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The Story Of Basketball



Synopsis

Foreword by Grant Hill. An action-packed account that chronicles the memorable moments and people in basketball history by a Pulitzer Prize-winning sportswriter. "Dedicated fans and newcomers alike will find this handsomely produced volume as satisfying as Kareem's sky-hook." --School Library Journal. "Offers fans much pleasure in a volume both useful and comprehensive."--Booklist. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Grade 4-6. Basketball, revised from the 1988 edition, covers the history of the sport on both the pro and college levels, beginning with the peach basket days, through the era of the set shot, to the fast-paced game of recent years. The second part of the book delves into specific skills (shooting, rebounding, defense, etc.). Unfortunately, the chapter on "Modern Times" focuses mostly on the 1980s, with a few sentences about more recent players and the insertion of several pages on Michael Jordan and the 1992 Dream Team. Football, originally published in 1985, provides a historical overview and then explores specific aspects of the game (coaching, defense, pass receiving, running, etc.) and shows how the outstanding skills of certain individuals changed the way that it's played. In most cases, little new material is offered, except for a few paragraphs here and there rounding off a player's career. The foreword by O.J. Simpson has been removed and replaced with one by Troy Aikman. (In fact, any mention of Simpson's football career has been deleted. Consequently, the chapter on running backs mentions greats such as Franco Harris, Gale Sayers, Walter Payton, and Jim Brown). Libraries that do not own the earlier editions will find these books enjoyable introductions to each sport. Those that have the originals will find little reason to

purchase them.?Todd Morning, Schaumburg Township Public Library, ILCopyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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