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The Washington Post Index ESPN

New York Times Bestseller The record-holding two-time NBA champion and recently inducted hall-of-famer reflects on his work ethic, his on-the-court friendships and rivalries, the great teams he's played for, and what it takes to have a long and successful career in this thoughtful, in-depth memoir. Playing in the NBA for eighteen years, Ray Allen won championships with the Boston Celtics and the Miami Heat and entered the record books as the original king of the three-point shot. Known as one of the hardest-working and highest-achieving players in NBA history, this most dedicated competitor was legendary for his sharp shooting. From the Outside, complete with a foreword by Spike Lee, is his story in his words: a no-holds-barred look at his life and career, filled with behind-the-scenes stories and surprising revelations about the game he has always cherished. Allen talks openly about his fellow players, coaches, owners, and friends, including LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, and Kevin Garnett. He reveals how, as a kid growing up in a military family, he

learned about responsibility and respect—the key to making those perfect free throws and critical three-point shots. From the Outside is the portrait of a gifted athlete and a serious man with a strongly defined philosophy about the game and the right way it should be played—a philosophy that, at times, set him apart from colleagues and coaches, while inspiring so many others, and lead to the most pivotal shot of his career: the unforgettable 3-pointer in the final seconds of Game 6 of the 2013 NBA finals against the San Antonio Spurs. Throughout, Allen makes clear that success in basketball is as much about what happens off the court as on, that devotion and commitment are the true essence of the game—and of life itself.

The Joy of Basketball Diversion Books

Professional sports returned to Minnesota in 1961, a year after one of the most successful pro sports franchises left Minneapolis for Los Angeles in 1960. Since then, a history of last-second losses, historically bad teams, draft busts, missed calls, terrible trades, disappointing playoff runs, blown leads, under-qualified front office staff and coaches and untimely injuries. Yet, this fan base stays loyal. For some reason. 'Land of 10,000 Aches' goes deeper into the most heart-breaking, gut-wrenching, soul-crushing, even-I-could-make-that-field-goal moments in Minnesota sports

history with first-hand accounts from players, coaches and fans. Everybody remembers where they were for the good things: the Minneapolis Miracle, Kirby Puckett's Game Six home run. But were you face down in disbelief when Garrett Hartley kicked the Saints to the Super Bowl? Or forced into an emotional fetal position watching the Eagles hang 38 unanswered points on the NFL's best defense? Until names like Sal Bando, Ron Schock, Claude Osteen, Ed Thorp, Gordie Peterkin and Sergei Krivokrasov make your stomach turn, you have a long drop into the doldrums of Minnesota melancholy. This book is your guide down.

The Jordan Rules Crown

Your game plan for career success—from International Basketball Pro Dre Baldwin No one knows how to turn unrelenting self-belief into hard-and-fast career results better than Dre Baldwin. When everyone and everything was telling him to give up on his goal of playing pro basketball, he got focused on his future, and met the challenge head on. In the end, Baldwin succeeded—making a living playing basketball in leagues around the world—and in these pages, he shares all his secrets. Whether you're just starting out in business or looking to take your career to the next level, Work On Your Game provides the strategy you need to succeed from the inside-out. Dre

Baldwin, or “DreAllDay,” as his fans know him, delivers an easy-to-understand four-part model for achieving any goal. It’s based on discipline, confidence, mental toughness, and personal initiative—and it’s proven effective. Baldwin takes you through the steps of identifying what’s expected of you, preparing for what’s coming, and conditioning your body and mind for the competitive world of business—and everything is a business. Baldwin’s personal story of beating the odds is both inspiring and instructional. You’ll learn how to play the mental game in a way that launches you towards unparalleled achievement.

Thinking Basketball Espn Books

“Brilliantly audacious...written with the profundity of a sage baller and the acuity of a seasoned journalist.”—Kiese Laymon, New York Times bestselling author of *Heavy* An award-winning journalist's behind-the-scenes account from the epicenter of sports, social justice, and coronavirus, *Can't Knock the Hustle* is a lasting chronicle of the historic 2019-2020 NBA season, by way of the notorious Brooklyn Nets and basketball's renaissance as a cultural force beyond the game. The Nets were already the most intriguing startup in the NBA: a team of influencers, entrepreneurs and activists, starring the controversial Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving. But this dynasty-in-the-making got disrupted by the unforeseen. One tweet launched an international scandal, pitting the team's Chinese owner and the league's commissioner against its players and LeBron James. The sudden death of Kobe Bryant, after making his final public appearance in Brooklyn, sent shockwaves through a turbulent season. Then came the unimaginable. A global pandemic and a new civil-rights movement put basketball's trend-setting status to the ultimate test, as business and culture followed the lead of the NBA and its empowered stars. No team intersected with the extremes of 2020 quite like the Brooklyn Nets, and Matt Sullivan had a courtside view. *Can't Knock the Hustle* crosses from on the court, where underdogs confront A-listers like Jay-Z and James Harden, to off the court, as players march through the streets of Brooklyn, provoke Donald Trump at the White House, and boycott the NBA's bubble experiment in Disney World. Hundreds of interviews—with Hall-of-Famers, All-Stars, executives, coaches and power-brokers across the world—provide a backdrop of the NBA's impact on social media, race, politics, health, fashion, fame and fandom, for a portrait of a time when sports brought us back together again, like never before.

How the Redskins Got Their Name Abrams

Lancaster, NY Redskins Edition -- Two children journey a great distance to celebrate a birthday but come away with a gift of their own. Through thoughtful discussions, bold illustrations and first-hand accounts, the kids gain a life-long lesson, as well as an answer to the burning question about the appropriateness of their favorite team's name the Redskins. The story centers on a city where the exotic lore of Redskin Warriors intersected with the chance formation of an 'available' NFL franchise team all led by a colorful, Native-American-raised coach, who hired native football players. This amazing confluence of events occurred during a rare Native American renaissance, a period of heightened public recognition and improved independence - not seen before nor since. The fascinating tale evokes contributing naming elements from our nation's patriotic fight for independence. Rich and inspiring, the tale highlights often-forgotten truths which some NFL fans, journalists or even Native Americans might not know. From their sage 99-year-old Great Grandfather and their new Native American friend, the 10-and 13-year old learn that the Redskins name is sometimes misunderstood by those unaware of the diverse evolutionary story of Native American warriors. These people, they reason, may not appreciate the rich ethos or educational value the name embodies. The two travelers come away from their first NFL game not only recognizing the positive legacy in honoring the venerable painted warriors in 1933, but the importance in treating the name today as an historic treasure. The Redskins, they know, is one the few surviving tribute symbols left standing in an American landscape once rich in Native American honorifics.

Betaball Britannica Educational Publishing

The world’s greatest sports stars are known for dominating their opponents and making dynamic plays that amaze their fans. Get to know NBA star Jimmy Butler, highlighting the biggest moments of his career. Filled with exciting photos, compelling text, and informative sidebars, this book is sure to be a hit with young basketball fans.

Jimmy Butler Hachette Books

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.

A Sense of Where You Are Penguin

Two-time All-Star and thirteen-year NBA veteran Caron Butler has an impressive basketball record. He was Big East Co-Player of the Year at UConn, the 10th overall pick of the 2002 NBA Draft and a key player for the Dallas Mavericks in their championship-winning season in 2011. But before Butler had a chance to prove himself on the court, he spent his time trying to prove himself on the streets, as a gang member and drug dealer in his hometown of Racine, Wisconsin. He saw friends gunned down in the bloody street wars near his home, was arrested nearly 15 times and wound up behind bars and in solitary confinement before his 15th birthday. *Tuff Juice* shares Caron Butler’s extraordinary journey from his delinquent youth in the streets of Racine to his role as an accomplished pro basketball player, dedicated husband and father, active philanthropist and burgeoning businessman. Along the way, the book explores the incredible impact his single mother’s unconditional love and his college coach’s unwavering support had on him, and what drives him to be so successful in basketball and in life. Like *The Blind Side*, it’s a gripping narrative filled with hubris, dangerous obstacles and heartwarming moments that transcend sports and speak to perseverance, hope and the triumph of the human spirit.

Five-Star Basketball I'll Show You

Learn the Incredible Story of the Chicago Bulls' Basketball Superstar Jimmy Butler! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! In *Jimmy Butler: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Best All-Around Shooting Guards*, you will learn the inspirational story of one of basketball's premier shooting guards, Jimmy Butler. Since quickly emerging as one of the key leaders of the Chicago Bulls franchise, Jimmy Butler has established himself as one of the best two-way players to play in today's game. While Derrick Rose was the leader of the Chicago Bulls for the first few years of Butler's career, it could be argued that Butler has since become the main leader of the Bulls when Rose unfortunately came down with a series of tough injuries. Once overlooked in the NBA Draft, as Butler was drafted with the 30th overall pick in 2011, Butler has proven all the scouts wrong on their initial assessments of his abilities, as Butler had demonstrated a high degree of athleticism, basketball intelligence, and influence over games. It will be interesting to watch as Jimmy Butler continues to develop his basketball career, what accomplishments he will be able to achieve. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Early Life and Childhood College Years (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Year) Jimmy Butler's NBA Career (through halfway of the 2015-2016 season) Butler's Personal Life Jimmy Butler's Impact on Basketball Butler's Legacy and Future An excerpt from the book: Finding the true road to success usually comes with a few bumps along the road. Those can include having to deal with a period of not having a permanent home and trying to find places to stay on a nightly basis. Or having your family kick you out of the home and forcing you to rely on yourself. But sometimes, rewards await those who persevere, and Jimmy Butler is a perfect example of that. The thing about Jimmy Butler is that he has started to become one of the many stars of the National Basketball Association. His debut didn't carry the same weight as some of his peers who came straight out of high school, or after just one season in college basketball. In fact, Butler played his freshman year at a junior college and then three years at Marquette University, where he finished his studies in communication studies. He rarely played at first, at least before others above him were injured. Then he became accustomed to the difficulty of playing in the NBA, and now he averages more than 20 points per game with playoff contenders, the Chicago Bulls. He hasn't won any championships, Most Valuable Player nominations, or any scoring titles like other superstar players who became synonymous with the franchise - like a certain "Airness" out of North Carolina. And yet he continues to get better. Consider it the fruits of labor of someone who didn't want to fail. Maybe those fruits were planted by seeds from someone who wanted to not let his rough childhood define who he was; a young

teenager who became homeless because his mom couldn't stand to look at him. Fans know him as the member of the Chicago Bulls who is more than willing to play every second of the game - including overtime - just to help the team get another win, no matter if they are playing in the season-opener against the worst team in the league, or in a game against the defending NBA champions. Tags: jimmy butler bio, jimmy butler basketball, derrick rose, jimmy buckets, chicago bulls, joakim noah, kirk hinrich, pau gasol, facts about jimmy butler

The Book of Basketball Irwin/McGraw-Hill

This book provides a thought-provoking look at how to find, write and sell feature stories. The contributors--outstanding writers, editors, and teachers--offer advice and helpful tips on writing and stalking the feature story. David Finkel writes on the importance of being a reporter, Bob Ehlert on using description effectively, Mimi Sheraton on what it takes to be a good food writer, Kay Mille on the art of interviewing, Richard Cheverton on newspaper hiring practices, and Jim Molnar on travel writing. The volume also covers the ins and outs of doing freelance book reviews, movie criticisms, theater reviews, and fashion writing, and includes examples and targeted exercises to hone one's feature writing skills. ISBN 0-89879-470-6 : \$18.95.

Business Statistics in Practice McGraw Hill Professional

A dramatic and colorful portrait of one of New York’s most remarkable governors, Hugh L. Carey, with emphasis on his leadership during the fiscal crisis of 1975. The Man Who Saved New York offers a portrait of one of New York’s most remarkable governors, Hugh L. Carey, with emphasis on his leadership during the fiscal crisis of 1975. In this dramatic and colorful account, Seymour P. Lachman and Robert Polner’s examine Carey’s youth, military service, and public career against the backdrop of a changing, challenged, and recession-battered city, state, and nation. It was Carey’s leadership, Lachman and Polner argue, that helped rescue the city and state from the brink of financial and social ruin. While TV comedians mocked and tabloids shrieked about the Big Apple’s rising muggings, its deteriorating public services, and the threats and walkouts by embattled police, firefighters, and teachers, all amid a brutal recession, Carey and his team managed to hold on and ultimately prevailed, narrowly preventing a huge disruption to the state, national, and global economy. At one point, the city came within a few hours of having to declare itself incapable of paying its debts and obligations, but in the end stability and consensus prevailed, and America’s largest city stayed out of bankruptcy court. The center held. Based on extensive interviews with Carey and his family, as well as numerous friends, observers, and former advisors, including Steven Berger, David Burke, John Dyson, Peter Goldmark, Judah Gribetz, Richard Ravitch, and Felix Rohatyn, *The Man Who Saved New York* aims to place Carey and his achievements at the center of the financial maelstrom that met his arrival in Albany. While others were willing to let the city go into default, Carey was strongly opposed, since it would not only affect the state as a whole but would have reverberations both nationally and internationally. In recounting the 1975 rescue of New York City and the aftershocks that nearly sank the state government, Lachman and Polner illuminate the often-volatile interplay among elite New York bankers, hard-nosed municipal union leaders, the press, and influential conservatives and liberals from City Hall to the Albany statehouse to the White House. Although often underappreciated by the public, it was Carey’s force of will, wit, intellect, judgment, and experiences that allowed the state to survive this unparalleled ordeal and ultimately to emerge on a stronger footing. Further, Lachman and Polner argue, Carey’s accomplishment is worth recalling as a prime example of how governments—local, state, and federal—can work to avoid the renewed threat of bankruptcy that now confronts many overstretched states and localities. Seymour P. Lachman served as President of the New York City Board of Education and University Dean of the City University of New York before being elected to the New York State Senate, where he served five terms. He was consulting editor of *The United States in the Middle East* and was coauthor (with Barry A. Kosmin) of *One Nation Under God: Religion in Contemporary American Society* and (with Robert Polner) *Three Men in a Room: The Inside Story of Power and Betrayal in an American Statehouse*. He is currently Director of the Hugh L. Carey Institute for Government Reform at Wagner College, Staten Island, where he is also a Distinguished Professor in Residence. Robert Polner, a former award-winning reporter for *Newsday*, works as a public affairs officer for New York University and its Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. He was the editor of *America’s Mayor, America’s President? The Strange Career of Rudy Giuliani*, and coauthor (with Seymour P. Lachman) of *Three Men in a Room: The Inside Story of Power and Betrayal in an American Statehouse*. He also cowrote (with Paul Schwartzman) *New York Notorious: A Borough-by-Borough Tour of the Ci*

Dennis Maruk Crown

Explores the trend of teenage basketball stars skipping college and making the transition to playing professionally, resulting in the 2005 age limit instituted by the NBA, mandating that all players must attend college or another developmental program for at least a year.

Mathletics HarperCollins

When John McPhee met Bill Bradley, both were at the beginning of their careers. *A Sense of Where You Are*, McPhee's first book, is about Bradley when he was the best basketball player Princeton had ever seen. McPhee delineates for the reader the training and techniques that made Bradley the extraordinary athlete he was, and this part of the book is a blueprint of superlative basketball. But athletic prowess alone would not explain Bradley's magnetism, which is in the quality of the man himself—his self-discipline, his rationality, and his sense of responsibility. Here is a portrait of Bradley as he was in college, before his time with the New York Knicks and his election to the U.S. Senate—a story that suggests the abundant beginnings of his professional careers in sport and politics.

Basketball Houghton Mifflin

In this memoir, the Dean of Twin Cities sports journalism looks back on his memorable career and the stories he has covered. Sid Hartman has been at the center of Minnesota sports for more than sixty years, getting the inside scoop from players, coaches, owners, and his many “close personal friends.” This fascinating tell-all reveals Sid's life and career, from his days as a newspaper boy in Minneapolis and his first scoops as a cub reporter with the Minneapolis Tribune, to his place as a true Minnesota legend. From his controversial role as de facto general manager of the Minneapolis Lakers to his fight to save the Twins, Sid has been in the thick of the local sports scene at all levels. In these pages, sports fans will be privy to Sid's insight into hundreds of events and legendary figures, from Bud Grant and Bob Knight to Kirby Puckett and Kevin Garnett. As one of the most widely read and listened-to sports journalists in the Midwest for over half a century, Sid's impact has been felt by fans from all walks of life, including renowned figures such as Tom Brokaw and Walter Mondale, who called Sid “one of America's hardest-working, most widely read sportswriters.” Join Sid and his cast of thousands, and enjoy their outrageous stories—and learn some Minnesota sports history in the process. This updated edition includes Sid's reminiscences on the past decade of Minnesota sports, including the resurgent Twins, the rocky Vikings, and his always-beloved Gophers.

I'll Show You Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

The story of Giannis Antetokounmpo's extraordinary rise from poverty in Athens, Greece, to superstardom in America with the Milwaukee Bucks—becoming one of the most transcendent players in history and an NBA Champion—from award-winning basketball reporter and feature writer at *The Ringer* Mirin Fader. As the face of the NBA's new world order, Giannis Antetokounmpo has overcome unfathomable obstacles to become a symbol of hope for people all over the world; the personification of the American Dream. But his backstory remains largely untold. Fader unearths new information about the childhood that shaped “The Greek Freak”—from sleeping side by side with his brothers to selling trinkets on the street with his family to the racism he experienced. Antetokounmpo grew up in an era when Golden Dawn, Greece's far-right, anti-immigrant party, patrolled his neighborhood, and his status as an illegal immigrant largely prevented him from playing for the country's top clubs, making his NBA rise all the more improbable. Fader tells a deeply human story of how an unknown, skinny, Black Greek teen, who played in the country's lowest pro division and was seen as a draft gamble, transformed his body and his game into MVP material. Antetokounmpo's story has been framed as a feel-good narrative in which everyone has embraced him—watching him grow up, sign a five-year supermax contract extension worth \$228 million, and lead the underdog Bucks to the NBA Championship in 2021. Giannis reveals a more nuanced story: how lonely and isolated he felt, adjusting to America and the NBA early in his career; the complexity of grappling with his Black and Greek identities; how he

is so hard on himself and his shortcomings—a drive that fuels him every day; and the responsibility he feels to be a nurturing role model for his younger brothers. Fader illustrates a more vulnerable star than most people know, a person who has evolved triumphantly into all of his roles: father, brother, son, teammate, and global icon. ****Instant New York Times Bestseller, Los Angeles Times Bestseller, Wall Street Journal Bestseller, USA Today Bestseller, Publishers Weekly Bestseller**** ****Mirin Fader Selected as the 2021 Sports Media Author of the Year by The Big Lead**** ****The Sports Librarian's Best of 2022 - Sports Books****

Can't Knock the Hustle Quarto Publishing Group USA

The New York Times bestseller from Hall of Fame basketball legends Larry Bird and Earvin Magic Johnson. From the moment these two players took the court on opposing sides, they engaged in a fierce physical and psychological battle. Their uncommonly competitive relationship came to symbolize the most compelling rivalry in the NBA. In Celtic green was Larry Bird, the hick from French Lick, with laser-beam focus, relentless determination, and a deadly jump shot, a player who demanded excellence from everyone and whose caustic wit left opponents quaking in their high-tops. Magic Johnson was Mr. Showtime, a magnetic personality with all the right moves. Young, indomitable, he was a pied piper in purple and gold. And he burned with an inextinguishable desire to win. These were the basketball epics of the 1980s — Celtics vs Lakers, East vs West, physical vs finesse, Old School vs Showtime, even white vs black. Each pushed the other to greatness — together Bird and Johnson collected eight NBA Championships, six MVP awards and helped save the floundering NBA at its most critical time. When it started they were bitter rivals, but along the way they became lifelong friends. With intimate, fly-on-the-wall detail, *When the Game Was Ours* transports readers to this electric era of basketball and reveals for the first time the inner workings of two players dead set on besting one another. From the heady days of trading championships to the darker days of injury and illness, we come to understand Larry's obsessive devotion to winning and how his demons drove him on the court. We hear him talk with candor about playing through chronic pain and its truly exacting toll. In *Magic* we see a young, invincible star struggle with the sting of defeat, not just as a player but as a team leader. We are there the moment he learns he's contracted HIV and hear in his own words how that devastating news impacted his relationships in basketball and beyond. But always, in both cases, we see them prevail. A compelling, up-close-and-personal portrait of basketball's most inimitable duo. *When the Game Was Ours* is a reevaluation of three decades in counterpoint. It is also a rollicking ride through professional basketball's best times.

Sid! North Star Editions, Inc.

How math can be used to improve performance and predict outcomes in professional sports **Mathletics** is a remarkably entertaining book that shows readers how to use simple mathematics to analyze a range of statistical and probability-related questions in professional baseball, basketball, and football, and in sports gambling. How does professional baseball evaluate hitters? Is a singles hitter like Wade Boggs more valuable than a power hitter like David Ortiz? Should NFL teams pass or run more often on first downs? Could professional basketball have used statistics to expose the crooked referee Tim Donaghy? Does money buy performance in professional sports? In *Mathletics*, Wayne Winston describes the mathematical methods that top coaches and managers use to evaluate players and improve team performance, and gives math enthusiasts the practical tools they need to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of their favorite sports—and maybe even gain the outside edge to winning bets. *Mathletics* blends fun math problems with sports stories of actual games, teams, and players, along with personal anecdotes from Winston's work as a sports consultant. Winston uses easy-to-read tables and illustrations to illuminate the techniques and ideas he presents, and all the necessary math concepts—such as arithmetic, basic statistics and probability, and Monte Carlo simulations—are fully explained in the examples. After reading *Mathletics*, you will understand why baseball teams should almost never bunt, why football

overtime systems are unfair, why points, rebounds, and assists aren't enough to determine who's the NBA's best player—and much, much more. In a new epilogue, Winston discusses the stats and numerical analysis behind some recent sporting events, such as how the Dallas Mavericks used analytics to become the 2011 NBA champions.

Soho Press

This text explains business statistic concepts through the use of case studies and examples that reflect real applications of statistics. The book offers a technological perspective, while the CD-ROM has step-by-step walk-through examples to assist students visualize statistical concepts.

Boys Among Men Penguin

On the night of March 2, 1962, in Hershey, Pennsylvania, right up the street from the chocolate factory, Wilt Chamberlain, a young and striking athlete celebrated as the Big Dipper, scored one hundred points in a game against the New York Knickerbockers. As historic and revolutionary as the achievement was, it remains shrouded in myth. The game was not televised; no New York sportswriters showed up; and a fourteen-year-old local boy ran onto the court when Chamberlain scored his hundredth point, shook his hand, and then ran off with the basketball. In telling the story of this remarkable night, author Gary M. Pomerantz brings to life a lost world of American sports. In 1962, the National Basketball Association, stepchild to the college game, was searching for its identity. Its teams were mostly white, the number of black players limited by an unspoken quota. Games were played in drafty, half-filled arenas, and the players traveled on buses and trains, telling tall tales, playing cards, and sometimes reading Joyce. Into this scene stepped the unprecedented Wilt Chamberlain: strong and quick-witted, voluble and enigmatic, a seven-footer who played with a colossal will and a dancer's grace. That strength, will, grace, and mystery were never more in focus than on March 2, 1962. Pomerantz tracked down Knicks and Philadelphia Warriors, fans, journalists, team officials, other NBA stars of the era, and basketball historians, conducting more than 250 interviews in all, to recreate in painstaking detail the game that announced the Dipper's greatness. He brings us to Hershey, Pennsylvania, a sweet-seeming model of the gentle, homogeneous small-town America that was fast becoming anachronistic. We see the fans and players, alternately fascinated and confused by Wilt, drawn anxiously into the spectacle. Pomerantz portrays the other legendary figures in this story: the Warriors' elegant coach Frank McGuire; the beloved, if rumpled, team owner Eddie Gottlieb; and the irreverent p.a. announcer Dave “the Zink” Zinkoff, who handed out free salamis courtside. At the heart of the book is the self-made Chamberlain, a romantic cosmopolitan who owned a nightclub in Harlem and shrugged off segregation with a bebop cool but harbored every slight deep in his psyche. March 2, 1962, presented the awesome sight of Wilt Chamberlain imposing himself on a world that would diminish him. Wilt, 1962 is not only the dramatic story of a singular basketball game but a meditation on small towns, midcentury America, and one of the most intriguing figures in the pantheon of sports heroes. Also available as a Random House AudioBook

Giannis HarperCollins

From feared NHL sniper to ship captain and bellhop — with hockey's greatest 'stache Only 20 men in NHL history have scored 60 or more goals in a single season: Gretzky, Lemieux, and Hull all hit the magical mark. And so did an undersized, take-no-prisoners centre named Dennis Maruk. When Maruk found the back of the net 60 times in 1981-82, he was the toast of Washington — he even dined with the president. A few short years later, he was out of the game. Maruk not only left the rink, his life did a complete 180. Instead of flying up the ice and in on goal, he was behind the wheel of a service ship in the Gulf of Mexico. Instead of setting up teammates, he was setting up furniture for Goldie Hawn. He was never sent down to the farm as a rookie, but after the game he was a farmhand for John Oates. And instead of fighting in the corners, Dennis Maruk found himself fighting for his life. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 16.0px Times; -webkit-text-stroke: #000000} span.s1 {font-kerning: none} p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 16.0px Times; -webkit-text-stroke: #000000} span.s1 {font-kerning: none}

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