

Allen Iverson Never Give Up

Sports Great Books for reluctant readers are high-interest biographies with easy-reading text about star athletes. All sports fans will love these books, and students will enjoy using them for biography reports. Each indexed book contains career statistics, action photographs, Internet addresses, and exciting accounts that give readers the feel of the big game. Profiles professional basketball star Allen Iverson, whose speed and determination helped him to overcome his relatively small stature to earn the All-Star MVP trophy and the NBA's Most Valuable Player award in 2001.

NATIONAL BESTSELLER A unique, unfiltered memoir from the NBA champion and fifteen-time all-star ahead of his induction into the Hall of Fame. Kevin Garnett was one of the most dominant players the game of basketball has ever seen. He was also one of its most outspoken. Over the course of his illustrious twenty-one-year NBA career, he elevated trash talk to an art form and never shied away from sharing his thoughts on controversial subjects. In *KG A to Z*, published ahead of Garnett's induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame, he looks back on his life and career with the same raw candor. Garnett describes the adversity he faced growing up in South Carolina before ultimately relocating to Chicago, where he became one of the top prospects in the nation. He details his headline-making decision to skip college and become the first player in two decades to enter the draft directly from high school, starting a trend that would be followed by future superstars like Kobe Bryant and LeBron James. He shares stories of playing with and against Bryant, James, Michael Jordan, and other NBA greats, and he chronicles his professional ups and downs, including winning a championship with the Boston Celtics. He also speaks his mind on a range of topics beyond basketball, such as fame, family, racism, spirituality, and music. Garnett's draft decision wasn't the only way he'd forever change the game. His ability to play on the perimeter as a big man foreshadowed the winning strategy now universally adopted by the league. He applies this same innovative spirit here, organizing the contents alphabetically as an encyclopedia. If you thought Kevin Garnett was exciting, inspiring, and unfiltered on the court, just wait until you read what he has to say in these pages.

From 1996 through 2004, Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal combined-- and collided-- to help bring the Lakers three straight championships and restore the franchise as a powerhouse. From public sniping and sparring, to physical altercations and the repeated threats of trade, it was warfare. The eight years of infighting and hostility were by turns mediated and encouraged by coach Phil Jackson. Pearlman shows how the Shaq-Kobe duo resulted in one of the most enduring, and ever-evolving, teams in NBA history. -- adapted from jacket

A vibrant, unconventional, highly opinionated guide to the triumphs, joys, struggles, and heartbreaks of the modern era of the game, for every obsessive basketball fan who loves to hate hot takes *The Joy of Basketball* celebrates the meteoric rise of basketball over the last quarter century by ignoring the bland, traditionalist binary of wins or losses. Instead, the book's focus is on everything else. Using text, charts, and illustrations that upend conventional jock wisdom, the book details the most incredible players in history, draft flops, long-limbed oddballs, superteams, the international talent wave, brawls, scandals, the rapid evolution of contemporary gameplay, coaching, fashion, crime, positional erosion, tragic tales, memes, and the sacred Kardashian Blessing. Bouncing between witty graphics and keen sociopolitical observations, *The Joy of Basketball* is a subversive sports manifesto camouflaged as a colorful reference book for your coffee table.

Derek Jeter

The Life We Bury

The 76ers With Iverson

The Rise of the NBA, the Hip Hop Invasion, and the Transformation of American Culture

Tom Brady

I Came As a Shadow

School Library Journal

Have you ever been considered the "black sheep" in your family, or in a group, just because your thoughts and ideals differ from those around you? Have you ever felt like the "other" because of your differences according to the status quo? The label of "black sheep" is often met with judgment and negativity, but what if we redefined the role of the "black sheep" as one whose unique, stand-alone qualities are the key to success? Hahn sets out to do just this while simultaneously helping you identify your inner-black sheep and use it to triumph over convention. Drawing on personal anecdotes from his own life, as well as the experiences of others, Hahn explores how the ways of the Black Sheep can help you: •Find out your purpose and earn a "passion paycheck" as a result. •Eliminate fear, stress and self-imposed blocks to achieve success. •Overcome stumbling upon it. •Battle stagnation with productivity and proactivity. •Be thorough and commit to complete. •Focus and find mental clarity through the mind-body connection. •Embrace simplicity and find the balance between ego and humility. •Keep your emotions in check while maintaining a confident, yet comfortable, image. •Move beyond just "getting there" by cultivating stamina and energy. •Take the lead in your own life and use your unique gifts to shape your future? Are you ready to unleash the Black Sheep within? **Bonus Feature with Chapter Testimonials from the Black Sheep Spotify!**

Discusses the personal life and basketball career of the star center for the Los Angeles Lakers, Shaquille O'Neal.

A narrative report by a woman who grew up near the Rocky Flats nuclear weapon facility describes the dark secrets that dominated her childhood, the strange cancers that afflicted her neighbors in Rocky Flats and the efforts of residents to achieve legal justice. 30,000 first printing.

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The Book of Basketball

Phantom Effect

Vince Carter

Young, Black, Rich, and Famous

KG: A to Z

The NBA According to the Sports Guy

Cultural Representations of Leading Players After the Michael Jordan Era

Traces the life and career of star point guard for the New Jersey Nets, Jason Kidd.

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 led 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.

A biography of the China-born center for the Houston Rockets chronicles his odyssey from his Shanghai youth, through his first year in the NBA and the challenges he has faced, to his role as an international sports icon.

"... [T]he 2000-2001 Sixers were still trying to earn the respect of their city, on their way to one of the most exciting playoff runs in history. Told from the point of view of a teenager caught up in the moment, this exciting novel relives the thrilling and unforgettable season that led to a David versus Goliath matchup against the Lakers that still has sports fans talking over a decade later"--P. [4] of cover.

An Uncensored Encyclopedia of Life, Basketball, and Everything in Between

Jason Kidd

Kobe, Shaq, Phil, and the Crazy Years of the Lakers Dynasty

Allen Iverson

What Pujols and Peyton Can Teach Us About Wookiees and Wall Street

Fear No One

Leader on the Court

HE HAS TAKEN HIS GAME -- AND THE GAME -- TO A NEW LEVEL He grew up in Virginia with nothing but his talent and his heart. But he had The Plan: his never-say-die dream to become an NBA superstar. So he began his journey down a road full of obstacles. But the world underestimated Allen Iverson.... Fear No One From his first days playing college hoops...to his turbulent early years in the pros...to his leading the Philadelphia 76ers to the 2001 NBA Finals and being named league MVP, here is the real story of controversial superstar Allen Iverson. Acclaimed sports journalist John Smallwood -- who has covered Iverson extensively -- shows readers the Iverson they never knew: the boy, the man, the rapper, the player, the role model, and the icon. Get to know ALLEN IVERSON...the man behind the legend.

Shows how skills and information learned from life, literature, history, and popular culture are used in fantasy sports.

Muniowski analyzes the career narratives of eight selected NBA players who rose to prominence after Michael Jordan's second retirement in 1999. Combining a variety of approaches and perspectives, the author highlights how well-known archetypes influence modern-day forms of sports storytelling.

Ever since Allen Iverson was drafted into the NBA in 1996, people have sought access to native of Newport, VA. From friendly media to tabloids, legendary photographers to unknown freelancers, family members to fame mongers, people have wanted to be in Iverson's presence, to experience a day with him. Few, if even that many, ever spent real time with him while he was in the NBA. Gary Land did, though. Land, a photographer from Virginia Beach, VA, first shot Allen while working for Reebok. Almost immediately, the two young and hard-working men hit it off. Over the course of the next decade, Land

would become Iverson's de facto personal photographer and a member of the superstar's inner circle. With the rare privilege of Iverson's trust, Land had the fortune of exclusively capturing iconic images, ranging from commercial sets to candid and intimate family moments. Many of these Land/Iverson photos have been seen, and even more have not. Now, with Iverson's upcoming induction to the Hall of Fame nearing, Land has opened the vault.

The Horn Book Guide to Children's and Young Adult Books

Allen Iverson & Hip-Hop American Dream

Not a Game

Full Body Burden

My Journey Through Life and the Game I Love

Slam Dunk Artist

Travel Team

Allen Iverson transcended race, celebrity, and pop culture and emerged from a troubled past to become one of the most successful and highly compensated athletes in the world. Babb examines what drove his successes and failures, getting behind the familiar, sanitized, and heroic version of Iverson-- the hard-charging, hard-partying athlete who played every game as if it were his last. He brings to life a private, loyal, and often generous Allen Iverson who rarely made the headlines, revealing the back story behind some of Iverson's most memorable moments, and delves deep to discover where Iverson's demons lurked. Over time, Iverson himself came to believe his own hype: that he lived in a world where celebrity is eternal and riches are everlasting.

Part sports star, part antihero, part hip-hop icon, Allen Iverson has managed to cross over into the mainstream of American culture -- without compromise. Defiantly tattooed, with his hair in cornrows, the six-foot Philadelphia 76ers point guard is one of the most recognizable and controversial stars of the sports world. His meteoric rise from a troubled childhood in the ghetto to NBA superstardom has been marked by five straight playoff appearances, including a finals berth in 2001 and an MVP award. From his rap sheet to his rap album, fans and journalists alike hound his every move. But never before has a biographer presented a full portrait of this complicated and intensely private star -- a man whose loyalty to his family, the streets, and his friends trumps any other concern. Filled with exclusive interview material and unprecedented access to many of Iverson's inner circle, *Only the Strong Survive* is the first in-depth look at the truth behind this newly minted legend.

The #1 Bestseller! Twelve-year-old Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court -- but don't tell him that. Because no one plays with more heart or court sense. But none of that matters when he is cut from his local travel team, the very same team his father led to national prominence as a boy. Danny's father, still smarting from his own troubles, knows Danny isn't the only kid who was cut for the wrong reason, and together, this washed-up former player and a bunch of never-say-die kids prove that the heart simply cannot be measured. For fans of *The Bad News Bears*, *Hoosiers*, *the Mighty Ducks*, and Mike Lupica's other New York Times bestselling novels *Heat*, *The Underdogs*, and *Million-Dollar Throw*, here is a book that proves that when the game knocks you down, champions stand tall.

Destroying a dynasty. That was the mission of Wilt Chamberlain and 1966-67 Philadelphia 76ers. For eight straight years, the Boston Celtics had dominated the National Basketball Association. Each and every season during that stretch, a new NBA championship flag was hoisted to the top of the hallowed Boston Garden. No team had been able to stop them. Nobody thought any team could or would. *Season of the 76ers, The Story of Wilt Chamberlain and the 1967 NBA Champion Philadelphia 76ers*, chronicles the unprecedented, record-setting championship journey of the team that finally stopped the Celtics and became the new kings of the NBA. It tells the story of the legendary Chamberlain's personal triumph over Boston and their leader, Bill Russell, arch rivals who had annually thwarted Chamberlain's championship dreams and had left him branded a loser. But Chamberlain couldn't defeat the Celtics alone. He was reunited with fiery and focused Coach Alex Hannum, the only NBA coach ever to have beaten Boston for the championship. He was surrounded by the best supporting cast of his career: Hal Greer and Chet Walker, two talented offensive stars transplanted from a bygone NBA franchise; Luke Jackson, the league's first true power forward; Billy Cunningham, a sixth man loaded with instant energy and offense; Wally Jones and Larry Costello, a pair of basketball reclamation projects; and, Matty Guokas and Bill Melchionni, a couple of hometown rookies. Chamberlain remade his game, forsaking his own incredible scoring prowess in favor of handing out assists to teammates. In turn, the 76ers remade basketball history, rocketing to an unmatched 46-4 record out of the gate and not stopping until they reached 68-13, a regular season mark never previously achieved in NBA history--or even imagined back then. The book gives fans a fascinating, month-by-month look at the team's amazing season, a season that also saw Chamberlain pursued by both a rival basketball league and the heavyweight boxing champion of the world. It also recounts in vivid, play-by-play detail one of the most historic playoff series in the annals of the NBA. ^{s20}The 76ers battled the Celtics again in a much-anticipated post-season confrontation. But this time the results would be different. Amid chants of "Boston is dead" from the long-suffering, Celtics-hating fans at Philadelphia's Convention Hall, the 76ers won the series quickly and decisively. They went on to defeat sharp-shooting Rick Barry and the San Francisco Warriors for the NBA title. In 1995, the 76ers took their place among the top ten teams in NBA history. *Season of the 76ers* makes the strong case that they are the best NBA team of all time. Packed with pictures, playoff box scores, and reproductions of the 76ers' championship yearbook, the book is not only the biography of a great team, it is a fun- and fact-filled sports collectible. The NBA's 2001-2002 season marks the 35th anniversary of that special "Season of the 76ers"--a fitting time to relive this team's unforgettable achievements.

Slam Dunk Queen

Reliving the Ride

Baseball (My Opinion)

On the Court with ... Shaquille O'Neal

Chasing Perfection

Narrating the NBA

Allen Iverson: the Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Shooting Guards

Discusses the personal life and baseball career of the star shortstop for the New York Yankees, Derek Jeter.

Jonathan Martin Delaware Deseronto is a six-foot-five serial killer with a problem. He's stuck out on I-476 in a heavy November rainstorm with two flat tires and the dead bodies of a cop and a co-ed named Marissa Madison in his trunk. Desperate to get off the highway, he drives his car on its back rims towards Exit 6. The car stalls on the ramp and Deseronto uses the last of its momentum to plunge over the crest of a steep slope and crash into a length of concrete pipe below. The car comes to rest on the edge of a construction site where machines are positioned to tear down an old Motel 6. For Deseronto, the worst is yet to come. Marissa Madison had been a psychic of sorts while alive, using her ability to assist people in their personal journeys. Now, the ghost of Marissa will utilize her strange gift, trapping Deseronto in the abandoned motel, and forcing him to live the last, fatal week of her own life as a passive passenger in her body . . . Soon, Deseronto will experience something truly horrific: the mind-numbing terror of being stalked by himself.

This book is a MUST read for all of baseball nation. Baseball, politics, money grabbers, and the people that have almost ruined the game. Critical, sarcastic, funny, and factual. Trendsetting, rule changing, mind boggling ideas from a lover of the game. Family informative. Learn how to save big bucks and still watch the game in comfort. Mantle, Pujols, Bonds, Gibson, Musial and many more. Read about the 28 million dollar man, 16 million DH? Are we talking playing just for the money or the love of the game? You decide after reading this very riveting, controversial book. Your mind will be changed about many things. Should Bud Selig or Bob Costas be in the Commissioner's office? Wrong people voting in wrong places!! Yogi Berra ran thru it a couple of times. Help campaign for the new Commissioner. You the FAN decide what is best.

Learn the Incredible Story of Basketball Superstar Allen Iverson! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! In Allen Iverson: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Shooting Guards, you'll read about the inspirational story of basketball's premier shooting guard, Allen Iverson. Allen Iverson redefined the shooting guard position role in the late 1990s and entering in the 2000s. In an age filled with greats like Kobe Bryant, Steve Nash, Reggie Miller, and Tim Duncan, Iverson played in one of the most exciting eras of modern basketball. While the Philadelphia 76ers failed to win a ring during Iverson's tenure, they played some of the most incredible playoff series in NBA history and made it to the NBA Finals in 2000-2001 before ultimately falling to the Los Angeles Lakers. While he may have been controversial in his time playing the game due to what some perceived as an attitude, Allen Iverson always played the game his way, from the very first day he stepped into the NBA until the very last time he stepped off. Allen Iverson remains highly respected by guards all around the league due to the way he redefined the shooting guard position and what was possible for a shooting guard. He was and remains to this day one of the most pure shooting guards to play the game. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Early Life and Childhood College Years at Georgetown AI's NBA Career Iverson's Personal Life Allen Iverson's Impact on Basketball and Beyond Iverson's Legacy An excerpt from the book: To discuss Allen Iverson is to discuss the importance of narratives in basketball. No NBA player's legacy has been so starkly divided between those who hail Iverson and those who disdain him. On one side, Allen Iverson was a fearsome, relentless warrior. Despite subpar supporting casts throughout his career, he fought and bled for victory every single game. He had an unparalleled will to win, and inspired fanatical loyalty in his teammates. In one of the greatest performances in NBA history, he stole Game 1 of the NBA Finals against one of the greatest NBA teams ever, the 2001 Los Angeles Lakers. It was Los Angeles's only defeat on their road to the 2001 championship, and the victory epitomized Iverson's heart and will. He won a MVP award in 2001, averaged 30 points per game year in and year out, and is without a doubt the greatest little man in NBA history. On the other side, Allen Iverson was a selfish and arrogant team-killer. The subpar supporting casts were in fact a perfect fit for his talents. Iverson's will only showed when he could dominate the ball as much as he liked, and he promptly threw temper tantrums otherwise. That 2001 MVP should have gone to eventual Finals MVP Shaquille O'Neal, and while that Game 1 performance was impressive, the reality is that the 2001 Philadelphia 76ers squad would have never made it to the NBA Finals if they had not played in a miserable Eastern Conference. He scored many points, but with his flaws and temperament, he was utterly incapable of playing on a championship team. Tags: allen iverson, philadelphia 76ers, eric snow, michael carter-williams, nerlens noel, kobe bryant, tracy mcgrady, carmelo anthony, andre iguodala, derrick rose, steve nash, basketball crossover, nba greats, AI3

The Odyssey of Allen Iverson

The Year of the Black Sheep

How Fantasy Sports Explains the World

From the Outside

Lisa Leslie

A Behind-the-Scenes Look at the High-Stakes Game of Creating an NBA Champion

Traces the life and career of Toronto Raptors star, Vince Carter.

Chasing Perfection goes behind the scenes of the multi-million dollar, high-stakes world of basketball player development, research and analysis, and the often secretive, cutting-edge methods that NBA franchises use to turn less-expensive, supporting players into vital parts of championship teams. NBA superstars push as close to perfection as we're likely to see, but they are few and far between. The farther you get from the league's top echelon of talent, the more it's up to the players—and their teams—to develop and utilize their strengths while diminishing and masking their weaknesses as much as possible. There are no perfect basketball players, but there are plenty of perfected ones, who start with a basis of skill and physical ability and then are refined further and further in order to move closer and closer to their absolute potential. In Chasing Perfection, national sportswriter Andy Glockner reveals that, though the concept of player improvement is as old as basketball itself, the current era of Big Data analytics in the NBA is transforming that process more quickly and aggressively

than anything we have seen before. Players are learning more and more about themselves through video and data visualization, seeing how things like diet and sleep can impact their performance, and learning how having healthy joints and role-specific workout plans are lengthening and improving their careers. Teams are internalizing the same lessons, as well as figuring out how to better implement optimal on-court strategies, how to refine their approaches to player acquisition and how to gauge the varying values and success rates of different, crucial team-building strategies. It's an absolutely fascinating time to be a fan, as the marriage of basketball and technology is bringing two of our most popular and competitive worlds together in compelling fashion. Using the 2014–15 NBA season as a prism to explore this mesh of sport and science, Glockner offers detailed perspective from NBA players, coaches, team management, and media, offering a comprehensive insider's view of how analytics are shaping the basketball we watch, and how those who are lagging behind in the technology race already are feeling the competitive hit.

Discusses the personal life and basketball career of the star guard for the Philadelphia 76ers, Allen Iverson.

Forty Years of Practice Divorce, ADHD, cancer, knee replacement, depression, rock bottom—just one of these words would make some people run for the hills, hair on fire, making deals with the devil to make the pain go away. Two of these words may leave people contemplating their place on earth, asking, "Why is God doing this to me?" Tezlyn Reardon looked each of these words square in the eyes and came out the victor, but it wasn't easy and it wasn't without hesitation and fear. She also didn't do it alone, even if it wasn't obvious at the time. We all go through seasons in our life and each at different intervals and intensities. Life is less about what happens to you and more about how you choose to react. There is significance in everything that happens to us. There is significance in every person we interact with, even if only for a brief time. If you react with disappointment or anger when someone hurts you, then you will continue to feel that anger build up inside of you until you can't hold it any longer and take it out on others. If you react with forgiveness, compassion, and understanding that people are going to let you down, that they are not put on this earth to make you happy, then you will feel at peace, able to move on in a better state of mind. No one will go through the exact same peaks and valleys, and it may take a few extra peaks and valleys to get the message through, but Reardon shares how she is still here, still alive, and still thriving, with the scars to prove it.

Three-Ring Circus

The Joy of Basketball

Growing Up in the Nuclear Shadow of Rocky Flats

Children's Books in Print, 2007

Forty Years of Practice

Basketball's Big Man

Season of the 76ers

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 and underrated players to how Hall of Famers should be selected.

A USA Today bestseller and book club favorite! College student Joe Talbert has the modest goal of completing a writing assignment for an English class. His task is to interview a stranger and write a brief biography of the person. With deadlines looming, Joe heads to a nearby nursing home to find a willing subject. There he meets Carl Iverson, and soon nothing in Joe's life is ever the same. Carl is a dying Vietnam veteran—and a convicted murderer. With only a few months to live, he has been medically paroled to a nursing home, after spending thirty years in prison for the crimes of rape and murder. As Joe writes about Carl's life, especially Carl's valor in Vietnam, he cannot reconcile the heroism of the soldier with the despicable acts of the convict. Joe, along with his skeptical female neighbor, throws himself into uncovering the truth, but he is hamstrung in his efforts by having to deal with his dangerously dysfunctional mother, the guilt of leaving his autistic brother vulnerable, and a haunting childhood memory. Thread by thread, Joe unravels the tapestry of Carl's conviction. But as he and Lila dig deeper into the circumstances of the crime, the stakes grow higher. Will Joe discover the truth before it's too late to escape the fallout?

Describes the life and career of the basketball superstar and center for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Portrays the childhood, basketball career, and personal goals of Olympic gold medalist and WNBA star Lisa Leslie.

Sports Great

An Autobiography

An Author, Title, and Illustrator Index to Books for Children and Young Adults

The Next Step YPA

National Geographic

Finding Purpose in Pain

An Encyclopedia of the Modern Game

The long-awaited autobiography from Georgetown University's legendary coach, whose life on and off the basketball court throws

America's unresolved struggle with racial justice into sharp relief John Thompson was never just a basketball coach and *I Came As a Shadow* is categorically not just a basketball autobiography. After three decades at the center of race and sports in America, the first Black head coach to win an NCAA championship is ready to make the private public. Chockful of stories and moving beyond mere stats (and what stats! three Final Fours, four times national coach of the year, seven Big East championships, 97 percent graduation rate), Thompson's book drives us through his childhood under Jim Crow segregation to our current moment of racial reckoning. We experience riding shotgun with Celtics icon Red Auerbach, and coaching NBA Hall of Famers like Patrick Ewing and Allen Iverson. How did he inspire the phrase "Hoya Paranoia"? You'll see. And thawing his historically glacial stare, Thompson brings us into his negotiation with a DC drug kingpin in his players' orbit in the 1980s, as well as behind the scenes on the Nike board today. Thompson's mother was a teacher who couldn't teach because she was Black. His father could not read or write, so the only way he could identify different cements at the factory where he worked was to taste them. Their son grew up to be a man with his own life-sized statue in a building that bears his family's name on a campus once kept afloat by the selling of 272 enslaved people. This is a great American story, and John Thompson's experience sheds light on many of the issues roiling our nation. In these pages, he proves himself to be the elder statesman college basketball and the country need to hear from now. *I Came As A Shadow* is not a swan song, but a bullhorn blast from one of America's most prominent sons.

In *Young, Black, Rich, and Famous*, Todd Boyd chronicles how basketball and hip hop have gone from being reviled by the American mainstream in the 1970s to being embraced and imitated globally today. For young black men, he argues, they represent a new version of the American dream, one embodying the hopes and desires of those excluded from the original version. Shedding light on both perception and reality, Boyd shows that the NBA has been at the forefront of recognizing and incorporating cultural shifts—from the initial image of 1970s basketball players as overpaid black drug addicts, to Michael Jordan's spectacular rise as a universally admired icon, to the 1990s, when the hip hop aesthetic (for example, Allen Iverson's cornrows, multiple tattoos, and defiant, in-your-face attitude) appeared on the basketball court. Hip hop lyrics, with their emphasis on "keepin' it real" and marked by a colossal indifference to mainstream taste, became an equally powerful influence on young black men. These two influences have created a brand-new, brand-name generation that refuses to assimilate but is nonetheless an important part of mainstream American culture. This Bison Books edition includes a new introduction by the author.

Presents the life and career of the National Football League quarterback who helped his team set the record for most consecutive games won.

Only the Strong Survive

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The Incredible Rise and Unthinkable Fall of Allen Iverson

Never Give Up

Shaquille O'Neal

Never-Quit Quarterback