

## The Big O My Life My Times My Game

Raised by a single mom in rural Illinois, Gretchen Wilson’s formal education concluded in the eighth grade when she traded books for tending bar at Big O’s, a rough-and-tumble joint on the outskirts of Pocahtontas, IL. By the time she was 15, Gretchen was managing the place with the help of a loaded 12-gauge behind the bar to keep folks in line. Though he was long gone, Wilson’s father had instilled a love of music in his daughter that blossomed on stage at Big O’s where she found herself fronting a cover band and eyeing a move to Nashville in search of something more. Another town, struggling in another bar job, but again her gift for music won out. Discovered while singing with the house band at a bar in Nashville’s famed Printer’s Alley, Gretchen Wilson soon joined the ranks of the Muzik Mafia and the rest is history. In less than one calendar year she went from worrying about the repossession of her car to being one of the most successful recording stars in the world. Co-written by acclaimed and New York Times bestselling author Allen Rucker, the book will cover this inspiring All-American success story while providing a fun, and insightful look in on the kind of strength, will, and humor that have allowed Wilson to reclaim the term “Redneck” and recast it as a point of pride for millions of her fans. Whether she discusses her fashion preferences (Wal-Mart over Victoria’s Secret), her choice of beer over champagne, her views on family, or the artists who’ve helped her to carve out the path she currently walks (Tammy Wynette, Loretta Lynn, Merle Haggard, etc.), Wilson’s signature knack for storytelling and connecting with her audience on that authentically real level translates seamlessly to the page and offers a new and exciting glimpse at one of America’s most beloved performers.

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • The NBA according to The Sports Guy—now updated with fresh takes on LeBron, the Celtics, and more! Foreword by Malcom Gladwell • “The work of a true fan . . . it might just represent the next phase of sports commentary.”—The Atlantic Bill Simmons, the wildly opinionated and thoroughly entertaining basketball addict known to millions as ESPN’s The Sports Guy, has written the definitive book on the past, present, and future of the NBA. From the age-old question of who actually won the rivalry between Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain to the one about which team was truly the best of all time, Simmons opens—and then closes, once and for all—every major pro basketball debate. Then he takes it further by completely reevaluating not only how NBA Hall of Fame inductees should be chosen but how the institution must be reshaped from the ground up, the result being the Pyramid: Simmons’s one-of-a-kind five-level shrine to the ninety-six greatest players in the history of pro basketball. And ultimately he takes fans to the heart of it all, as he uses a conversation with one NBA great to uncover that coveted thing: The Secret of Basketball. Comprehensive, authoritative, controversial, hilarious, and impossible to put down (even for Celtic-haters), The Book of Basketball offers every hardwood fan a courtside seat beside the game’s finest, funniest, and fiercest chronicler.

Blasting clichéd career advice, the contrarian pundit and creator of Dilbert recounts the humorous ups and downs of his career, revealing the outsized role of luck in our lives and how best to play the system. Scott Adams has likely failed at more things than anyone you’ve ever met or anyone you’ve even heard of. So how did he go from hapless office worker and serial failure to the creator of Dilbert, one of the world’s most famous syndicated comic strips, in just a few years? In How to Fail at Almost Everything and Still Win Big, Adams shares the game plan he’s followed since he was a teen: invite failure in, embrace it, then pick its pocket. No career guide can offer advice that works for everyone. As Adams explains, your best bet is to study the ways of others who made it big and try to glean some tricks and strategies that make sense for you. Adams pulls back the covers on his own unusual life and shares how he turned one failure after another—including his corporate career, his inventions, his investments, and his two restaurants—into something good and lasting. There’s a lot to learn from his personal story, and a lot of entertainment along the way. Adams discovered some unlikely truths that helped to propel him forward. For instance: • Goals are for losers. Systems are for winners. • “Passion” is bull. What you need is personal energy. • A combination of mediocre skills can make you surprisingly valuable. • You can manage your odds in a way that makes you look lucky to others. Adams hopes you can laugh at his failures while discovering some unique and helpful ideas on your own path to personal victory. As he writes: “This is a story of one person’s unlikely success within the context of scores of embarrassing failures. Was my eventual success primarily a result of talent, luck, hard work, or an accidental just-right balance of each? All I know for sure is that I pursued a conscious strategy of managing my opportunities in a way that would make it easier for luck to find me.”

This book charts the progress of integration in basketball, from the first black professional basketball player in 1902 to the modern game. These crucial steps in the history of basketball are placed within the larger context of American history, making this book an essential addition to the literature on sports and race in America. The strangest journey of my life, and other stories, by F. Pigot

Stories from My Life

A Little Book of Western Verse

The Missing Piece Meets the Big O

That College Book

Tall Tales and Short Shorts

The sequel to The A-Men. It’s been four years since the destruction of the Phoenix Tower and the infamous A-Men. The once-great Dead City is now a no-go zone, abandoned and forgotten. Living in this nightmarish underworld, Jack is a twisted shadow of his former self; a lone survivor in a world of warring ganglords and their crazed disciples.

My Overdue Book: Too many stories not to tell: spells out the varied episodes in the life of a man who spent decades working in Hollywood. He began as a little boy in Cincinnati impressed early on by the broadcasting magic of radio and then TV in the middle of twentieth century America. His drive to get into broadcasting culminates in an early success that gets interrupted by an unexpected sidebar in The US Army and a subsequent tour as an Infantryman in Vietnam in the late 1960’s. His yearlong excursion in "Fun City East," with its repeated life and death experiences, had lifelong effects on this soldier-of-media. Following his wanderings through the jungles of Vietnam, Bright’s interactions with many of America’s top public figures throughout his decades in radio and television come to life with intriguing stories that are personal, professional, positive and negative. It’s life without a filter! Readers across generations will share and co-experience numerous real life feelings and emotions with writer Bright as his winding trail of life opens in front of them. book endorsement for peter bright; i always thought that peter bright and i had many things in common; we both grew up in ohio, we both had careers in the live event and variety side of television, and the few times we had times to talk i thought we shared a mutual philosophy toward the ups and downs of life. but it wasn't until i read his "overdue" book that i realized just what a rich and storied life peter has had and how much more deeply he had experienced the highs and lows, particularly during his years in the military, than i ever could have imagined. it really amazes me just how little we know about people we think we know, and just how much more we appreciate who they are when we are fortunate enough to have that background filled in by someone as articulate and able to express both facts and feelings as peter has in this book. when i started to read it, i thought all of those common events that we shared would be an interesting parallel track to my life and as such i would have a great frame of reference, but as i read on, i realized just what an amazing story peter has to tell and just how well he tells it. ken ehrlich, executive producer, the grammy awards

My purpose for writing this book is to leave a legacy of a man who was truly remarkable. My journal consists of the 30 odd years we spent together, all the adventures and travels.

Following the 1956-57 NBA season the Fort Wayne Pistons relocated to Detroit and the Rochester Royals were moved to Cincinnati. The relocations of the Fort Wayne and Rochester franchises left Syracuse as the last small market team in the NBA. As the 1960s began the NBA entered the crossroads of its existence featuring such mega stars as Wilt Chamberlain, Jerry West, Elgin Baylor, and Hal Greer, the Boston Celtics became the most dominating team in the league. Led by Bob Cousy, Bill Russell, and John Havlicek, the Celtics would win eleven NBA championships between 1957 and 1969. But during the 1960s the Cincinnati Royals were a team also loaded with All-Stars and former Olympic players like Oscar Robertson, Jerry Lucas, Wayne Embry, and Adrian Smith. But the Royals would never win a championship in Cincinnati and in 1973 relocated to Kansas City. Today the franchise is the Sacramento Kings. So what went wrong in Cincy? While the Royals received only marginal support from their fans and absentee owner Louie Jacobs, the Buffalo concessionaire king and Godfather of sports, the answer to the downfall of the Royals seems to lie somewhere in the basketball stories of Bob Cousy and Oscar Robertson whose brilliant careers collided in an unharmonious relationship when the retired Cousy became coach of the Royals. While Bob Cousy had been credited for saving professional basketball in Boston as a player, he is also credited with destroying professional basketball in Cincinnati as a coach. The uneasy relationship in Cincinnati between Cousy the coach and Robertson the player fueled by leftover competitive conflict from their days as players on the hardwood would become a collision of will between them and render the Royals franchise dysfunctional.

The 25 Greatest Sports Conspiracy Theories of All Time

The Book

Her Happy Ever After

Too Many Stories Not to Tell

Book Three of the Love's Territory Series

The Story of My Life and the World I Live in

*Do these two chemists have the right formula, or will it blow up in their faces? Ozcar Petrov knows one thing and knows it well: chemistry. In his job as a chemist for a major pharmaceutical company that develops vaccines, he’s known for winning an award for something really important you’ve probably never heard of. But despite all the accolades he’s received, he’s never gotten a big head. Well, until Hazel Byrd steps into his life and presents him with a challenge. She’s his new colleague, and she has a secret: she’s never had the big O. If anything could give Ozzy a big head, it would be getting Hazel off. And he’s going to use all his chemical know-how to make it happen. Can these two geeks find the right formula or will their relationship fizzle out before it even gets off the ground? The Big O is part of the Alpha Bet Guys series, which is about five alpha-ish guys who like to make bets. Each 20-30K word novella can be read as a standalone. Book 1: A Hole - Ace & Ella’s story can be found in the Big City Heat anthology. Book 2: The Big O - Ozzy & Hazel’s story Book 3: Need the D - Dante & Julia’s story Book 4: Hard F - Fox & Jenna’s story Book 5: Ride the C - Cruz & Mia’s story*

*In every sport, in every country around the world, there are fans on the losing side who know that something other than skill and luck beat their favorite team or player. Sometimes they’re actually right. That’s why sports lovers will devour this inside look at the 25 biggest myths and scandals in professional and collegiate athletics.Elliott Kalb examines each potential outrage in detail, supporting and debunking popular beliefs along the way. In some cases, proof does exist that the ?fix” was in?like the 1919 World Series thrown by the Chicago ?Black” Sox players or the conspiracy to keep African Americans out of Major League Baseball until 1947. In others, there remain only whispers of wrongdoing and suspicious circumstances, including the Jets’ win in Super Bowl III and Muhammad Ali’s first-round knockout of Sonny Liston. This is sure to capture the imagination of anyone who has ever wondered what really happened behind the scenes.*

*Indianapolis Monthly is the Circle City’s essential chronicle and guide, an indispensable authority on what’s new and what’s news. Through coverage of politics, crime, dining, style, business, sports, and arts and entertainment, each issue offers compelling narrative stories and lively, urbane coverage of Indy’s cultural landscape.*

*SYNOPSIS This book is about The Life, The Pain, and The Glory of Shakur (Coy Boy) McNish, growing up in the streets of South Philadelphia and migrated to West Philadelphia for a new way of life, but things didn’t work out the way his mother Judy has planned. Shakur was associated with a lot of Street Legends in Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York and was sent to prison on a Federal Indictment. He realized that there was no more love or loyalty in them streets, so he decided to give up that lifestyle and become one of Philadelphia’s successful corporate businessmen. He exposed many secrets in this book about certain individuals. He also shares certain events that he attended with some of his celebrity friends such as, State Property’s own Rapper "Beanie Sigel." "Everybody wants to know "Who Is He," His Life, His Pain and how he turned it into His Glory! His Story is a must read for all those who can't seem to "Think Outside The Hood"! THE GAME IS DEAD! D-COYPRINT PUBLISHING FACEBOOK: AUTHOR SHACOY MCNISH INSTAGRAM: @COYPRINT1 or @COY215.*

*Don’t go there. It’s not safe. You’ll die. And other more >> rational advice for overlandng Mexico & Central America*

*Indianapolis and the American High School*

*My Life With Papa*

*Real Value New Ways to Think About Your Time, Your Space & Your Stuff*

*Hang Time*

*A History of Integration in Professional Basketball*

Have you ever thought about what your life would be like if it revolved around you? Me First: A Deliciously Selfish Take on Life is an unapologetic and hilarious perspective on what it takes to get to the top and to live life on your own terms. Before making any big decision such as getting into a relationship or choosing a career path-you will start with the most important question: What do I want? The second question you will ask is: How does this decision, action, or choice benefit me directly? If it’s not what you want or does not benefit you directly, don’t do it. At the heart of Me First is the belief that YOU deserve to be happy and fulfilled. Its "Delish-isms" will show you how to become the number one priority in your life and become smarter and more strategic about your relationships, career, health, and finances. Every chapter also contains "Kick Starters" to help you get moving in the right direction. How selfish, right? Absolutely! A deliciously selfish life means taking a step back from the craziness to figure out who you are and what you want, and once you do, to own it. Because the only person holding you back from getting what you want is you.

In the wake of the 2008-2009 economic recession, this revealing work offers a psychological explanation of how we as a nation grapple with self-control and how we can develop a new and healthier generation. \* Numerous vignettes and case studies illustrate the major themes of the book \* Dozens of research citations at the end of each chapter \* An extensive bibliography referencing 75 professional journals and 48 books \* A comprehensive index

Do you feel overwhelmed by all the stuff in your home? Is your home office a messy file drawer of papers? Do you want to get organized, but you do not know where to start? This book will help you look at your stuff differently and put you on the right track to get organized and stay organized, so you can better enjoy life. We will consider the real value of our possessions. Is "real value" a dollar amount? Or the usefulness of the item? Or how it makes you feel? There are many ways to consider an item’s value, none of them right or wrong. Everything is relative in terms of what is really important to you, whether it be your time, your space, or your stuff.

This is the first book to focus on race, sport, protest, and the Black Atlantic. It brings together innovative scholarship on African, African-American, Afro-European, Afro-Brazilian, and Afro-Caribbean sports in a manner that speaks effectively to the diversity of the African diaspora, its history, and culture. The book explores the history of sports, including baseball, basketball, boxing, football, rugby, cricket, and track-and-field athletics to show athlete and fan protests in sport intersected with discourses of nationalism, self-fashioning, gender and masculinity, leisure and play, challenges of underdevelopment, and the idea of progress. It shows how sport in the African diaspora is a crucially important lens through which to understand the challenges, changes, and continuities of Black Atlantic history, the history of protest, and racism. This is fascinating reading for anybody with an interest in sport history, social and cultural history, post-imperial history and decolonization, or the sociology of sport, race, and political protest.

The Story of My Life ...

The 30 Greatest Sports Conspiracy Theories of All-Time

or, Personal Experiences with Indians

The NBA According to The Sports Guy

How to Fail at Almost Everything and Still Win Big

My Overdue Book

Everything you need to know to look after yourself to bring about and maintain perfect health, prosperity, wealth, happiness, quality of life and longevity. It reveals that we are, without realising, not doing enough or the right things to protect our health and prosperity which is equally extremely damaging to nature, wildlife, oceans, sea-life, fresh springs, waterways and air, and us. The Book by Linde utilises new and ancient knowledge from around the world, over the millennia identifying what changes we need to make to enhance every aspect of our lives with simple solutions for almost every situation. It is your most powerful contribution to protecting, nurturing and saving our planet. In summary, 'THE BOOK' Consists of Six Chapters which incorporates a summary within each one: Lifestyle; Food & Nutrition; Medical Care; Mind; Water; and Now Live the final chapter which you can cast your eye over first as it is a synopsis of the complete works. It is highly recommend to read from cover to cover but, it is packed with valuable information to just use as a Reference Manual on a day to day basis. Teaches you how to look after your body and mind to ultimately prevent illness, but also to help regain and maintain perfect health; Provides countless number of practical, realistic & simple tips to easily adopt into your day to day lifestyle improving quality of life, saving time & money and gaining longevity; Fuses together specialised areas in health & mind, lifestyle & environment under one cover; Identifies our day to day toxic exposures that we are unaware of and provides successful resolutions; Gives you complete fundamental knowledge and awareness, to use your courage to take responsibility for your life enhancing your health, prosperity and happiness; Provides you with ancient knowledge and practices to new, from science including quantum physics, to philosophy, psychology, and important detail on nutrition, exercise, energies and medicine; Is very current, answering all the conflicting hype about diets, the next super food or the bad effects of conventional drugs or sugar that are in the media weekly, even daily; For more information please visit www.thebookbook.co.uk

The basketball star offers an account of his life on and off the court, detailing his accomplishments in college and in professional sports, the inherent racism in sports, and his tenure as president of the NBA Players Union.

It was only supposed to be a short visit. It turned into a love affair. Melanie White is in trouble. Young, unmarried, with no resources to speak of, she’s forced to flee home and hide out with her aunt on a ranch in a western mining town. She’s just passing through on her way farther West, and it’s a good thing, too: she can’t stand the ranch owner. He’s rowdy, immature...and undeniably attractive. David Tanner has his life just the way he likes it: he does what he wants, when he wants, and nobody can tell him any different--least of all, his former nanny's niece Melanie, who likes books more than people. But when a family emergency forces Melanie and David to work together, she discovers that there's more to him than meets the eye. And he finds out that life as a bachelor may not be what he likes after all. Contains mild language and sensual content within marriage.

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Collision Course

How America Lost Self-control and why We Need to Redefine Success

Making a Mass Institution

The Basketball Lives of Bob Cousy and Oscar Robertson and The Collapse of the Cincinnati Royals

Indianapolis Monthly

My Life on the Plains

*What do you do after life has handed you a wake-up call? Author Brian Seth Hurst experienced a significant professional setback, but, rather than “soldier on,” he recognized it as a profound opportunity to acknowledge a deeper foundation at work in his life. It is the affirmation that there is sheer power in what one believes, and, for better or worse, those beliefs are the foundation for the reality we create.The question of “Why?” began a thirty-day inquiry and adventure for Hurst into the unknown. The result is the book W H O L E - a collection of powerful essays that examine how beliefs serve, or do not serve, us in our lives, how those beliefs can be transformed to change our circumstances, and the power of the ultimate connection to Source.What do you do after life has handed you a wake-up call? If you decide to remain awake, then you begin looking at your life. W H O L E is your companion as you review the past, balance all areas of your life, and begin to create anew.W H O L E prompts a very personal, progressive, and conscious examination of concepts and belief systems in every area of your life, ranging from relationships, work and time, to money, the environment, morality and your purpose. It asks provocative and thoughtful questions that lead to understanding.How do your reconcile everything that has happened and is happening in your life with the one you truly want? The good and the bad, the joy and the hurt, the wins and the losses - all those parts form the experience of your life and your identity. Yet, you are much greater than the sum of all those parts.W H O L E allows you to make sense of the pieces of your life as part of the greater being that is You.W H O L E presents you with the opportunity to reconcile the past, arrive wholly connected in the present, and create your future.W H O L E literally answers the question, “What was I thinking?”“To know “whole” in the duality of your reality, you must know broken.To know broken is to recognize that you are, always have been, and always will be WHOLE.”*

*Elgin Baylor’s memoir of an epic all-star career in the NBA--during which he transformed basketball from a horizontal game to a vertical one--and his fights against racism during his career as a player and as general manager of the LA Clippers under the infamous Donald Sterling People think of Elgin Baylor as one of the greatest basketball players in the history of the game--and one of the NBA’s first black superstars--but the full extent of his legacy stretches beyond his spectacular, game-changing shots and dunks. With startling symmetry, Baylor recounts his story: flying back and forth between the U.S. Army and the Lakers, his time as a central figure in the great Celtics-Lakers rivalry and how he helped break down color barriers in the sport,his 1964 All-Star game boycott, his early years as an executive for the New Orleans Jazz, and twenty-two years as general manager for the notorious L.A. Clippers and Donald Sterling, spent fighting to draft and sign young, black phenoms--only to be hamstrung by his boss at every turn. No one has seen the league change, and has worked to bring change, more than Baylor. Year after year, he continued to fight and persevere against racism. At the beginning of his career, he was forced to stay in separate hotel rooms. From those days to today’s superstardom, he has had a front-row view of the game’s elevation to one of America’s favorite sports. For the first time, Elgin Baylor tells his full story. He’s played with the legends, lived with them, andknows more about the NBA than anyone living, and is finally ready to set the record straight.*

*Indianapolis began its secondary system with a singular, decidedly academic high school, but ended the 1960s with multiple high schools with numerous paths to graduation. Making a Mass Institution describes how this process created both a distinct youth culture and a divided and unjust system, one that effectively sorted students geographically, economically, and racially.*

*Helen Keller’s autobiographies THE STORY OF MY LIFE and THE WORLD I LIVE IN chronicle in her own words the remarkable true story we have come to know from the stage and film productions of THE MIRACLE WORKER. Here we discover Helen’s thoughts and feelings hidden in the blind, deaf, and mute character in those productions--thoughts and feelings she came to express with such eloquence orally and in writings in later years. And here we are inspired not only by Helen Keller and her journey but also by the intriguing possibilities that certainly must be awaiting discovery in others.EARLY REVIEWS “The autobiography of Helen Keller is unquestionably one of the most remarkable records ever published.”—British Weekly“This book is a human document of intense interest, and without a parallel, we suppose, in the history of literature.”—Yorkshire Post“Miss Keller’s autobiography, well written and full of practical interest in all sides of life, literary, artistic and social, records an extraordinary victory over physical disabilities.”—Times“This book is a record of the miraculous. No one can read it without being profoundly touched by the patience and devotion which brought the blind, deaf-mute child into touch with human life, without being filled with wonder at the quick intelligence which made such communication with the outside world possible.”—Queen*

*Focus On: 100 Most Popular National Basketball Association All-Stars*

*Who Is He/ Color*

**The Cap****My Life, My Pain, My Glory****Breaking Barriers****The Sports Hall of Fame Encyclopedia**

An officer and cavalry commander during the Civil War and Indian wars, General George Armstrong Custer (1839–76) was well-known in his lifetime for his personal daring and his aggressive approach to warfare. After his "last stand" in 1876, he was even more famous as the commander who led his entire unit to annihilation by a massive coalition of Native American tribes at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. A few years before the fatal clash, Custer published a series of reminiscences concerning his participation in the U.S. Army's 1867–69 campaigns against the Plains Indians. The evocative accounts, written during one of Custer's semiretirements rather than from the field, tell of marching, camping, furious firefights, and ruthless slaughter on both sides. In addition to its value as a document of military history, this book offers fascinating insights into the notorious general's character, from his enthusiasm for self-mythologizing to the rash behavior that led to his demise.

In high school, everyone's talking about college. What to do. Where to go. Why it's important. Classes are given on it. Books are written about it. But details get left out. Every year, college graduates learn this the hard way as they step into adulthood. I was one of them. After earning a four-year degree, I went through two of the worst years of my life. Not that my situation is unique. I am a part of a generation that was told to go to college first and sort out the details later. Most of us did. We chased the promise of a big shiny future, and we ended up being chased by the mistakes of our past. That's not to say we completely regretted going. This book isn't a list of privileged millennial complaints. It's a collection of wisdom gained in less than pleasant ways. It's a story of hardship, failure, victory, and perseverance. It's all of the things we wish someone had told us. And it takes place before college, in college, after college, and without college. This is the wild, painful, awkward, hilarious, depressing, & beautiful journey from youth to maturity. This is the college book that no one ever gave us.

The missing piece sat alone waiting for someone to come along and take it somewhere.... The different ones it encounters - and what it discovers in its helplessness - are portrayed with simplicity and compassion in the words and drawings of Shel Silverstein.

Separating the facts of each case from the myths that surround them, the thirty greatest conspiracies in sports are examined and reviewed, including Roger Clemens' testimony before Congress and NBA referee Tim Donaghy's role in fixing games. Original.

Sheryl Crow, Jeff Bridges, Alicia Keys, Daryl Hall, Ray Bradbury, Anna Kendrick, B.B. King, Elmore Leonard, Deepak Chopra, and 42 More Celebrities Share What They're Most Thankful For  
Redneck Woman: W/DVD

Sport and Protest in the Black Atlantic

Dr. J, Pistol Pete, and the Birth of the Modern NBA

A Deliciously Selfish Take on Life

Me First

What Are You Most Grateful For? Ricky Gervais says...Pajamas. I've started wearing pajamas out, because they're more comfortable than trousers. (Laughs) I started out with jeans, then went to sweatpants about ten years ago. Now it's just pajamas. I wore them to the White House. I've gone whole hog. Dolly Parton says...Humble Roots. I think being brought up dirt poor left with me with a feeling of what it was like to go without, so I can relate when people are having a hard time. In my case, being a songwriter, I'm able to write not only for and about myself, but for what I know other people are feeling, even if they don't always have the means to get their voices heard. Anne Rice says...Clackety-Clack. My stepmother, who was a very practical, wonderful woman, took me into Dallas before I went into college to buy me a typewriter. She picked out this wonderful little portable one, black and white keys, and it was real fast. I still have it. I won't give it up. In this enlightening and engaging collection, celebrities from Seth Rogen and Sheryl Crowe to Joyce Carol Oates and B.B. King share the people, places, and things for which they are most grateful. Alternately sentimental and surprising, wise and wacky, these heartfelt "gratitude bucket lists" as described by some of our most beloved artists are sure to inspire readers everywhere to make their own lists--and live their own lives with more love, affection, and thanksgiving.

In basketball, just as in American culture, the 1970s were imperfect. But it was a vitally important time in the development of the nation and of the National Basketball Association. During this decade Americans suffered through the war in Vietnam and Nixon's Watergate cover-up (not to mention disco music and leisure suits) while the NBA weathered the arrival of free agency and charges that its players were "too black." Despite this turmoil, or perhaps because of it, the NBA evolved into a cultural phenomenon. Tall Tales and Short Shorts: Dr. J, Pistol Pete, and the Birth of the Modern NBA traces the evolution of the NBA from the retirement of Bill Russell in 1969 to the arrival of Larry Bird and Magic Johnson ten years later. Sandwiched between the youthful league of the sixties and its mature successor in the eighties, this book reveals the awkward teenage years of the NBA in the seventies. It examines the many controversies that plagued the league during this time, including illicit drug use, on-court violence, and escalating player salaries. Yet even as attendance dwindled and networks relegated playoff games to tape-delayed, late-night broadcasts, fans still pulled on floppy gray socks like "Pistol Pete" Maravich, emulated Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's sweeping skyhook, and grew out mushrooming afros à la "Dr. J" Julius Erving. The first book-length treatment of pro basketball in the 1970s, Tall Tales and Short Shorts brings to life the players, teams, and the league as a whole as they dealt with expansion, a merger with the ABA, and transitioning into a new era. Sport historians and basketball fans will enjoy this entertaining and enlightening survey of an often-overlooked time in the development of the NBA.

Provides a comprehensive listing, including biographical information and statistics, of each athlete inducted into one of the major sports halls of fame.

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The Book of Life

Kind of the Story of My Life

Ranking Sports' Most Notorious Fixes, Cover-ups, and Scandals

The Man Who Changed Basketball

Baseball, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Soccer

*NBA Hall of Fame player Elgin Baylor was an innovator in his sport, a civil rights trailblazer, and a true superstar. He influenced future NBA All Stars such as Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant, and is considered by many to be one of the most important players in NBA history. A prolific scorer who baffled opponents with his twists and turns and inventive moves, Baylor was a force both on and off the court for the Minneapolis and Los Angeles Lakers. In Elgin Baylor: The Man Who Changed Basketball, Bijan C. Bayne tells the story of how a kid from the streets of segregated Washington, DC, who didn't attend college until he was over twenty, revolutionized basketball and stood up for his rights. In a time when few nationally prominent black athletes spoke out about racial inequality in the United States, Baylor refused to tolerate discrimination. On the court, with his balletic moves and urban style of play, Elgin Baylor lifted the game of basketball off the floor and into the air. Elgin Baylor: The Man Who Changed Basketball includes personal reflections from Baylor's old schoolyard companions, former teammates, players he coached in the NBA, and noted sports journalists, bringing to life his childhood, college career, and professional life with intimate detail. Basketball fans, historians, and those interested in the impact of sports on the Civil Rights Movement will all find this first-ever biography of Elgin Baylor both fascinating and inspirational.*

*Upton Sinclair, one of America's foremost and most prolific authors, addresses the cultivation of the mind and the body in this 1922 volume. Sinclair's goal was to attempt to tell the reader how to live, how to find health, happiness and success, and how to develop fully both the mind and the body. Part One: The Book of the Mind covers such subjects as faith, reason, morality, and the subconscious. Part Two: The Book of the Body develops such subjects as errors in diet, the fasting cure, food and poisons, work and play, and diseases and their cures .*

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My Life, My Times, My Game

The A-Men Return

Focus On: 100 Most Popular United States Men's National Basketball Team Players

Elgin Baylor

My Life in Basketball