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The Legends Club Four Corners A Season Inside A March to Madness Dean Smith Blue Blood II Blue Blood Forever's Team One on One Coach K Dean Smith Summary of Ian O'Connor's Coach K Hard Work A Game Plan for Effective Leadership Last Dance Dean's Domain A March to Madness Basketball and Philosophy The Last Great Game Rising Above the Madness The Sixth Man (The Triple Threat, 2) Season on the Brink Beyond Basketball The Walk On (The Triple Threat, 1) Let Me Tell You a Story The Back Roads to March The Best of College Basketball The DH (The Triple Threat, 3) The Carolina Way A Coach's Life The Best American Sports Writing 1996 Why We Win Toughness Last Shot Mike Krzyzewski Foul Trouble Valvano CBS Sports Presents Stories From the Final Four Running Mates Raise a Fist, Take a Knee

The conventional wisdom is that leaders are born, not made. Author Robert Palestini argues that his experience and scholarly research indicate that leadership skills can be learned. The first chapter of this book speaks to the so-called 'science' of administration and leadership, while the second chapter deals with the 'art' of leadership. One needs to learn how to lead with both mind (science) and heart (art) to be truly effective. The effective building blocks of quality leadership are the skills of communication motivation, organizational development, management and creativity. Mastering the theory and practice in these areas of study will produce high quality leadership ability and, in turn, produce successful leaders. This book uses the case study approach in order to facilitate placing theory into effective practice. Each chapter contains an extensive study on one of ten of the most successful basketball coaches of our times including, Phil Jackson, Bobby Knight, Mike Krzyzewski, Pat Riley, Pat Summitt, and Dean Smith. The book looks to see how these coaches were able to place leadership theory into effective practice. The lessons learned will prove invaluable to leaders and aspiring leaders, whether they be a parent, teacher, school principal, athletic director, coach or CEO. On March 18, 1980, the Duke basketball program announced the hiring of Mike Krzyzewski, the man who would restore glory to the team. The only problem: no one knew who Krzyzewski was. Nine days later, Jim Valvano was hired by North Carolina State to be their new head coach. The hiring didn't raise as many eyebrows, but the two new coaches had a similar goal: to unseat North Carolina's Dean Smith as the king of college basketball. And just like that, the most sensational competitive decade in history was about to unfold. In the skillful hands of John Feinstein, The Legends Club captures an era in American sport and culture, documenting the inside view of a decade of absolutely incredible competition. Feinstein pulls back the curtain on the recruiting wars, the intensely personal competition that wasn't always friendly, the enormous pressure and national stakes, and the battle for the very soul of

college basketball. Journalists who have covered the NCAA Tournament known as March Madness over the past 25 years share their experiences and opinions in this collection of short stories. As part of the acclaimed Sports Virtues series, "Dean Smith: Loyalty" discusses the struggles and triumphs of Dean Smith's life. As with each story in the Sports Virtues series, this book assigns a virtue to a celebrated athlete or coach, and uses that person's story to help the reader achieve that virtue for him or herself. What emerges after reading these stories is not only a greater understanding and appreciation of the virtues that these icons needed to get through life, but also an inspiration for the reader. Each story is followed by a small quotation from literature to amplify the meaning and application of the virtue, and each story is also followed by a series of study/review questions and other interactive activities to help the reader further understand the virtue and how to achieve it. This book is for people of all ages, but it makes for the perfect gift from parents to children or from adult mentors to their students. Other books in the Sports Virtues series include: Lou Gehrig: Appreciation Gale Sayers and Brian Piccolo: Compassion Roberto Clemente: Dedication Susan Butcher: Determination Pele: Devotion John Wooden: Discipline Mike Krzyzewski: Encouragement Cal Ripken, Jr.: Endurance Walter "Red" Barber: Fairness Dennis Byrd: Faithfulness Hank Aaron: Fearlessness Amos Alonzo Stagg: Honesty Eric Liddell: Humility Arthur Ashe: Integrity Bill Bradley: Intelligence Jim Valvano: joyfulness Dan O'Brien & Dave Johnson: Kindness Dean Smith: Loyalty Harvey Penick: Modesty Branch Rickey & Jackie Robinson: Nobility Althea Gibson: Persistence Clarence "Big House" Gaines, Sr.: Respectability Joan Benoit Samuelson & Wilma Rudolph: Strength Vince Lombardi: Toughness Gertrude Ederle: Triumph Ken Venturi: Trust The 1980 Men's and 1998 Women's United States Olympic Hockey Teams: Unity Eddie Robinson: Visionary Happy Chandler: Wisdom

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game. A tribute to the late Dean Smith, who was a basketball coaching legend at North Carolina as well as a socially conscious person who did what he thought was right, no matter the consequence. When he retired in 1997, he was the winningest coach in NCAA Division I men's basketball history. Beloved by fans and players alike, Coach Smith's legacy was apparent well before his passing in February 2015. In *Dean Smith: More Than A Coach*, the Charlotte Observer's commemorative tribute features rare stories and photographs from the newspaper's archives, with a powerful foreword by Phil Ford, one of North Carolina's all-time great players, as well as the writing of acclaimed Observer columnist Scott Fowler. Whether celebrating Smith's two national championships or his leadership in integrating the North Carolina basketball program, the book is a moving tribute to a beloved man. Exploring what it means to be a school, a coach, and a player in college basketball's Final Four, Feinstein exposes the driving forces behind one of the most revered events in American sports. Readers will also find dramatic stories from the officials and referees to the scouts and ticket-scalpers.

Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 The neighborhood around Leavitt and Augusta Boulevard was home to many of Krzyzewski's relatives. They were the grandchildren of Polish immigrants

who firmly believed in an honest day's work and in the American dream that suggested they could someday have lives like those of the wealthy people they labored for. #2 Mike and his brother, Bill, were raised by their mother, Emily, and father, William. They were both raised Catholic, and they understood that the teachers and priests were always right. They did not get into trouble very often. #3 Mike Krzyzewski, the basketball coach, was a member of the Columbian family. They met on summer mornings at the schoolyard, played sports for three hours, stopped in at the neighborhood social center, and then returned home for lunch and maybe a quick viewing of Bozo's Circus on WGN. #4 The Weber team was made up of mostly Columbo kids, and they were always willing to play with them. They were a gang in name only, and harmless. It's the book in which America's favorite sportswriter returns to the arena of his most successful bestseller, *A Season on the Brink*. It's the book that takes us inside the intensely competitive Atlantic Coast Conference & paints a portrait of how college basketball is coached & played at the highest level. It's the book that takes us onto the courts, into the locker rooms, & inside the high-pressure world of the talented coaches who have helped make the ACC's nine colleges - Duke, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Clemson, Georgia Tech, Virginia, Maryland, Wake Forest, & Florida State - world-renowned for their championship basketball teams. The author's afterword to this edition will recap the ACC's current season & preview the 1998-99 rivalries. The definitive biography of college basketball's all-time winningest coach, Mike Krzyzewski Mike Krzyzewski, known worldwide as "Coach K," is a five-time national champion at Duke, the NCAA's all-time leader in victories with nearly 1,200, and the first man to lead Team USA to three Olympic basketball gold medals. Through unprecedented access to Krzyzewski's best friends, closest advisers, fiercest adversaries, and generations of his players and assistants, three-time New York Times bestselling author Ian O'Connor takes you behind the Blue Devil curtain with a penetrating examination of the great, but flawed leader as he closes out his iconic career. Krzyzewski built a staggering basketball empire that has endured for more than four decades, placing him among the all-time titans of American sport, and yet there has never been a defining portrait of the coach and his program. Until now. O'Connor uses scores of interviews with those who know Krzyzewski best to deliver previously untold stories about the relationships that define the venerable Coach K, including the one with his volcanic mentor, Bob Knight, that died a premature death. Krzyzewski was always driven by an inner rage fueled by his tough Chicago upbringing, and by the blue-collar Polish-American parents who raised him to fight for a better life. As the retiring Coach K makes his final stand, vying for one more ring during the 2021-2022 season before saying goodbye at age 75, O'Connor shows you sides of the man and his methods that will surprise even the most dedicated Duke fan. As part of the acclaimed Sports Virtues series, "Mike Krzyzewski: Encouragement" discusses the struggles and triumphs of Mike Krzyzewski's life. As with each story in the Sports Virtues series, this book assigns a virtue to a celebrated athlete or coach, and uses that person's story to help the reader achieve that virtue for him or herself. What emerges after reading these stories is not only a greater understanding and appreciation of the virtues that these icons needed to get through life, but also an inspiration for the reader. Each

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America's favorite sportswriter returns to the arena of his most successful bestseller, *A Season on the Brink*. It's the book that takes us inside the intensely competitive Atlantic Coast Conference & paints a portrait of how college basketball is coached & played at the highest level. It's the book that takes us onto the courts, into the locker rooms, & inside the high-pressure world of the talented coaches who have helped make the ACC's nine colleges - Duke, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Clemson, Georgia Tech, Virginia, Maryland, Wake Forest, & Florida State - world-renowned for their championship basketball teams. The author's afterword to this edition will recap the ACC's current season & preview the 1998-99 rivalries. #1 New York Times bestselling author John Feinstein returns to his first love--college basketball--with a fascinating and compelling journey through a landscape of unsung, unpublicized and often unknown heroes of Division-1 college hoops. John Feinstein pulls back the curtain on college basketball's lesser-known Cinderella stories--the smaller programs who no one expects to win, who have no chance of attracting the most coveted high school recruits. To tell this story, Feinstein follows a handful of players, coaches, and schools who dream, not of winning the NCAA tournament, but of making it past their first or second round games. Every once in a while, one of these coaches or players is plucked from obscurity to lead a major team or to play professionally, cementing their status in these fiercely passionate fan bases as a legend. These are the gifted players who aren't handled with kid gloves--they're hardworking, gritty teammates who practice and party with everyone else. With his trademark humor and invaluable connections, John Feinstein reveals the big time programs you've never heard of, the bracket busters you didn't expect to cheer for, and the coaches who inspire them to take their teams to the next level. In a court-side chronicle of the North Carolina State Wolfpack's unforgettable 1983 drive to win the NCAA championship, coach Jim Valvano discusses the ins and outs of the college basketball scene. Bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein exposes the big money and back-room deals that pervade college-basketball recruiting in this fast-break young adult novel. Terrell Jamerson is the #1 high school basketball player in the country. His team is poised to win State, top colleges are lining up to give him scholarships, and everyone says he could play in the NBA tomorrow. But it only takes one false step to lose everything. Danny Wilcox is Terrell's best friend and teammate, and a top prospect himself, but these days it seems like everyone wants to get close to Terrell: the sneaker guys, the money managers, the college boosters. They show up offering fast cars, hot girls, and cold, hard cash. They say they just want to help, but their kind of help could get Terrell disqualified. Danny and Terrell better keep their eyes on the ball if they hope to last the season. John Feinstein has been praised as "the best writer of sports books in America today" (The Boston Globe), and he proves it again in this fast-paced novel. "Thorough and suspenseful; a must-read for those interested in basketball and the dealings surrounding the sport." —Kirkus Reviews, Starred One of the most respected basketball coaches in the country relates the story of his life, from his turbulent childhood to the North Carolina Tar Heels' national championship in 2009, and discusses the coaching philosophy that has made him successful. **THE MEN WHO MADE MARCH** From its humble beginnings in 1895 to its modern-day dominance

over American culture for the entire month of March, college basketball is often called madness and is well-deserving of the title. Most NCAA basketball coaches fail; however, the special few profiled in this book didn't just succeed where others failed, they influenced the game; changed it; and altered its very course. The ten men featured in this anthology went about coaching differently, each bringing their own approach and mindset to the hardwood, and their success is unprecedented: John Wooden (UCLA) Bobby Knight (Indiana University) Adolph Rupp (University of Kentucky) Dean Smith (University of North Carolina) Phog Allen (University of Kansas) Mike Krzyzewski (Duke University) Jerry Tarkanian (UNLV) Jim Boeheim (Syracuse University) Lou Carnesecca (St. John's University) Jim Calhoun (University of Connecticut) The most successful coach in college basketball history, and among the most beloved, offers his comprehensive program for building and maintaining winning teams in sports, business, and life. Bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein kicks off a new series for middle grade featuring Alex Myers, a student athlete who tries to take on the sports establishment in his new town. Alex Myers is a quarterback, but from the first day of football practice, it's clear that that position is very much filled by the coach's son, Matt. Alex has the better arm, but Matt has more experience—and the coach's loyalty. Alex finally gets a chance to show what he can do when Matt is injured, and he helps win a key game to keep the Lions' bid for the state championship alive. But just when his star is rising, Alex gets blindsided—the state has started drug testing, and Alex's test comes back positive for steroids. Alex knows that's not right. But he doesn't know if it's a mistake—or if someone wants to make sure he can't play. . . . John Feinstein has been praised as "the best writer of sports books in America today" (The Boston Globe), and this first installment in the Triple Threat series is his most thrilling and suspenseful novel yet. Fans of Mike Lupica, Tim Green, and Paul Volponi will want to check out *The Walk On*, and its companion, *The Sixth Man*. "A cliffhanger of a football novel bristling with social, personal, familial and ethical issues to complement the gridiron action. . . . All the goods for the sports enthusiast—and more." —Kirkus Reviews

Up-close, behind-the-scenes biography of the winningest coach in college basketball history. What can the film *Hoosiers* teach us about the meaning of life? How can ancient Eastern wisdom traditions, such as Taoism and Zen Buddhism, improve our jump-shots? What can the "Zen Master" (Phil Jackson) and the "Big Aristotle" (Shaquille O'Neal) teach us about sustained excellence and success? Is women's basketball "better" basketball? How, ethically, should one deal with a strategic cheater in pickup basketball? With NBA and NCAA team rosters constantly changing, what does it mean to play for the "same team"? What can coaching legends Dean Smith, Rick Pitino, Pat Summitt, and Mike Krzyzewski teach us about character, achievement, and competition? What makes basketball such a beautiful game to watch and play? Basketball is now the most popular team sport in the United States; each year, more than 50 million Americans attend college and pro basketball games. When Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, first nailed two peach baskets at the opposite ends of a Springfield, Massachusetts, gym in 1891, he had little idea of how thoroughly the game would shape American -- and international -- culture. Hoops superstars such as Michael Jordan, LeBron James, and Yao Ming are now instantly recognized celebrities all

across the planet. So what can a group of philosophers add to the understanding of basketball? It is a relatively simple game, but as Kant and Dennis Rodman liked to say, appearances can be deceiving. Coach Phil Jackson actively uses philosophy to improve player performance and to motivate and inspire his team and his fellow coaches, both on and off the court. Jackson has integrated philosophy into his coaching and his personal life so thoroughly that it is often difficult to distinguish his role as a basketball coach from his role as a philosophical guide and mentor to his players. In *Basketball and Philosophy*, a Dream Team of twenty-six basketball fans, most of whom also happen to be philosophers, proves that basketball is the thinking person's sport. They look at what happens when the Tao meets the hardwood as they explore the teamwork, patience, selflessness, and balanced and harmonious action that make up the art of playing basketball. Feinstein takes readers inside the locker rooms, the grueling practices, the late-night strategy sessions. They get a close-up look at recruiting, referees, injuries, winning, losing, and the private lives of the game's biggest stars. "To Hell with Carolina," --From the Duke Fight Song "Go to Hell, Duke!" --Last line, Tar Heel Fight Song For fifty years the rivalry between Duke and Carolina has featured famous brawls, endless controversy, long-nurtured hatred—and some of the best basketball ever played in the history of the sport. For Duke and UNC players and fans, the competition is not about winning a prize, trophy or title. The reason students at both schools camp out for days to get tickets—is about bragging rights and raw pride. Fueled by a proximity of eight miles along Tobacco Road, these two highly respected academic institutions have a rivalry of contrasts: powder blue vs. royal blue; public vs. private; Southerners versus Northern transplants; Michael Jordan and Vince Carter vs. Grant Hill and Christian Laettner. And now, with former Tar Heel assistant Roy Williams the new head coach of UNC, and Mike Krzyzewski still going strong at Duke—the rivalry only continues. *Blue Blood* is a thrilling chronicle of the Duke-Carolina rivalry as it has evolved over the last fifty years. With unparalleled insider access, veteran journalist and author Art Chansky details the colorful, revered, and respected rivalry—for the first time ever. Chansky has seen every Duke-Carolina game since 1968 and now gives readers the never-before-told details, the story behind the story of this rivalry that has polarized the nation. The Duke-Carolina rivalry has fostered more than thirty former players from the two schools playing or coaching in the NBA; it has cultivated a maniacal subculture of fans who camp out for weeks just to get tickets to the seasonal match-ups; it has enchanted a nation of spectators to watch games between the archrivals—garnering some of the highest regular-season TV ratings in history. *Blue Blood* celebrates the history of this rivalry, the traditions, the heritage, and, most importantly—spectacular basketball. Perfect for sports-loving kids and fans of books by Mike Lupica, book two in the Triple Threat series by New York Times bestselling author John Feinstein delivers a hard-hitting account of prejudice and perseverance on the basketball court. It's basketball season. And for once, triple threat Alex Myers is not the one in the spotlight. There's a new new guy in town, Max Bellotti—and he promises to turn the Lions' losing streak around and lead the team to a conference title. Alex is psyched, but some of the older guys on the team resent being benched in favor of an upstart freshman. And when Max comes out as gay, not everyone takes the

news in stride. Snide comments and cold shoulders escalate into heated protests and an out-and-out war with the school board. While controversy swirls around them, the Lions have to decide: Will personal issues sink their season, or can they find a way to stand together as a team? John Feinstein has been praised as “the best writer of sports books in America today” (The Boston Globe). This second installment in his Triple Threat series delivers action and intensity, and a look beyond the headlines of a hot-button topic in sports today. “Suspenseful and well-dramatized sports action scenes. . . . Solidly drawn, both on and off the court.” —Kirkus Reviews “The realistic social situations are interspersed with sports strategy, practices, and plenty of action. Fans will cheer for more of Alex’s story as he inches closer to spring and the dugout.” —Booklist “Did I ever tell you about Wilt Chamberlain?” “Did I ever tell you about Bob Cousy?” “Did I ever tell you about Joe DiMaggio?” Whenever Arnold “Red” Auerbach starts a sentence with those six words -- “Did I ever tell you about . . .” -- anyone within earshot should prepare to hear a marvelous story. As a living legend among sports fans, Red Auerbach -- the fiery coach who led the Boston Celtics to nine NBA championships, eight of them consecutive -- has long been renowned for his formidable personality: brash, opinionated, and unfailingly accurate. As a coach, he had a great eye for talent, drafting such Hall of Famers as Bill Russell and Larry Bird, and managed to build a powerful franchise with an abiding legacy. Red never stood still along the sidelines and was never seen without his trademark cigar. Now in retirement, at age eighty-seven, he remains a lively part of the game, still consulted by coaches, players, and general managers. And his admirers continue to be legion. Not long ago a former president postponed a meeting with Bill Gates so as not to pass up the chance to talk with Red. For the past several years, John Feinstein has met regularly with Red Auerbach and his friends in a series of raucous, unforgettable sessions. Out of those smoke-and-laughter-filled rooms have emerged the stories of Red’s life, from his childhood on the playgrounds of Brooklyn to his triumphs at the famed Boston Garden, where he coached for sixteen years. Just listen as Red colorfully recalls all the players and coaches he has worked with and played against: Bill Russell, Larry Bird, Bob Cousy, Wilt Chamberlain, Sam Jones, and Michael Jordan -- you name them, the basketball greats are all here. Red holds nothing back. In *Let Me Tell You a Story*, Red Auerbach’s unique experiences in sports and John Feinstein’s unparalleled skills as a storyteller combine to produce one of the most richly entertaining books ever written about the game of basketball. When the governor of Maryland is assassinated, investigative reporter Bobby Kelleher investigates and uncovers a plot involving Ku Klux Klan grand dragons, feminists, and hit men. “In this entertaining fiction debut, journalist [John] Feinstein displays a gritty knowledge of the political scene. . . . A strong, surprising resolution caps this thriller that delivers on its promise despite its protagonist’s occasionally larger-than-life heroism and incredible luck.” —Publishers Weekly “[A] captivating political thriller—the first in a series—by the best-selling nonfiction author of *A Season on the Brink*, *A Season Inside*, etc. . . . Part of the story’s enjoyment is in watching rival reporters measure each other’s leads as each paper tries to keep ahead of the other in solving the murder. . . . Much fun while Bobby avoids sure death three times and meets deadlines but agonizes over having

broken the commandment 'thou shalt not go to bed with a news source.'"—Kirkus Reviews Includes articles chosen from more than 350 magazines and newspapers on topics ranging from drug abuse in sports and tennis rivalries, to 1968 Olympic marathon gold medal winner Mamo Wolde John Feinstein's illuminating recollections from two decades of interviews with sports legends. John Feinstein's career is a sports fan's dream—a lifetime of encounters with the great figures in sports, not just on the field, but in the locker room and behind the scenes with legends like Bob Knight, Dean Smith, Mike Krzyzewski, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, and John McEnroe. Since his days as a young Washington Post journalist, Feinstein has written twenty-eight books and countless magazine articles and newspaper columns, covering college basketball, golf, tennis, baseball, and very nearly every sport in between. He has told us of victory and defeat, of athletes and coaches we love—and love to hate. But some of his best stories have been left untold, until now. One on One is an incredible portal into the sports we love—from the box scores and the pageantry of game night and into the hard work and intensity that turn players and coaches into legends. "Describes the NCAA College Basketball Tournament, including teams, players, and coaches"— For almost forty years, Dean Smith coached the University of North Carolina basketball team with unsurpassed success, having an impact both on the court and in the lives of countless young men. In *A Coach's Life*, he looks back on the great games, teams, players, strategies, and rivalries that defined his career and, in a new final chapter, discusses his retirement from the game. The fundamentals of good basketball are the fundamentals of character—passion, discipline, focus, selflessness, and responsibility—and superlative mentor and coach Dean Smith imparts them all with equal authority. Contains interviews with sixteen top coaches in which they discuss their relationships with players, and share insights into how they evaluate talent, devise winning strategies, and handle both victory and defeat. *A Season on the Brink* chronicles the basketball season that John Feinstein spent following the Indiana Hoosiers and their fiery coach, Bob Knight. Knight granted Feinstein an unprecedented inside look at college basketball -- with complete access to every moment of the season. Feinstein saw and heard it all -- practices, team meetings, strategy sessions, and mid-game huddles -- during Knight's struggle to avoid a losing season. *A Season on the Brink* not only captures the drama and pressure of big-time college basketball but paints a vivid portrait of a complex, brilliant coach walking a fine line between genius and madness. This is a collection of short but extraordinarily powerful essays as to how Coach K of Duke inspires, motivates, and teaches his basketball players about the game of life, both on and off the court. Explores the mania for college basketball in North Carolina, tracing the history of the state's top four teams over the past fifty years and profiling the professional giants to come from them. Based on dozens of shocking interviews with some of the most influential names in sports, this is the urgent and revelatory examination of racial inequality in professional athletics America has been waiting for. Commentators, coaches, and fans alike have long touted the diverse rosters of leagues like the NFL and MLB as sterling examples of a post-racial America. Yet decades after Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in a display of Black power and pride, and years after Colin Kaepernick shocked the world by kneeling

for the national anthem, the role Black athletes and coaches are expected to perform—both on and off the field—still can be determined as much by stereotype and old-fashion ideology as ability and performance. Whether it's the pre-game moments of resistance, the lack of diversity among coaching and managerial staff, or the consistent undervaluation of Black quarterbacks, racial politics impact every aspect of every sport being played—yet the gigantic salaries and glitzy lifestyles of pro athletes often disguise the ugly truths of how minority players are treated and discarded by their White bosses. John Feinstein crisscrossed the country to secure personal interviews with quarterbacks, coaches, and more, revealing the stories none of us have heard (but all of us should know). Seventy-five years after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color line, race is still a central and defining factor of America's professional sports leagues. With an encyclopedic knowledge of professional sports, and shrewd cultural criticism, bestselling and award-winning author John Feinstein uncovers not just why, but how, pro sports continue to perpetuate racial inequality. "None of us are trying to make race an issue. Race IS an issue." (From the Foreword by Doug Williams)

Perfect for baseball lovers and fans of Mike Lupica, book three in the Triple Threat series by New York Times bestselling sports writer John Feinstein explores what happens when athletes break the rules. Alex Myers's football and basketball seasons were mired in controversy, and his dad's been MIA since his parents split up. All Alex wants this spring is to work on his fastball and hang out with his maybe-girlfriend, Christine. But he runs into unexpected competition on both fronts. Matt Gordon was suspended from sports after he admitted taking PEDs during football season, but the athletic board has decided to give him another chance. So he's on the team—and he's got something to prove. He's also got his eye on Christine. The question this season—is all fair in love and baseball? Or are some things truly foul? Filled with action, intrigue, and intense rivalries, *The DH* and the other books in the Triple Threat series follow the ups and downs of one talented athlete's year in sports. Praise for book one in the Triple Threat series, *The Walk On*: "All the goods for the sports enthusiast—and more." —Kirkus Reviews "Full of refreshingly decent high school students, first crushes, a dose of dating drama, and a cliff-hanger ending, *The Walk On* will interest even non-football fans." —School Library Journal Praise for book two in the Triple Threat series, *The Sixth Man*: "Suspenseful and well-dramatized sports action scenes. . . . Solidly drawn, both on and off the court." —Kirkus Reviews

ESPN basketball analyst and former Duke player Jay Bilas looks at the true meaning of toughness in this New York Times bestselling book that features stories from basketball legends. If anyone knows tough, it's Jay Bilas. A four-year starter at Duke, he learned a strong work ethic under Coach Mike Krzyzewski. After playing professionally overseas, he returned to Duke, where he served as Krzyzewski's assistant coach for three seasons, helping to guide the Blue Devils to two national championships. He has since become one of basketball's most recognizable faces through his insightful analysis on ESPN's SportsCenter and College GameDay. Through his ups and downs on and off the court, Bilas learned the true meaning of toughness from coaches, teammates, and colleagues. Now, in *Toughness*, he examines this misunderstood—yet vital—attribute and how it contributes to winning in sports and in life. Featuring never-before-heard stories and personal

philosophies on toughness from top players and coaches, including Coach K, Bob Knight, Grant Hill, Mia Hamm, Jon Gruden, Tom Izzo, Roy Williams, Bill Self, Curtis Strange, and many others—Bilas redefines what it takes to succeed.

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