from the U.S. Virgin Islands, took the NBA by storm as the top draft pick in 1997. He joined the Spurs and helped them to win two NBA championships in

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his first six seasons. As well as being a powerhouse basketball player, Duncan is also very active with charities and the community. He and his wife formed the Tim Duncan Foundation, which focuses on causes that benefit breast and prostate cancer research, as well as community needs. The celebration of Washington D.C. basketball is long overdue. The D.C. metro area stands second to none in its contributions to the game. Countless figures who have had a significant impact on the sport over the years have roots in the region, including E.B. Henderson, the first African-American certified to teach public school physical education, and Earl Lloyd, the first African-American to take the court in an actual NBA game. The city's Spingarn High School produced two players - Elgin Baylor and Dave Bing - recognized among the NBA's 50 greatest at the League's 50th anniversary celebration. No other high school in the country can make that claim. These figures and many others are chronicled in this book, the first-ever comprehensive look at the great high school players, teams

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and coaches in the D.C. metropolitan area. Based on more than 150 interviews, *The Capital of Basketball* is first and foremost a book about basketball. But in discussing the trends and evolution of the game, McNamara also uncovers the turmoil in the lives of the players and area residents as they dealt with prejudice, educational inequities, politics, and the ways the area has changed through the years. In this coming-of-age novel, seventeen-year-old high school basketball star Ezekiel "Zeke" Archer has it all: a sweet jump shot, a full-ride scholarship to a Midwestern basketball powerhouse, and the brightest future. But when Zeke's temper gets the better of him in the city championship, he is expelled from school, has to forfeit his scholarship, and is left to ponder his once-hopeful future... While finishing his final high school days in the California educational system's version of purgatory, Zeke makes a stunning discovery. With the help of a young autistic classmate Zeke befriends, he learns that the mysterious 7th Dimension, which brought basketball to Earth

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more than a century ago, has decided to take the game away for good -- all because of the ugly event Zeke set into motion in his final game! As he embarks on the ultimate cross-country road trip to save basketball, Zeke must confront his unsettled past -- including a father he's not heard from in years and a brother fighting in a war half a world away -- in order to set his life on the right path and rescue the game he loves.

From A-Z

Stephen Curry

James Naismith

Inner City Hoops

A Visual Tour of the New Era of the NBA

All About Michael Jordan

J-Rod moves like a small tank on the court, his face mean, staring down his opponents. "I play just like my father," he says. "Before my father died, he was a problem on the court. I'm a problem." Playing basketball for him fuses past and present, conjuring his father's memory into a force that opponents can feel in each bone-snapping drive to the basket. On

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the street, every ballplayer has a story. Onaje X. O. Woodbine, a former streetball player who became an all-star Ivy Leaguer, brings the sights and sounds, hopes and dreams of street basketball to life. He shows that big games have a trickster figure and a master of black talk whose commentary interprets the game for audiences. The beats of hip-hop and reggae make up the soundtrack, and the ballplayers are half-men, half-heroes, defying the ghetto's limitations with their flights to the basket. Basketball is popular among young black American men but not because, as many claim, they are "pushed by poverty" or "pulled" by white institutions to play it. Black men choose to participate in basketball because of the transcendent experience of the game. Through interviews with and observations of urban basketball players, Onaje X. O. Woodbine composes a rare portrait of a passionate, committed, and resilient group of athletes who use the court to mine what urban life cannot corrupt. If people turn to religion to reimagine their place in the world, then black streetball players are indeed the hierophants of the asphalt.

Provides practical help for the day-to-day concerns that keep managers awake at night. This book aims to fill the gap between the legal and policy issues that are the mainstay of human resources and supervision courses and the real-world needs of managers as they attempt to cope with the human side of their jobs.

Vilia Zilinskas, basketball star and coach for kids of all ages is a passionate leader and dream builder. She has written *Basketball Can Change Your Life* as the perfect guide for parents helping to develop their kid's skills, and for school coaches looking for drills and techniques to use in practice sessions. "You can't just tell your son or daughter to go out to the park and practice," says Vilia. "You have to go with your child, support them, and be as

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committed to their success as they are. You have to talk to experts--the people who have already made it--and find out what they're doing because that's what your child needs to focus on learning and doing." Throughout each chapter you will find tips and techniques, taught to and mastered by her kids, described in detail. If your child is a confident leader on the court, it is likely that he'll be a confident leader in life. She explains the techniques she coaches the kids in her three-month long program, which is detailed at the end of the book. You can try out this program yourself and work on it with your child; and in the process you can help your child become a champion on the court and in life.

A vibrant, unconventional, highly opinionated guide to the triumphs, joys, struggles, and heartbreaks of the modern era of the game, for every obsessive basketball fan who loves to hate hot takes *The Joy of Basketball* celebrates the meteoric rise of basketball over the last quarter century by ignoring the bland, traditionalist binary of wins or losses. Instead, the book's focus is on everything else. Using text, charts, and illustrations that upend conventional jock wisdom, the book details the most incredible players in history, draft flops, long-limbed oddballs, superteams, the international talent wave, brawls, scandals, the rapid evolution of contemporary gameplay, coaching, fashion, crime, positional erosion, tragic tales, memes, and the sacred Kardashian Blessing. Bouncing between witty graphics and keen sociopolitical observations, *The Joy of Basketball* is a subversive sports manifesto camouflaged as a colorful reference book for your coffee table.

The Silencing of Emily Mullen and Other Essays

An Encyclopedia

Lebron James #23: The Boy Who Would Grow Up to Be: NBA Basketball Player Children's

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Book

Basketball Can Change Your Life

Tim Duncan (Revised Edition)

The Inside Story of Rucker Basketball

City Streets, Basketball Dreams

Originally published: New York: Greenberg, 1952.

The urban classic coming-of-age story about sex, drugs, and basketball Jim Carroll grew up to become a renowned poet and punk rocker. But in this memoir of the mid-1960s, set during his coming-of-age from 12 to 15, he was a rebellious teenager making a place and a name for himself on the unforgiving streets of New York City. During these years, he chronicled his experiences, and the result is a diary of unparalleled candor that conveys his alternately hilarious and terrifying teenage existence. Here is Carroll prowling New York City--playing basketball, hustling, stealing, getting high, getting hooked, and searching for something pure. The Basketball Diaries was the basis for the film of the same name starring Leonardo DiCaprio. "I met him in 1970, and already he was pretty much universally recognized as the best poet of his generation. . . . The work was sophisticated and elegant. He had beauty." -- Patti Smith

"Beautifully illustrated and sharply written, *SprawlBall* is both a celebration and a critique of the 3-point shot. If you want to understand how the modern NBA came

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to be, you'll need to read this book." --Nate Silver, editor of fivethirtyeight.com

From the leading expert in the exploding field of basketball analytics, a stunning infographic decoding of the modern NBA: who shoots where, and how. The field of basketball analytics has leaped to overdrive thanks to Kirk Goldsberry, whose visual maps of players, teams, and positions have helped teams understand who really is the most valuable player at any position. *SprawlBall* combines stunning visuals, in-depth analysis, fun, behind-the-scenes stories and gee-whiz facts to chart a modern revolution. From the introduction of the 3-point line to today, the game has changed drastically . . . Now, players like Steph Curry and Draymond Green are leading the charge. In chapters like "The Geography of the NBA," "The Interior Minister (Lebron James)," "The Evolution of Steph Curry," and "The Investor (James Harden)," Goldsberry explains why today's on-court product--with its emphasis on shooting, passing, and spacing--has never been prettier or more democratic. And it's never been more popular. For fans of Bill Simmons and FreeDarko, *SprawlBall* is a bold new vision of the game, presenting an innovative, cutting-edge look at the sport based on the latest research, as well as a visual and infographic feast for fans.

FAMILY, FARM WORK AND PLAY; BASKETBALL FOR LEGENDARY COACH TOM BLACKBURN'S DAYTON FLYERS; WINNING THE 1962 NIT Hal Schoen spent his childhood in the 1940s and '50s with his 12 brothers and sisters on the family

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farm in west-central Ohio a few miles from the Indiana border. He recalls many chores on the farm. When his Dad sold his workhouses and bought a tractor, Hal eagerly awaited his chance to drive it. When the Case arrived, I jumped up on the seat and immediately reached for the foot pedal on the right I assumed to be the clutch. I could reach it with ease, but when I pushed as hard as I could it hardly budged. Seeing my bitter disappointment, Dad smiled and pointed out I had pushed on a foot brake. The Case had a hand-operated clutch, and I soon realized I could operate it efficiently. It was a joyful moment for me, but I didn't foresee it marked the beginning of thousands of hours over the next ten or twelve years behind the wheel of the Case; hauling manure, plowing, tilling, planting, cultivating corn, mowing, tedding and side-raking hay, mowing grain stubbles, baling straw and hay, loading loose hay, moving wagon-loads of grain, hay and straw, and on and on. (p. 31) The farm also served as a huge playground for young children, and Hal relates many fond memories of play on the farm including sports that he and his siblings enjoyed - baseball, softball and basketball. No one in the family before him had attended college, and he had little encouragement to consider it himself. Like many men in rural areas in his generation, my Grandpa Schoen was critical of people who wasted their time on books and school when there was farm work to be done. He often made fun of my siblings and me if he saw us reading a book, calling us "bookworms". Before

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the practice violated truancy laws, he made sure his sons quit going to school each spring when the weather allowed the work in the fields to begin. To him going to school was a waste of time, and everyone should quit as soon as possible. He was especially adamant about girls in this regard, since in his outspoken view they were just going to get married, raise kids, and do house work anyway. They may as well get started doing so as soon as they could. Mom and Dad were not as dubious about the value of education as Grandpa but, like American society of the 1940s and 1950s, they were less supportive of education for their daughters than for their sons. (p. 97) As Hal grew older and taller circumstances fell into place that made it possible for him to attend the University of Dayton on a provisional basketball scholarship. I doubt there was ever a college freshman more homesick than I was for the first few weeks that Fall of 1959. Born and raised on our family farm, I had never lived anywhere else. I had very rarely slept in a bedroom other than the one I shared for years with my brothers. Life in a city, even in a small town, was completely foreign to me. I had traveled further than a hundred miles from home just once, on my senior trip. It is still painful for me to recall my loneliness and misery, beginning on the first day of registration. (p. 137) Hal was successful in his class work at UD, and with tenacity and some good luck, he became a starting forward on legendary coach Tom Blackburn's first and only NIT championship team in 1962. Back home, my

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parents and younger siblings were glued to the family's fuzzy, black-and-white 19-inch t.v. for all the NIT games. Pat recalled, "After the final game we went outside and ran around the house yelling and screaming. It was a thrill for all of us. What a great memory!" When the team returned on Sunday March 23rd, Mom, Dad, and a carload of siblings were in the crowd at the Dayton airport. After ten days in New York City competing in Madison Square Garden, I was struck the moment I saw them by the vast difference between the world I had just left and that of my childhood. (p. 180)

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experiences with racism and competitions with his brothers. "At the time you had racism all over North Carolina -- all over the United States -- and it was a lot of it around here" said Jordan. "So, as a kid, it was like, this is where I don't want to be. I want to excel outside of this. So my motivation was to be something outside of Wilmington." MJ grew up wanting to use athletics as a vehicle to get to a better life. A life where he could journey far away from Wilmington and be able to distance himself from the racism he was experiencing. Question to Ponder: How do you think experiencing racism made MJ feel and impacted his life? How would you deal with racism in your own life? The other source of Jordan's competitiveness came from his older brother, Larry. Growing up, Larry was a better basketball player than Michael and was able to use his advantages in strength and size to best his younger sibling. Larry was also the most competitive of all his siblings. "When you come to blows with someone you absolutely love, that's igniting every fire within you. And I always felt like I was fighting Larry for my father's attention. ... When you're going through it, it's traumatic, because I want that. I want that approval, I want that type of

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confidence. So my determination got even greater to be as good if not better than my brother." Michael said. The quote shows a window into some of the pain that MJ grew up with. His life wasn't all flowers and daisies. He experienced racism, fought his siblings for his father's attention, and went through traumatic events. Yet what made MJ special was his ability to use painful events to fuel him and help him strive for a better life. He could have decided to stay home and refuse to play when his father favored his brother Larry, or when his community favored those with a different skin color. Instead Michael got up, worked hard, and achieved his dreams. Question to Ponder: Do you think it's okay to fight with your siblings? How can two siblings have a healthy rivalry while still loving each other?

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