

**NOTHING BUT NET!  
BASKETBALL NONFICTION**

Title: BEYOND BASKETBALL: COACH K'S KEYWORDS FOR SUCCESS

Author: KRZYZEWSKI, MIKE

Original Date: 2006

Mike Krzyzewski (born 1947) shares lessons he has learned as a basketball player under the legendary Bob Knight and as a coach—first at the United States Military Academy and later Duke University—including courage, integrity, and poise. Discusses the importance of student athletes developing leadership skills. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2006.

DB 78551

Title: BOOK OF BASKETBALL: THE NBA ACCORDING TO THE SPORTS GUY

Author: SIMMONS, BILL

Original Date: 2009

Bill Simmons, ESPN's Sports Guy, recaps the history of basketball, and speculates about its future. Recalls growing up attending Boston Celtics games in the 1970s and 1980s and gives his own take on rivalries, Hall of Famers, controversies, and more. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2009.

DB 72231

Title: DR. J: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Author: ERVING, JULIUS

Original Date: 2013

From his childhood in suburban New York through his years as an all-star in the American Basketball Association and his championship season with the Philadelphia 76ers, Julius Erving, a.k.a. Dr. J—the player who popularized the slam dunk—recounts his career and reflects on the challenges of fame. 2013.

DB 78542

Title: DREAM TEAM: HOW MICHAEL, MAGIC, LARRY, CHARLES, AND THE GREATEST TEAM of All Time Conquered the World and Changed the Game of Basketball Forever

Author: MCCALLUM, JACK, 1949-

Original Date: 2012

Sports Illustrated reporter covers the 1992 U.S. gold medal-winning Olympic basketball team--the first ever composed of professionals--from its inception to the medal ceremony in Barcelona. Details the selection of the players, the fourteen games they played together, and the team's mark on basketball history. Strong language. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 75291

Title: ELEVEN RINGS: THE SOUL OF SUCCESS

Author: JACKSON, PHIL

Original Date: 2013

NBA coach who won eleven championship rings with the L.A. Lakers and Chicago Bulls describes his upbringing as the son of two ministers, playing days with the New York Knicks, and coaching career. Discusses his principles of mindful leadership and the importance of selflessness. Bestseller. 2013.

DB 77168

Title: A FATHER FIRST: HOW MY LIFE BECAME BIGGER THAN BASKETBALL

Author: WADE, DWYANE, 1982-

Original Date: 2012

Miami Heat superstar's memoir traces his rise from a hardscrabble childhood in Chicago with a drug-addicted mother to a basketball scholarship at Marquette University and an NBA contract. Describes his 2008 divorce, custody battle for his two sons, and determination to be a good father. 2012.

DB 75553

Title: FULL-COURT QUEST: THE GIRLS FROM FORT SHAW INDIAN SCHOOL, BASKETBALL  
Champions of the World

Author: PEAVY, LINDA S

Original Date: 2008

Documents the journey of ten American Indian young women from a Montana outpost to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Discusses their diverse backgrounds, boarding-school experience, and performance on the basketball court. Describes the aftermath of the championship game and its impact on the women and their community. 2008

DB 69876

Title: JERRY WEST: THE LIFE AND LEGEND OF A BASKETBALL ICON

Author: LAZENBY, ROLAND

Original Date: 2009

Biography of the Los Angeles Lakers basketball player, coach, and executive. Traces West's rise from poverty in West Virginia, college with the Mountaineers, and the 1960 Summer Olympics to professional stardom. Analyzes the perfectionism that the author asserts made West one of the best in his sport. Strong language. 2009.

DB 71254

Title: LEBRON JAMES: THE MAKING OF AN MVP

Author: PLUTO, TERRY

Original Date: 2009

Biography of renowned NBA star LeBron James, who, in 2009 at age twenty-four, was named the league's most valuable player. Discusses James's childhood struggles, family life, and his desire to succeed. Describes his experiences on the Olympic basketball team and with the Cleveland Cavaliers. For senior high readers. 2009.

DB 72587

Title: RED AND ME: MY COACH, MY LIFELONG FRIEND

Author: RUSSELL, BILL

Original Date: 2009

Former Boston Celtics basketball player Bill Russell, an African American, ruminates about his five-decade-long friendship with his coach, the late Red Auerbach, a Brooklyn Jew. Recounts the nine championships he and Auerbach won during the 1950s and 1960s, and discusses their shared values and mutual respect. Some strong language. 2009.

DB 69492

Title: SHOOTING STARS

Author: JAMES, LEBRON

Original Date: 2009

NBA basketball player LeBron James and Buzz Bissinger, author of Friday Night Lights (DX 32152), describe James's Akron, Ohio, Catholic high school team winning the 2003 national championship. James discusses his upbringing and group of friends (the Fab Five), who bonded on and off the court. Some strong language. 2009.

DB 70324

Title: SHOWTIME: MAGIC, KAREEM, RILEY, AND THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS DYNASTY OF THE 1980S

Author: PEARLMAN, JEFF

Original Date: 2014

Sports journalist chronicles the history of the Los Angeles Lakers from 1979 to 1991. Discusses the team's acquisition of top draft pick Earvin "Magic" Johnson, five championships, and Johnson's HIV-positive diagnosis and subsequent retirement. Profiles player Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, owner Jerry Buss, coach Pat Riley and others in the franchise. Bestseller. 2014.

DB 78690

Title: STANDING TALL: A MEMOIR OF TRAGEDY AND TRIUMPH

Author: STRINGER, C. VIVIAN

Original Date: 2008

Autobiography of nationally acclaimed women's basketball coach C. Vivian Stringer (born 1948). Describes her experiences as her high school's first black cheerleader and as coach at Cheyney State College and Iowa and Rutgers universities. Discusses her daughter's disabling meningitis and her husband's sudden death in 1992. 2008.

DB 66785

Title: STRONG INSIDE: PERRY WALLACE AND THE COLLISION OF RACE AND SPORTS IN the South

Author: MARANISS, ANDREW

Original Date: 2014

Biography of Perry Wallace (born 1948), the first African American offered a sports scholarship in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) of the NCAA. Discusses Wallace's childhood in Nashville, the concurrence of his educational career with the civil rights movement, his time at Vanderbilt University, and his life after. 2014.

DB 81132

Title: SUM IT UP: 1,098 VICTORIES, A COUPLE OF IRRELEVANT LOSSES, AND A LIFE in Perspective

Author: SUMMITT, PAT HEAD, 1952-

Original Date: 2013

Memoir of Pat Summitt (born 1952) coach of the University of Tennessee women's basketball team, who received a diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's disease in 2011. Reminisces about her childhood on a farm, her college years, the 1976 and 1984 Olympics, and her thirty-eight years as head coach. Bestseller. 2013.

DB 76397

Title: SWISH: THE QUEST FOR BASKETBALL'S PERFECT SHOT

Author: STEWART, MARK, 1960-

Original Date: 2009

Traces the history of basketball from the 1800s to modern days, profiles sensational scorers from Buddy Jeannette to Charlotte Smith and Michael Jordan, and describes amazing shots from three-pointers to slam dunks. Includes unusual facts and men's and women's professional records. For grades 4-7. 2009.

DB 71716

Title: WEST BY WEST: MY CHARMED, TORMENTED LIFE

Author: WEST, JERRY, 1938-

Original Date: 2011

Autobiography of Los Angeles Lakers basketball player Jerry West (born in 1938) describes his hardscrabble life in West Virginia, championship college play with the Mountaineers, participation in the 1960 Olympics, and career with the Lakers. Discusses his personal life and relationships with other players. Strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 74058

Title: WHEN MARCH WENT MAD: THE GAME THAT TRANSFORMED BASKETBALL

Author: DAVIS, SETH

Original Date: 2009

Sports reporter recounts the college basketball season that lead up to the dramatic 1979 NCAA championship game between All-American stars Earvin "Magic" Johnson of the Michigan State Spartans and Larry Bird of the Indiana State Sycamores. Highlights coaches Jud Heathcote and Bill Hodges. For senior high and older readers. 2009.

DB 69289

Title: WHEN THE GAME WAS OURS

Author: BIRD, LARRY, 1956-

Original Date: 2009

Former NBA basketball players Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics and Earvin “Magic” Johnson of the L.A. Lakers describe their professional rivalry, which began in a 1979 college-championship game. They highlight their feud and its influence on the sport. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

DB 70080

Title: WILT, 1962: THE NIGHT OF ONE HUNDRED POINTS AND THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA

Author: POMERANTZ, GARY M

Original Date: 2005

Chronicles the March 2, 1962, night in Hershey, Pennsylvania, when Wilt Chamberlain scored one hundred points in a game against the New York Knickerbockers. The author emphasizes the importance of the untelevised event in propelling the National Basketball Association, then a mostly white league, to its eventual prominence. 2005.

DB 59673 BARD DX 59673

Title: WOODEN: A COACH’S LIFE

Author: DAVIS, SETH

Original Date: 2014

Biography of John Wooden (1910-2010), legendary men’s basketball coach for UCLA from 1948 to 1975. Describes his early childhood in Indiana, playing for Purdue University in the 1930s, and the evolution of his coaching style. Parallels Wooden’s career with the development of the game. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

DB 80308