

Basketball Junkie

“There are eight million stories in the Naked City.” This famous line from the 1948 film *The Naked City* has become an emblem of New York City itself. One publication cultivating many of New York City's greatest stories is the City section in *The New York Times*. Each Sunday, this section of *The New York Times*, distributed only in papers in the five boroughs, captivates readers with tales of people and places that make the city unique. Featuring a cast of stellar writers—Phillip Lopate, Vivian Gornick, Thomas Beller and Laura Shaine Cunningham, among others—*New York Stories* brings some of the best essays from the City section to readers around the country. New Yorkers can learn something new about their city, while other readers will enjoy the flavor of the Big Apple. *New York Stories* profiles people like sixteen-year-old Barbara Ott, who surfs the waters off Rockaway in Queens, and Sonny Payne, the beloved panhandler of the F train. Other essays explore memorable places in the city, from the Greenwich Village townhouse blown up by radical activists in the 1970s to a basketball court that serves as the heart of its Downtown neighborhood. The forty essays collected in *New York Stories* reflect an intimate understanding of the city, one that goes beyond the headlines. The result is a passionate, well-written portrait of a legendary and ever-evolving place.

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) has long symbolized the idealism of amateur athletic competition. For basketball especially, the AAU provided an opportunity

for athletes to showcase their skills for the benefit of the team and the sport, not the bottom line. In *The Golden Age of Amateur Basketball*, Adolph H. Grundman recounts the history of the AAU National Tournament during its golden age, 1921 through 1968. Grundman analyzes the early tournaments, examining rule changes, key players, and dominant teams. He explores the rivalries between corporations for amateur dominance after 1935, the competition between the AAU and the National Collegiate Athletic Association for representation in Olympic basketball, the question of just how amateur basketball really was, and the reasons for the demise of postcollegiate amateur basketball. *The Golden Age of Amateur Basketball* provides the first history of AAU basketball and identifies players and teams that made major contributions to basketball history.

A list of legends is significant not only for who makes the list, but who gets left off of it. If there are no obvious omissions, then the list of candidates was probably less than legendary in the first place. Not so in the case of the Syracuse University Orangemen. Calling roll on Syracuse's all-time basketball greats can take up the greater part of a day. The school produced its first All-American, Lewis Castle, in 1912. Most recently, Carmelo Anthony, one of the best freshmen to ever play college basketball, led the 2003 Orangemen to the school's first NCAA championship. In between there were legends such as the incomparable Dave Bing, Roosevelt Bouie, and Louis Orr, who together formed the Louie and Bouie Show, along with names like Derrick Coleman, Sherman

Douglas, Lawrence Moten, and John Wallace. *Legends of Syracuse Basketball* features 24 players, one coach, and one special team. Within the book's pages are stories straight from the legends' teammates, their coaches, and the legends themselves. Of the players mentioned, 17 played in the NBA. More telling of the greatness of the Syracuse University basketball program is the fact that 10 Orangemen who played in the NBA did not make this list of legends. The same is true of record holders, All-Americans, and more fan favorites than are possible to count.

The *Cockroach Basketball League* follows the tribulations of hard-driving coach Bob Lassner of the Savannah Stars, a team in the Commercial Basketball League—a fiction drawn from Rosen's own nine years experience coaching in the minor-league Continental Basketball Association. Lassner is an aging hippie and divorcé who hails from a Bronx tenement. His obsession with the game of basketball animates this kinetic, gritty ramble through the sport's minor leagues. Lassner is either red with rage or soft with compassion as he struggles to deal with his wayward players. His top scorer is selfish and arrogant; another player faces a grand jury for a point-shaving scheme; still others are drinking and taking drugs. Lassner also faces a meddlesome team owner, racial tension, and the threat of losing his job if he doesn't produce victories. With *The Cockroach Basketball League*, Rosen provides a poignant portrait of men—both players and coaches—who may not ever make it to the NBA. Through this look at life in the minors, Rosen offers a unique perspective on

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college and pro basketball, media hype, and the psychology of dreams deferred.

Commercial aspects of college football and basketball during the mid- to late 20th century were dominated by a few "get rich quick" schools. Though the NCAA was responsible for controlling such facets of college sports, the organization was unwilling and unable to control the excesses of the few who opposed the majority opinion. The result was a period of corruption, rules violations, unnecessary injuries and overspending. These events led to the formation of larger conferences, richer bowl games and rules intended to preserve the "money-making" value of college football and basketball. This book explores gambling, academic fraud, illegal booster activity and the single-minded pursuit of television contracts in college sports, as well as the NCAA's involvement--or lack thereof--in such cases.

Through exclusive interviews with key players and coaches as well as his own personal insights, Black, the senior point guard and undisputed leader of the 1981-82 North Carolina national champion basketball team, celebrates the Tar Heels' most famous team. Photos.

"An earlier version was published in 1990 as *Swee'pea and Other Playground Legends*"--T.p. verso.

Spanning decades with great columns from renowned writers, this time capsule recounts the greatest moments in Kansas lore and tracks the chronological progression of sports writing styles from the esoteric to the ultra-modern. The account details the Jayhawks from their roots of glory to their modern-day triumphs.

Basketball is a totally American sport. It has grown from

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a simple game, invented by James Naismith in 1891, to an international sensation played on courts in huge arenas throughout the world. This easy-to-follow narrative provides readers with a history of the game and the thirteen original rules of basketball. Regulation play, player positions, techniques for shooting and running plays, and stretching exercises are also described. The handy volume includes informative sidebars on popular basketball lingo, common fouls, pivoting, layups, and playing defense, among other topics.

Long Beach has produced some of California's best teams and players, from the NCAA success of Long Beach State to the CIF dominance of Long Beach Poly. Starting with the early hoop dreams of the 1900s, lace up your kicks, step in the gym and prepare for an unforgettable lesson in California basketball history.

Explore the city's most celebrated athletes and teams, including local pioneers of women's basketball, who found an early home on the city's hardcourts. Complete with exclusive photos and interviews, authors Mike Guardabascio and Chris Trevino give a play-by-play of the sport's illustrious past in the city of Long Beach.

In Dire Straits is a healing memoir about the challenges of coping with and recovering from an incapacitating rheumatoid disease. Told from the perspective of a solo world traveler, it reads like a travel book, full of edifying adventures and quirky discoveries. Each encounter prompts reflection on self-empowerment through greater mindfulness, curiosity and imagination.

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The most popular outdoor basketball court in New York

City is half the regulation size, offers no seating, and has sidelines bounded by a chain-link fence. But the summer league on West 4th Street in Greenwich Village has developed its share of stars and has become known throughout the world for another reason: Here the only thing that matters is the game. Inside the Cage follows the West 4th Street's summer league through a single season, chronicling its legendary history along the way. From 1970s playground legend Fly Williams to NBA veteran Anthony Mason and L.A. Lakers guard Smush Parker, three generations of players have mastered their game at West 4th Street. And the Cage itself -- located in one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in America and frequented by men from the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Harlem -- proves that talent can flourish even in the most unlikely places.

UNDERBELLY HOOPS covers Carson Cunningham's final season in the storied and now defunct Continental Basketball Association (CBA). In the process, it takes a sober look at minor league professional basketball, as Cunningham tries to navigate a poor relationship with his coach and yet finish his career on his own terms by playing a final season and winning a championship. As UNDERBELLY HOOPS shows, the CBA was a realm where hopeful players desperately hung on and crusty motels might very well have no clocks. It was a place where a trainer could be ordered to fill the visiting team's cooler with warm shower water and a coach might tell a player (namely, Cunningham) that he was focusing too much on his marriage and child rather than basketball. It was also a place where entire hotel wings could become

saturated with the pungent smell of marijuana. And yet, even as it chipped away at your dignity and made little economic sense to remain, the CBA drew you in with the allure of action and the prospect of an NBA call-up. And it could inspire, like when you and your teammates caught a rhythm that made you remember why basketball is such a beautiful game, or when you saw guys continue to strive, to persevere, even if their dreams weren't fully realized. "The hoops answer to Ball Four. By turns funny and poignant—and always self aware—this book allows fans into the locker room and huddle, yes, but also into the cortex of a professional basketball player. If Carson Cunningham could have jumped, run and created his shot off the dribble as masterfully as he writes and observes, he'd be starring in the NBA." —L. Jon Wertheim, Senior Writer for SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

Give your life away to change this world and God will change you...for the best. A rising voice in the missional movement, Palmer Chinchen challenges Christians to a new kind of spiritual formation—one focused on pouring out our life for others and radical dependence upon God. When we get out of our comfort zone, our souls are awakened—everything seems more alive and vibrant. So why don't we live our faith that way? Why is it that our faith can easily become an old, tired routine instead of an exhilarating, God-honoring lifestyle? Discover why true religion involves engaging the problems in our world as we go with the good news of the gospel. And in the process of pouring ourselves out for others, we'll see God radically transform our own hearts as well.

What can one of the most successful coaches in the history of professional basketball tell CEOs, executives, entrepreneurs, and managers about leadership? Everything! In this fascinating account of his nearly seven decades as a player, coach, general manager, goodwill ambassador, color commentator, and NBA analyst for ESPN, basketball legend Dr. Jack Ramsay reveals the guiding principles and best practices that make for outstanding leadership both on and off the court.

Social researchers increasingly find themselves looking beyond conventional methods to address complex research questions. *The Handbook of Emergent Methods* is the first book to comprehensively examine emergent qualitative and quantitative theories and methods across the social and behavioral sciences. Providing scholars and students with a way to retool their research choices, the volume presents cutting-edge approaches to data collection, analysis, and representation. Leading researchers describe alternative uses of traditional quantitative and qualitative tools, innovative hybrid or mixed methods; and new techniques facilitated by technological advances. Consistently formatted chapters explore the strengths and limitations of each method for studying different types of research questions and offer practical, in-depth examples. 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. Why would someone who in his early academic years was a C minus student in all subjects relating to the English language write a book? My beginning started when I realized what going to basketball camp in the fourth grade meant to me. Finding something that infatuated me and over time, making slow and steady progress while doing something I loved, was an eye opener. I didn't mind the effort required to become a better player. The next important step was getting married and understanding how important is was to have a sense of purpose. I was part of team that was raising a family. A sense of purpose is a great motivator. My final driver was realizing my children and grandchildren should understand that I wasn't a grandfather from birth. Growing up is filled with a multitude of highs and lows, and it is important to move forward, taking the good with the bad. I wanted to give them a taste of the things I learned over time. In the early stages of life, so many young people have absolutely no clue as how much they will learn, growing physically and intellectually as they advance from teenagers to young adulthood. My suggestion is, find something you love to do early in life and decide to be very good in your field. There are no losses from this strategy as you will find something meant for you or something to stay away from. For me, it was important I stay away from engineering.

Jerry Parkinson spent nearly ten years, from 2000 to 2010, as a member of the NCAA's Division I Committee on Infractions, participating in over one hundred major infractions cases. He came away from that

experience--and the experience of reading extensive commentary on infractions cases--with the conviction that most observers do not understand the NCAA's rules-enforcement process, despite the amount of public attention many major cases receive. Parkinson uses his insider's perspective, along with illustrative stories, to help readers understand how the NCAA's rules-enforcement process really works. These stories include: a university board of trustees chair committing suicide over an infractions case; a pay-for-play scandal leading directly to the state's governor; a head coach falsely portraying a deceased player as a drug dealer to cover up the coach's own misconduct; a gambler laundering his money by making the largest booster payments in NCAA history; and a coach's sexual abuse of children leading to some of the harshest sanctions ever imposed by the NCAA. Based on years of experience and infused with insight, Parkinson provides a broad view of the world of NCAA rule breakers and the NCAA rules-enforcement process.

On New Years Eve, two co-coaches in Scottie Rogers ' American Little Ladies Basketball League reflect on the events of the past year.

Basketball is the most popular participatory sport in the United States. As simple as the game often seems—throwing a ball through a hoop—there are many aspects of the game that go unnoticed. But with *Basketball For Dummies, Second Edition*, you'll get the inside scoop on hoops. Whether you're a player, a fan, or a coach, *Basketball For Dummies, Second Edition* will get you better acquainted to the game, so you can play it

better, coach it smarter, or appreciate it more as a spectator. Former Notre Dame head coach Digger Phelps begins with the fundamentals and quickly moves up court from there. From playing a pick-up game to watching March Madness on TV to the excitement of the NBA Playoffs, Phelps has come up with a game plan that shows you how to have fun with the game, while you become familiar with it. By the final buzzer, you'll have pulled down pointers on how to play the game, how to look good on the court, how to coach it, how to watch it, how to strategize, and even how to talk trash on the playground. Within these pages, you'll also discover how to:

- Suit up for the court
- Get into basketball shape
- Play effective offense and defense
- Use signature moves from NBA greats
- Shoot quality free-throws
- Join fantasy leagues and get great stuff online

From the basics to the latest coaching drills and techniques, this friendly reference offers you expert advice on the plays, strategies, and moves on and off the court—from high school to college hoops, to the WNBA, and beyond.

I was dead for thirty seconds. That's what the cop in Fall River told me. When the EMTs found me, there was a needle in my arm and a packet of heroin in the front seat. At basketball-crazy Durfee High School in Fall River, Massachusetts, junior guard Chris Herren carried his family's and the city's dreams on his skinny frame. His grandfather, father, and older brother had created their own sports legends in a declining city; he was the last, best hope for a career beyond the shuttered mills and factories. Herren was heavily recruited by major universities, chosen as a McDonald's All-American,

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featured in a Sports Illustrated cover story, and at just seventeen years old became the central figure in *Fall River Dreams*, an acclaimed book about the 1994 Durfee team's quest for the state championship. Leaving Fall River for college, Herren starred on Jerry Tarkanian's Fresno State Bulldogs team of talented misfits, which included future NBA players as well as future convicted felons. His gritty, tattooed, hip-hop persona drew the ire of rival fans and more national attention: Rolling Stone profiled him, 60 Minutes interviewed him, and the Denver Nuggets drafted him. When the Boston Celtics acquired his contract, he lived the dream of every Massachusetts kid--but off the court Herren was secretly crumbling, as his alcohol and drug use escalated and his life spiraled out of control. Twenty years later, Chris Herren was married to his high-school sweetheart, the father of three young children, and a heroin junkie. His basketball career was over, consumed by addictions; he had no job, no skills, and was a sadly familiar figure to those in Fall River who remembered him as a boy, now prowling the streets he once ruled, looking for a fix. One day, for a time he cannot remember, he would die. In his own words, Chris Herren tells how he nearly lost everything and everyone he loved, and how he found a way back to life. Powerful, honest, and dramatic, *Basketball Junkie* is a remarkable memoir, harrowing in its descent, and heartening in its return.

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Williams has drawn on his basketball industry connections to compile great stories from on and off the court. Fans will be inspired, surprised, and even amused, by inside stories from well-known coaches and players, fascinating looks behind the scenes, and anecdotes from the people who make it all possible – the fans. Pat will work his magic on marketing this book, as well, with signings at the NBA store and other appearances.

Combining the content of two of Frommer's previous books, *Sports Roots* and *Sports Lingo*, this book not only explains how nicknames, namesakes, trophies, competitions, and expressions in the world of sports came to be, but also serves as a useful dictionary of the language of sports—both technical and slang.

In *Havin' a Ball* one of basketball's most colorful characters and storytellers chronicles his life in the game, from high school coach in New Jersey to head coach in both the NBA and the WNBA. Richie Adubato isn't a Hall of Fame name, but he's one of basketball's most beloved coaches, with a lifetime of stories that are humorous and heartfelt, poignant and personal.

Adubato's career has crossed paths with many of basketball's most memorable people and events. Starting in the 1960s, he was part of the Jersey Guys, a group of young junior high and high school coaches—including Hubie Brown, Dick Vitale, and Mike Fratello—who all later went on to coach in the NBA. He was hired as Vitale's assistant coach with the Pistons in 1979. Then, three years later, he was hired by Hubie Brown as the Knicks' assistant coach. He would stay in pro basketball for the next twenty-five years, with stints

as head coach for the Dallas Mavericks and Orlando Magic and the WNBA's New York Liberty and Washington Mystics. In fact, he is the first coach to have led teams in both leagues to the playoffs. Aduvato grew up as an Irish Italian Jersey kid with modest aspirations who went on to experience a fascinating ride in pro basketball. He tells readers how a young Magic team led by Shaquille O'Neal came undone, about his years coaching the Mavericks at a time when the NBA was never more popular, what it was like to coach in the WNBA when the Liberty were outdrawing the Knicks in attendance, and what it was like to coach with, and against, other Hall of Famers. *Havin' a Ball* takes readers into locker rooms, planes, practices, games, and off court to the inner world of pro basketball with an insider's unique perspective.

Basketball has so many great stories, so many interesting anecdotes-about college and pro teams, players from all levels, announcers, and even owners-that one book just isn't enough to hold it all. That's why Potomac Books, Inc. is introducing *Basketball's Most Wanted™ II: The Top 10 Book of More Hotshot Hoopsters, Double Dribbles, and Roundball Oddities*. With even more fun tales and interesting facts from the world of hoops, there's something in here for all fans of basketball. Which NBA team attempted to draft a player straight out of high school in 1969-a female player from the Iowa six-on-six league? What standard features in today's NBA were originally introduced in the renegade American Basketball Association? Who are the best three-point shooters in both the pros and college? Which

high school team had an amazing four future NBA players on its roster? With which team did Wilt Chamberlain begin his professional career? (Hint: It wasn't an NBA team.) You'll find the answers to all those questions and so much more in *Basketball's Most Wanted^a II*, including the best and worst basketball movies, the most shocking NCAA tournament upsets, top names from basketball's "Asian invasion," and even guys who played one game-and only one game-in the NBA. So join David L. Hudson, Jr. as he looks at the amazing and the amusing, the wacky and the wonderful, the best and worst of everything basketball has to offer. It's a slam dunk!

A complete look at the storied basketball rivalry between the Duke Blue Devils and North Carolina Tar Heels, this guide is penned by two authorities on the subject—Art Chansky, a bestselling author and sports reporter who has covered the famed match up since his days as a student reporter at UNC and Johnny Moore, who has been intimately involved with Duke athletics for nearly four decades. Segmenting the various commonalities the Blue Devils and Tar Heels have shared for more than 60 years and nearly 250 meetings on the court, each chapter covers a distinct aspect of the rivalry between these two schools that stand a mere 10 miles apart. This book offers new details on long-forgotten stories as well as a chance to better understand where the pride and passion of today comes from between the two contiguous competitors.

Written for every sports fan who follows the 49ers, this account goes behind the scenes to peek into the private

world of the players, coaches, and decision makers--all while eavesdropping on their personal conversations. From the San Francisco locker room to the sidelines and inside the huddle, the book includes stories about Ronnie Lott, Steve Mariucci, Joe Montana, Terrell Owens, Jerry Rice, Jesse Sapolu, Bill Walsh, and Steve Young, among others, allowing readers to relive the highlights and the celebrations.

There are few sporting events that have the following of the NCAA Mens College Basketball Tournament.

Upsets, game-winning shots, clutch free-throws, gut wrenching defeats, and come from behind victories. The NCAA Tournament has it all! For Christians, following college basketball should take a back seat to being a follower of Jesus. While basketball offers excitement to its followers, the benefits of following Jesus are unparalleled. There is good news the truths of the Bible and the history of the NCAA Tournament can go hand in hand! This book of devotions will review every tournament since 1976 and relate a truth from Gods Word. You will enjoy remembering the history of the tournament while also being challenged with truth that can help you succeed in the Christian life. Doug Griggs lives in the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio with his wife Tracy, and his daughters Lindsay, Amy, and Emily. He enjoys serving at Parma Baptist Church, playing golf, and spending time with his family. Hes looking forward to the day when the University of Illinois wins the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

A chronicle of the twenty-five-year history of the famed summer league basketball tournament on West 4th

Street in New York's Greenwich Village describes this legendary, amateur tournament that stands out in an age of commercialized sports as a true example of sportsmanship in which the game is the ultimate prize. 30,000 first printing.

For more than 30 years, Yoga Journal has been helping readers achieve the balance and well-being they seek in their everyday lives. With every issue, Yoga Journal strives to inform and empower readers to make lifestyle choices that are healthy for their bodies and minds. We are dedicated to providing in-depth, thoughtful editorial on topics such as yoga, food, nutrition, fitness, wellness, travel, and fashion and beauty.

No athletic scholarships, ignored by the NBA draft, waived by team after team, yet Jeremy Lin remained positive and never doubted God's plan. Finally picked up by the New York Knicks, a teammate's injury placed Lin on the court after weeks on the bench. Since then, Lin has captivated the sports world with his incredible basketball skills as a New York Knick and now a Houston Rocket. This is his remarkable story.

This is the story of Tom Applegate, a Quaker pastor who decided that he could best serve humanity by teaching in the city. He grew up in Spiceland (in east central Indiana) and developed a passion for basketball. He became a basketball coach, first at the middle school level (at MacFarlane Middle School) and later at the high school level (at Dunbar High School) in Dayton, Ohio. Applegate strived to make sure that his players were academically solid and also helped prepare them to meet the challenges of life.

Linspired reveals the inside story of the remarkable and meteoric rise of Jeremy Lin, superstar of the New York Knicks the first Asian-American-born player of Chinese/Taiwanese descent to play in the NBA. Discover the journey of the underdog who beat the odds to reach his current stardom and catch the attention of the sports world with both his incredible basketball skills and his on and off-court example of faith, persistence, and hard work. After receiving no athletic scholarship offers out of high school and not being drafted by an NBA team after graduating from Harvard, Lin signed a deal with his hometown team of the Golden State Warriors. After only his first year of play he was waived by the Warriors, but he was picked up by the Houston Rockets. Again, he was let go, on Christmas Eve, 2011. In spite of this disappointment, Lin always remained positive and trusted that God had a plan for his life and talents. Soon after, Lin was picked up when the New York Knicks needed a guard. After weeks of sitting on the bench, a teammate's injury placed Lin on the court, and since then he has captivated sports fans throughout the world with his tremendous skill and humble response.

St. Patrick High School, a small, no-frills Catholic institution located in a rough urban area of New Jersey, houses one of the nation's most storied high school basketball programs. Kevin Boyle, a leader who garnered multiple National Coach of the Year awards, cultivated that winning tradition, and brought the team to the top of its sport over the course of two decades. In Celtic Pride, sportswriter and author Brian Fitzsimmons chronicles a group of teenagers forced to juggle

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friendship and the immense pressure of being on the nation's best team throughout the 2010–2011 season, while unmasking the man behind it all. This biography narrates how, with the help of a close support system and famous alumni now making headlines at the collegiate and professional levels, Boyle orchestrated a rags-to-riches story. Despite being hampered by a budget shortfall strong enough to present a potential death blow to his school's existence, Boyle not only produced a number of high-achieving players but also earned the reputation of being one of the most respected high school basketball coaches in the United States. Presents 577 biographical entries on the lives and careers of individuals important to the history of basketball, from its origins to the present.

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