

Michael Jordan: Legends In Sports

An opinionated tour of the past, present, and future of pro basketball, written by ESPN's "Sports Guy" columnist, shares insights on everything from major NBA events to how Hall of Famers should be selected.

The #1 sports series for kids takes readers on the court and behind the scenes with beloved NBA icon Kobe Bryant in this inspiring biography. The son of Joe "Jellybean" Bryant, a player and star of various European teams, Kobe spent his childhood watching professional basketball. From the moment he could pick up a ball, he was learning to dribble. His basketball education was unique--a combination of lessons on basic fundamentals, one-on-one games against his dad, and observation and analysis of the world's best players. Kobe was given the chance to prove his skills when he was drafted into the NBA. Fresh out of high school, Kobe showed that he had the talent and heart to make it in the league. This book traces Kobe's life from childhood to his part in the Lakers' 2000 NBA championship, giving readers a courtside seat to the greatest achievements of one of basketball's all-time greats. Examines the life and basketball career of the high-scoring player with the Chicago Bulls, who made a brief attempt to play minor league baseball in 1994.

Discover the amazing achievements of sports legend Serena Williams--on and off the tennis court--in this exciting new biography. Serena Williams has been ranked number one in women's tennis singles, won twenty-two Grand Slam singles titles, and won four Olympic gold medals. She is a powerful player and a fierce competitor. Learn more about the real Serena in this comprehensive and action-packed biography, complete with stats and photographs.

Fun Facts and Quizzes

Dream Big

Athletes and Activism

There Is No Next

Kobe Bryant

For use in schools and libraries only. Examines the life and basketball career of the high-scoring player with the Chicago Bulls, who made a brief attempt to play minor league baseball in 1994.

From the first women who broke through the glass ceiling to the superstars of the modern media environment, *Legendary Women in Sports Media* tells the stories of the women who fought for equality in journalism and inspired a new generation of female sports reporters.

An introduction to the life and career of Michael Jordan follows his early childhood struggles and his history-making sports triumphs, in an easy-to-read book that provides fifteen full-color photographs. A brief biography of the popular basketball player, Michael Jordan.

Basketball's G.O.A.T.

How Sports Became a Business

Serena Williams

NBA Legends on the Legacy of Michael Jordan

The NBA According to the Sports Guy

Michael Jordan Legends in Sports Little Brown & Company

From Wilt Chamberlain to Michael Jordan, to LeBron James, this title features all the high-flying dunkers. Basketball fans will love Spotlight stats and informative boxes for each player. Not to mention great full-color and historic action photographs. Aligned to Common Core standards and correlated to state standards. SportsZone is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

This exciting book introduces readers to the life and career of basketball star Ja Morant. Colorful spreads, fun facts, interesting sidebars, and a map of important places in his life make this a thrilling read for young sports fans.

Did you know soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo's legs are insured for about \$148 million? Or that Seattle Seahawks fans have cheered so loudly they've actually caused an earthquake? Fun facts like these await in this page-turning, wow-inspiring, mind-blowing look at sports trivia! You'll learn who made the first slam dunk in basketball and who holds the record for throwing the fastest fastball—and just how fast that speeding ball traveled. Get ready to be amazed!

The Legend of Michael Jordan

Jackie Robinson

Players

The Book of Basketball

Legends in Sports Michael Jordan

Maybe your dad have mentioned Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan and Muhammad Ali but didn't go into detail of who they are. Now is your chance to dig deeper into the lives of these legends and the sports that they dominated in. Studying other people's lives will inspire you and motivate you to follow in their footsteps. Grab a copy now!

Chronicles the history of the Chicago Bulls professional basketball team.

Profiles some of the best football players in the game today, including Calvin Johnson, Matt Ryan, and Adrian Peterson.

Discover the amazing achievements of fan favorite two-time MVP Stephen Curry in this brand-new, comprehensive biography. Steph Curry is a two-time NBA Most Valuable Player, record-breaker, and Finals champion who electrifies fans with his incredible on-court feats. He's also a dedicated husband, father, and philanthropist who inspires people on and off the court. Learn more about this remarkable athlete in this biography, complete with stats and photographs.

Incredible Sports Trivia

We Matter

On the Court With...Michael Jordan

Legends: the Best Players, Games, and Teams in Football

On the Court with...LeBron James

A collection of previously unheard-of, incredible tales from the Indiana University Athletics program. For over 125 years, Hoosier athletes and coaches have grabbed headlines with their accomplishments and accolades. Legendary performers and larger-than-life figures have called Bloomington home, and their stories have been passed down through generations. But for every classic tale about a Hoosier athlete, coach, or program, there's another that's been forgotten. Until now. After gaining unprecedented access to IU archives and longtime employees, authors John Decker, Pete DiPrimio, and Doug Wilson reveal events and images that were lost for decades. Filled with new and entertaining stories of the people who have made IU Athletics legendary, *Unknown, Untold, and Unbelievable Stories of IU Sports* is a must-have for any fan. Discover behind-the-scenes stories of: the Olympic Trials featuring Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing, Chris Mullin, and Steve Alford the infamous 1997 black football jerseys Ernie Pyle's outlandish automobile polo match to raise funds for the IU marching band J. Moyer's notorious block against Duke the time Sam Bell won the bid for an NCAA track meet—without a facility or even bleachers and many more incredible stories from the renowned IU Athletics program “*Unknown, Untold, and Unbelievable Stories of IU Sports* is packed with enough rare information that, after reading it, anyone—from the casual fan to the dyed-in-the-wool fanatic—can be a Hoosier sports expert on trivia night.” —*Bloom Magazine* Don't miss this action-packed and informative look at the life and achievements of a basketball legend! Matt Christopher, the number one sports writer for kids, profiles basketball superstar Michael Jordan, covering his childhood, college career, rookie years, professional career highlights, and even his short stint in minor league baseball. Written in Matt Christopher's easy-to-read style and complete with incredible photos and Michael Jordan's key stats, this comprehensive biography will entertain and educate.

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Get on the court with basketball superstar LeBron James in this in-depth, updated biography! LeBron James was a sensation in his early days playing ball in Akron, Ohio, and he continued to amaze as a high school phenomenon. Now an international icon and the heart of his hometown Cleveland Cavaliers, he is widely known as one of the greatest basketball players ever to step onto the court. Discover LeBron James's incredible story in this in-depth biography of one of basketball's brightest stars. The book takes readers on the court through suspenseful accounts of pivotal games, paints a picture of LeBron's on- and off-court triumphs and challenges, and includes bonus stats, career highlights, and photographs.

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Ja Morant: Basketball Star

Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan and Muhammad Ali - Sports Book for Kids Children's Sports & Outdoors Books

The Legends of Sports: Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan and Muhammad Ali - Sports Book for Kids | Children's Sports & Outdoors Books

Offers highlights and entertaining facts from twenty of the greatest Super Bowls in the history of professional football.

An unflinching memoir from the six-time NBA Champion, two-time Olympic gold medalist, and Hall of Famer, revealing how Scottie Pippen, the youngest of twelve, overcame two family tragedies and universal disregard by college scouts to become an essential component of the greatest basketball dynasty of the last fifty years.

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"Flips and turns. Twists and tucks. Strength and flexibility. Gymnastics is amazing to watch! Discover 12 reasons why this sport is an Olympic favorite. Topics include gymnastics' history, events, elite competitions, and top stars like Simone Biles and Kōhei Uchimura. Includes a glossary, index, and editor-curated online resources for up-to-date information"--

Michael Jordan and the Pursuit of Excellence

On the Court with ... Kobe Bryant

The Legends of Sports

Legends in Sports

100 Years of Sports in the Windy City

Michael Jordan shoots. He scores! This basketball superstar dominated the sport for years. From a set of three-peat victories to a key spot on the Dream Team, his position as one of the greatest players of all time is indisputable. But how did the basketball great go from being cut during tryouts for his high school basketball team to earning a spot in the Basketball Hall of Fame? Follow along as Michael grows from athletic kid, to star college player, to NBA Rookie of the Year and beyond.

Traces the single-generation transformation of sports from a cottage industry to a global business, reflecting on how elite athletes, agents, TV executives, coaches, owners, and athletes who once had to take second jobs worked together to create the dominating, big-ticket industry of today.

Interviews with sports stars, activists, surviving family members, and others fighting racial injustice: "Before Kaepernick, there was Etan Thomas."—TheNew York Times A Library Journal Best Book of the Year Professional athletes have long been influential figures in American life. Today, many of them are using their platforms to speak up about injustice and inequality. This book features interviews by former NBA player Etan Thomas with over fifty athletes, executives, media figures, and more—interwoven with essays and critiques by Thomas. Includes personal stories and opinions from: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bill Russell, Dwyane Wade, Russell Westbrook, Steve Kerr, Oscar Robertson, Mark Cuban, Michael Bennett, Carmelo Anthony, Derrick Rose, Swin Cash, Alonzo Mourning, Chris Webber, Jemele Hill, Anquan Boldin, Jamal Crawford, Juwan Howard, Ray Jackson, Shannon Sharpe, James Blake, John Carlos, Laila Ali, Michael Eric Dyson, Joakim Noah, Eric Reid, Adam Silver, Soledad O'Brien, John Wall, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, Bradley Beal, Tamika Catchings, Curtis Conway, Harry Edwards, Chris Hayes, Chamique Holdsclaw, Scoop Jackson, Bomani Johnes, Shaun King, Jimmy King, Ted Leonsis, Thabo Sefolosa, Ilyasah Shabazz, Torrey Smith, Kenny Smith, Michael Smith, David West, Michael Wilbon, Jahvaris Fulton (brother of Trayvon Martin), Emerald Snipes (daughter of Eric Garner), Allysza Castile (sister of Philando Castile), Valerie Castile (mother of Philando Castile), and Dr. Tiffany Crutcher (sister of Terence Crutcher) "In We Matter, Thomas strives to show the influence professional athletes can have when they join the conversation on race, politics, and civil rights. Thomas conducted 50 interviews, which included Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bill Russell, Laila Ali, Michael Bennett, and Eric Reid, among many other athletes, as well as journalists, television personalities, and family members of unarmed black men who were shot and killed. Thomas also explored his ties with the Wizards and spoke with John Wall, Bradley Beal, and current majority team owner Ted Leonsis."—TheWashington Post "The honest conversations, published in transcript form and often accompanied by black-and-white photos, serve as a primer on recent police violence cases, a history lesson on the first athletes who stood up for racial injustice, an examination of the experience of being young and black in the United States, and an insightful look at how it feels to lose a loved one to tragedy, from contributors such as Jemele Hill, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and Carmelo Anthony...An important read, executed uniquely."—School Library Journal (starred review) "Voices of pain, anger, and hope resound through these pages--and through the reader's heart."—Kirkus Reviews

This title compares classic star Michael Jordan and contemporary champion LeBron James. From scoring and rebounding to defense and leadership, chapters explore and compare each player's skills on the court. The title also features end-of-chapter fact boxes for side-by-side player comparison, as well as a glossary. It will be up to the reader to decide who is the all-time basketball hero.

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12 Reasons to Love Gymnastics

Basketball Superstar

Best NBA Forwards of All Time

Best NBA Dunkers of All Time

The Chicago Sports Reader

A celebration of the fast, the strong, the agile, and the tricky throughout Chicago's storied sports history

In this fun top-ten book, readers will learn all about basketball's biggest stars! With exciting photos, interesting stats, and more, sports fans will find plenty to cheer about.

When he was a boy in North Carolina, Michael Jordan dreamed of being a sports star. But he could never have dreamed how successful he would really become. Michael Jordan is one of the most amazing athletes of all time. His basketball career was one great achievement after another: the last-minute shot that clinched his college team's NCAA title, glory with the Olympic Dream Team, a long reign as the NBA's top scorer, and many championship seasons with the Chicago Bulls until his retirement in 1999.

The story of legendary Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play major league baseball, is recounted in this title.

On the Court with...Stephen Curry

Chicago Bulls

Unknown, Untold, and Unbelievable Stories of IU Sports

Legendary Women in Sports Media

LeBron James Vs. Michael Jordan

From the age of nine years, Michael dreams of playing basketball for the United States in the Olympics, and with hard work and his mother's encouragement, he realizes his dream.

Thirty years after Michael Jordan's first NBA game comes an oral history of his legendary career, told by the men who played with him and against him, coached him, and witnessed first-hand the iconic greatness of the most dominant athlete sports has ever seen. Featuring interviews with: Larry Bird • Magic Johnson • Phil Jackson • Reggie Miller • Isiah Thomas • Reggie Theus • Chris Mullin • Doug Collins • Dominique Wilkins • Steve Kerr • John Paxson • David Stern • Gregg Popovich • Derek Harper • Bill Walton • Karl Malone • Horace Grant • Joe Dumars • Danny Ainge • B.J. Armstrong • Marv Albert • Grant Hill • Jerry Colangelo • Bill Cartwright • Jerry Reinsdorf • Johnny Bach • Rod Thorn • Rick Barry • Kevin Loughery • David Axelrod • President Barack Obama • and many more! Written by Sam Smith—author of the New York Times bestseller THE JORDAN RULES and recent inductee into the NBA Hall of Fame—THERE IS NO NEXT assembles a cast of Hall-of-Famers, teammates, opponents, coaches, and others who experienced the ferocious drive and unparalleled greatness that defined Jordan's career. Packed with previously untold stories and stunning insight into Jordan and his six championships, THERE IS NO NEXT is the last word on why there has never been, and will never be, another Michael Jordan. The definitive biography of a legendary athlete. The Shrug. The Shot. The Flu Game. Michael Jordan is responsible for sublime moments so ingrained in sports history that they have their own names. When most people think of him, they think of his beautiful shots with the game on the line, his body totally in sync with the ball -- hitting nothing but net. But for all his greatness, this scion of a complex family from North Carolina's Coastal Plain has a darker side: he's a ruthless competitor and a lover of high stakes. There's never been a biography that encompassed the dual nature of his character and looked so deeply at Jordan on and off the court -- until now. Basketball journalist Roland Lazenby spent almost thirty years covering Michael Jordan's career in college and the pros. He witnessed Jordan's growth from a skinny rookie to the instantly recognizable global ambassador for basketball whose business savvy and success have millions of kids still wanting to be just like Mike. Yet Lazenby also witnessed the Michael Jordan whose drive and appetite are more fearsome and more insatiable than any of his fans could begin to know. Michael Jordan: The Life explores both sides of his personality to reveal the fullest, most compelling story of the man who is Michael Jordan. Lazenby draws on his personal relationships with Jordan's coaches; countless interviews with Jordan's friends, teammates, and family members; and interviews with Jordan himself to provide the first truly definitive study of Michael Jordan: the player, the icon, and the man. Get to know some of the greatest NBA forwards, past and present. Featuring Bob Pettit, Larry Bird, Kevin Garnett, LeBron James, and more, this title is sure to excite! Basketball fans will love Spotlight stats and informative boxes for each player. Not to mention great full-color and historic action photographs. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. SportsZone is an imprint of Abdo Publishing Company.

Who Is Michael Jordan?

Football Legends in the Making

The Life

Michael Jordan

Michael Jordan, LeBron James, and More

Michael Jordan is indisputably basketball's greatest superstar. The Chicago Bulls legend left his mark on the game as a larger-than-life competitor who dazzled the world, pushed the boundaries of his sport, and never settled for anything less than the best. The Legend of Michael Jordan contains essential facts and stories all basketball fans should know, plus inspiring quotes and brilliant photos. Learn about MJ's early days growing up in North Carolina, his six NBA championships with the Bulls, the impact he had on fashion and pop culture, and how his unparalleled talent and work ethic inspired people around the world to "be like Mike."