

## Kobe Bryant The Game Of His Life

After 20 unforgettable years in the NBA, Kobe Bryant is calling it a career. All he's done in those two decades is establish himself as one of the best to ever play the game, arguably the greatest Laker ever and the most popular athlete in the history of Los Angeles sports. The Black Mamba's path to iconic status started quietly as the 13th pick of the 1996 NBA Draft by the Charlotte Hornets but with a draft day trade to the legendary Lakers, the rest is resounding history. Kobe's credentials are impeccable with five NBA championships, two NBA Finals MVPs, one NBA regular season MVP, 18 All-Star game appearances and countless other accolades to his name. Kobe Bryant: Laker for Life is the ultimate tribute to the Lakers superstar as he concludes his legendary career, covering 20 years of hardwood genius. Including nearly 100 full-color photographs, fans are provided a glimpse into the early days of Kobe's career, bursting onto the NBA scene winning the Slam Dunk Contest to his individual brilliance and NBA titles with the Lakers to his celebratory swan song through the league during his final season. A must-have keepsake for Lakers fans and Kobe aficionados alike, Kobe Bryant is the perfect commemoration of a Los Angeles icon and Laker for Life.

The inside look at one of the most captivating and consequential figures in our culture—with never-before-seen interviews. Kobe Bryant's death in January 2020 did more than rattle the worlds of sports and celebrity. The tragedy of that helicopter crash, which also took the life of his daughter Gianna, unveiled the full breadth and depth of his influence on our culture, and by tracing and telling the oft-forgotten and lesser-known story of his early life, *The Rise* promises to provide an insight into Kobe that no other analysis has. In *The Rise*, readers will travel from the neighborhood streets of Southwest Philadelphia—where Kobe's father, Joe, became a local basketball standout—to the Bryant family's isolation in Italy, where Kobe spent his formative years, to the leafy suburbs of Lower Merion, where Kobe's legend was born. The story will trace his career and life at Lower Merion—he led the Aces to the 1995-96 Pennsylvania state championship, a dramatic underdog run for a team with just one star player—and the run-up to the 1996 NBA draft, where Kobe's dream of playing pro basketball culminated in his acquisition by the Los Angeles Lakers. In researching and writing *The Rise*, Mike Sielski had a terrific advantage over other writers who have attempted to chronicle Kobe's life: access to a series of never-before-released interviews with him during his senior season and early days in the NBA. For a quarter century, these tapes and transcripts preserved Kobe's thoughts, dreams, and goals from his teenage years, and they contained insights into and told stories about him that have never been revealed before. This is more than a basketball book. This is an exploration of the identity and making of an icon and the effect of his development on those around him—the essence of the man before he truly became a man.

“Brilliantly audacious...written with the profundity of a sage baller and the acuity of a seasoned journalist.”—Kiese Laymon, New York Times bestselling author of *Heavy* An award-winning journalist's behind-the-scenes account from the epicenter of sports, social justice, and coronavirus, *Can't Knock the Hustle* is a lasting chronicle of the historic 2019-2020 NBA season, by way of the notorious Brooklyn Nets and basketball's renaissance as a cultural force beyond the game. The Nets were already the most intriguing startup in the NBA: a team of influencers, entrepreneurs and activists, starring the controversial Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving. But this dynasty-in-the-making got disrupted by the unforeseen. One tweet launched an international scandal, pitting the team's Chinese owner and the league's commissioner against its players and LeBron James. The sudden death of Kobe Bryant, after making his final public appearance in Brooklyn, sent shockwaves

through a turbulent season. Then came the unimaginable. A global pandemic and a new civil-rights movement put basketball's trend-setting status to the ultimate test, as business and culture followed the lead of the NBA and its empowered stars. No team intersected with the extremes of 2020 quite like the Brooklyn Nets, and Matt Sullivan had a courtside view. Can't Knock the Hustle crosses from on the court, where underdogs confront A-listers like Jay-Z and James Harden, to off the court, as players march through the streets of Brooklyn, provoke Donald Trump at the White House, and boycott the NBA's bubble experiment in Disney World. Hundreds of interviews—with Hall-of-Famers, All-Stars, executives, coaches and power-brokers across the world—provide a backdrop of the NBA's impact on social media, race, politics, health, fashion, fame and fandom, for a portrait of a time when sports brought us back together again, like never before.

Let Stephen Curry, Charles Barkley, Grant Hill, Reggie Miller, and more, tell you what it was like to take the floor against one of the Greatest of All Time. With a Foreword by Jerry West, and a new tribute from the author about Kobe's tragic death. When he entered the NBA in 1996 as a high-school star from Lower Merion, Pennsylvania, Kobe Bryant faced enormous expectations. No one can deny that he rose to the challenge. Today Bryant's status as a future Hall of Fame player is assured. During his stellar career, Bryant won five NBA championships; was a seventeen-time All-Star, NBA MVP, and two-time NBA Finals MVP. He led the league in scoring in 2006 and 2007. Now for the first time, hear stories from opponents, teammates, and players about what it was like to go against Kobe in Remembering Kobe Bryant.

Contributors include: Chris Webber Jeff Van Gundy Rick Barry Doc Rivers Dwayne Wade Draymond Green Giannis Antetokounmpo Russell Westbrook Carmelo Anthony And many more Kobe Bryant was the greatest basketball player of his generation—a former schoolboy prodigy whose moves are now imitated in gyms and playgrounds around the world. Remembering Kobe Bryant provides an unprecedented glimpse into what it was like to play against one of the best of all time. Skyhorse Publishing and our Sports Publishing imprint is proud to publish a range of books for readers interested in sports—baseball, pro football, college football, pro basketball, college basketball, hockey, soccer, and more, we have a book about your sport or your team. Whether you are a New York Yankees fan or hail from Red Sox nation; whether you are a die-hard Green Bay Packers or Dallas Cowboys fan; whether you root for the Kentucky Wildcats, Louisville Cardinals, UCLA Bruins, or Kansas Jayhawks; whether you route for the Boston Bruins, Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal Canadiens, or Los Angeles Kings; we have a book for you. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

The definitive portrait of Kobe Bryant, from the author of Michael Jordan. "Lazenby's detailed research and fantastic writing paint a complex, engaging picture of one of the NBA's greats" (Kurt Helin, NBC Sports). Eighteen-time All-Star, scorer of 81 points in a single game, MVP, and one of the best shooting guards in NBA league history: Kobe Bryant is among basketball's absolute greatest players, and his importance to the sport is undeniable. Third on the NBA career scoring list and owner of five championship rings, he is an undisputed all-time great, one deserving of this deep and definitive biography. Even within the flashiest franchise in all of sports -- the Los Angeles Lakers, where he played his entire career -- Bryant always took center stage, and his final game captivated the basketball world, indeed the country. Roland Lazenby delves deep to look behind this public image, using classic basketball reporting and dozens of new interviews to reveal the whole picture, from Bryant's childhood through his playing years. Showboatis filled with large personalities and provocative stories, including details of Bryant's complicated personal life and explosive relationships on the court, and is a riveting and essential read for every hoops fan. 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 former NBA player and star of various European teams, Kobe spent his childhood watching

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professional basketball. From the moment he could pick up a ball, he was learning to dribble and shoot. 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. At age eighteen, 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 pros. This biography 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 legends.

What does it take to elevate your game? In *The Mamba Mentality: How I Play* (2018) Kobe Bryant reveals insights into how he built his stellar basketball career... Purchase this in-depth summary to learn more.

Kobe lives and breathes basketball. While other basketball legends fade into obscurity after retirement, Kobe is out there pursuing new endeavors and building a business empire. It's a testament to his relentless thirst for knowledge and never-ending quest to be better. This book is a front row ticket to Kobe's journey through life as he reveals how he used the Mamba Mentality as a blueprint to his success, whether on-court or off-court. An insight into how his mind works offers an opportunity to replicate his success and achievements. It teaches about the value of hard work and commitment to the craft. Kobe's rise to greatness is an inspiration to a new generation of young people who dream of making it big in their chosen fields. Here's a sneak preview of what's inside of this book: Who is Kobe Bryant His Work Ethic The Famous "Mamba Mentality" and what this is all about Basketball Muses His Feuds and Controversies Kobe, The Storyteller Kobe the entrepreneur: Kobe, Inc. What's in The Future for Kobe Life-Changing Lessons from the Black Mamba get your copy today and be inspired now!

Read about the inspirational story of basketball's star, Kobe Bryant. Kobe Bryant has been the face of the Lakers dynasty for the past two decades and for good reason. Few players have commanded a basketball court as much as Kobe in historical performances such as his notable 81-point performance in just under 42 minutes of playing time in 2006 against the Toronto Raptors. Whenever Kobe Bryant decides to retire, he is not going to do so on his own terms as one of the greatest basketball players of all time. Few players can parallel with Kobe Bryant in terms of competitive fire and will to win. His polarizing figure defines him and makes even those who do not like him at the very least respect him. Read on to learn about the days of when Kobe played alongside Shaquille O'Neal, Robert Horry, Metta World Peace, Derek Fisher, and Pau Gasol in some of the greatest times of Los Angeles Lakers' basketball history.

Sports legend Kobe Bryant's guiding principles Kobe Bryant's incredible, record-shattering basketball career reads like a road map for the pursuit of greatness. Though he came onto the NBA scene brimming with talent, it was his relentless work ethic, his tireless pursuit of knowledge, his unflappable confidence, and his turbo-charged ambition--his "Mamba mentality"--that drove him to become an icon with a lasting legacy. Nelson Peña's *Kobe: Life Lessons from a Legend* offers court-side seats to the breathtaking highs and game-changing lows of Kobe Bryant's life and reveals valuable insights for anyone who wants to make their own lofty dreams come true. -Powerful quotes from The Black Mamba himself -A biographical look at Kobe's unique upbringing, his early start, and his long, celebrated career with the Los Angeles Lakers -Original art that captures Kobe's unique spirit on and off the court -Timeless truths and uplifting life lessons to inspire your own path to excellence

This short & unauthorized biography of Kobe Bryant highlights his accomplished career. Ever since he entered the league straight out of high school, Kobe Bryant has cemented himself as one of the greatest superstars to ever play in the NBA. In this book, we'll explore Kobe Bryant's journey to the national basketball league along with the impact that he has had on the game. Whether you are a fan of the Lakers, or simply a fan of the game of basketball, Kobe Bryant's story is an inspiring one of how one person with a dream beat all the odds to ultimately become one of the best players in the history of the game. Here is a preview of what you'll find in this book: Childhood and Early Life High School Years Quick Facts About Him College Years Kobe's NBA Career Controversy's He's Faced Kobe Bryant's Legacy And Much More.... Get the ultimate story behind Kobe Bryant's journey on how he became one of the most dominant figures in the history of basketball!

After retiring from professional basketball, Kobe "The Black Mamba" Bryant decided to share his vast knowledge and understanding of the game to take readers on an unprecedented journey into the heart of the legendary "Mamba mentality". With an obligation and an opportunity to teach young players, hardcore fans and dedicated students of the game how to play it "the right way", *The Mamba Mentality* takes us into the spirit of one of the most intelligent basketball, analytical and creative players ever. In his own words, Bryant reveals his detailed approach and the steps he has taken to prepare himself mentally and physically, not only for a successful game but also for excellence. Readers will learn how Bryant studied an opponent, how he channeled his passion for the game, how he played against injuries. They will also get fascinating grainy details if he breaks down specific games and competitions during his career. What is the book about: Summary of the Mamba mentality Biography of Kobe Bryant The Mamba Mentality The Kobe routine Time management Kobe obstacles Diversion control The Mamba Mentality Quotes About mamba mentality About winning mentality Nba career and relationship with teammate Bryant's detailed accounts are combined with beautiful photos from Andrew or Bernstein, Hall of Fame photographer. Bernstein, for many years an official photographer for the Lakers and NBA, made Bryant's first NBA photo in 1996 and his last in 2016 - and hundreds of thousands in between, the record for a unique twenty-year relationship between an athlete and photographer.

"Through candor and comprehensiveness, Jackson writes a convincing revisionist take, in which he emerges as an excellent coach . . . highly readable . . . reflects Jackson's polymathy." —The New York Times Book Review "Part sports memoir, part New Age spirit quest, part pseudo-management tract . . . But the primary thing with Jackson—as with all the old bards, who were also known for repeating themselves—is the voice." —Sam Anderson, The New York Times Magazine A New York Times Bestseller *The* inside story of one of basketball's most legendary and game-changing figures During his storied career as head coach of the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers, Phil Jackson won more championships than any coach in the history of professional sports. Even more important, he succeeded in never wavering from coaching his way, from a place of deep values. Jackson was tagged as the "Zen master" half in jest by sportswriters, but the nickname speaks to an important truth: this is a coach who inspired, not goaded; who led by awakening and challenging the better angels of his players' nature, not their egos, fear, or greed. This is the story of a preacher's kid from North Dakota who grew up to be one of the most innovative leaders of our time. In his

quest to reinvent himself, Jackson explored everything from humanistic psychology and Native American philosophy to Zen meditation. In the process, he developed a new approach to leadership based on freedom, authenticity, and selfless teamwork that turned the hypercompetitive world of professional sports on its head. In *Eleven Rings*, Jackson candidly describes how he:

- Learned the secrets of mindfulness and team chemistry while playing for the champion New York Knicks in the 1970s
- Managed Michael Jordan, the greatest player in the world, and got him to embrace selflessness, even if it meant losing a scoring title
- Forged successful teams out of players of varying abilities by getting them to trust one another and perform in sync
- Inspired Dennis Rodman and other “uncoachable” personalities to devote themselves to something larger than themselves
- Transformed Kobe Bryant from a rebellious teenager into a mature leader of a championship team.

Eleven times, Jackson led his teams to the ultimate goal: the NBA championship—six times with the Chicago Bulls and five times with the Los Angeles Lakers. We all know the legendary stars on those teams, or think we do. What *Eleven Rings* shows us, however, is that when it comes to the most important lessons, we don’t know very much at all. This book is full of revelations: about fascinating personalities and their drive to win; about the wellsprings of motivation and competition at the highest levels; and about what it takes to bring out the best in ourselves and others.

*Mad Game* is an updated paper version of the Fall '99 hardcover. Already a veteran of 5 NBA seasons at the age of 23, Kobe Bryant joined the glitzy Los Angeles Lakers in 1996 as right out of high school. Within months he faced a wave of media hype declaring him the next Michael Jordan. *Mad Game* is the story of how these circumstances propelled his rapid rise through the NBA, only to result in conflict with - and, at times alienation from - his teammates, including his on again off again relationship with Shaquille O'Neal. A cautionary tale emerges from Bryant's hard lessons along the road - and at the pinnacle of - NBA stardom. Yet it's also a story of triumph, of a uniquely gifted young athlete trying to remain true to himself and the game. This updated paper edition covers the Lakers' '99-00 championship season.

#1 New York Times Bestseller Reggie has never felt destined for greatness. He dreams about basketball brilliance all day and night, but the hard truth is that he's a benchwarmer for the West Bottom Badgers, the worst team in the league. Even their mysterious new coach, Rolabi Wizenard, can't seem to help them end their losing streak. Reggie is willing to train tirelessly to improve his game, but the gym itself seems to be working against him in magical ways. Before Reggie can become the player he dreams of being, he must survive the extraordinary trials of practice. Basketball legend Kobe Bryant presents this illuminating follow-up to the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Wizenard Series: Training Camp*—a story of strain and sacrifice, supernatural breakthroughs, and supreme dedication to the game.

Are you interested in discovering more about the beginnings, career & milestones of Kobe Bryant? Do you want to know about the romantic tale among Kobe and Vanessa Bryant? If you want to know what did Bryant say about marriage after a prominent outrage almost broke them? If these are the kinds of questions running through your mind, this book is perfect for you! Hello! Welcome to the biography of "Kobe Bryant". Kobe Bryant is an elite NBA basketball player who plays shooting guard for the Los

Angeles Lakers. He has helped lead the Lakers to win five championships, which ranks Bryant among the basketball players with the most championship rings in NBA history. Kobe lives and breathes basketball. While other basketball legends fade into obscurity after retirement, Kobe is out there pursuing new endeavors and building a business empire. It's a testament to his relentless thirst for knowledge and never-ending quest to be better. In this book, we'll explore Kobe Bryant's journey to the national basketball league along with the impact that he has had on the game. Whether you are a fan of the Lakers, or simply a fan of the game of basketball, Kobe Bryant's story is an inspiring one of how one person with a dream beat all the odds to ultimately become one of the best players in the history of the game. In this book, we will explore where Bryant grew up, what he was like as a child, how his NBA career panned out, and where is headed now. In this book, you will find: Childhood and Early Life High School Years Bryant, in his last Cleveland game, protecting LeBron James National team career of Kobe Bryant NBA finals with Kobe or LeBron Since 2000 Individual life and connections Kobe Bryant and his significant other, Vanessa, have a two-decade romantic tale Shaquille O'Neal depicts Kobe as a 'family man.' Much, much more! Get this book today, and be inspired by the basketball legend, Kobe Bryant! So, what are you waiting for? Scroll up, click the Buy Now button and get started. Copyright: (c) 2020 by Ronald James, All rights reserved.

A profound remembrance of a life of greatness cut short In 20 seasons in a Los Angeles Lakers uniform, Kobe Bryant ascended from teenaged rookie to 18-time all-star and five-time NBA champion. The superstar known as The Black Mamba left his mark on basketball and popular culture as a fierce competitor who inspired those around him and never settled for less than the best. These moments and memories are collected in Kobe Bryant: A Tribute to the Basketball Legend, a fully illustrated commemorative book celebrating Bryant's life and career. Featuring more than 100 photographs and written coverage from the pages of Sports Illustrated, this new volume provides readers a complete portrait of the international basketball superstar who transcended his sport to become a cultural icon. Relive every moment including the 1997 NBA Slam Dunk Contest in 1997, consecutive NBA Finals MVP awards in 2009 and 2010, the unforgettable 60-point farewell game, and the poignant tributes that followed Bryant's shocking death alongside his 13-year-old daughter Gianna and seven others in a 2020 helicopter crash. This commemorative book features Sports Illustrated's best written coverage of Kobe Bryant, including pieces by Phil Taylor, Jack McCallum, Lee Jenkins, and more.

Highlights the life and accomplishments of the Los Angeles Lakers basketball guard, Kobe Bryant.

**KOBE BRYANT** This book serves as a biography of Kobe Bryant, one of the greatest basketball players to ever lace them up. Kobe has one of the longest, and most decorated careers of any basketball player in history, and this book aims to educate you all about it! Throughout this book, you will learn about Bryant's younger years, his journey to the NBA, his many accomplishments and records, the challenges he faced, and also what's next for the NBA champion now that he

has retired from the game of basketball. Kobe Bryant is an incredibly inspiring athlete that everyone can learn a lot from. Both on and off the court, he strives for excellence - and usually achieves it! As you'll soon discover through reading this book, there's a lot of great life lessons we can take from the 5-time NBA champion that apply to all areas of life, not just basketball. Here Is What You'll Learn About Inside... Kobe's Early Life High School Career Making The NBA Winning Championships Notable Career Moments Challenges Kobe Faced What's Next For Kobe Much, Much More!

The story of the Lakers dynasty from 1996 through 2004, when Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal combined—and collided—to help bring the Lakers three straight championships and restore the franchise as a powerhouse In the history of modern sport, there have never been two high-level teammates who loathed each other the way Shaquille O'Neal loathed Kobe Bryant, and Kobe Bryant loathed Shaquille O'Neal. From public sniping and sparring, to physical altercations and the repeated threats of trade, it was warfare. And yet, despite eight years of infighting and hostility, by turns mediated and encouraged by coach Phil Jackson, the Shaq-Kobe duo resulted in one of the greatest dynasties in NBA history. Together, the two led the Lakers to three straight championships and returned glory and excitement to Los Angeles. In the tradition of Jeff Pearlman's bestsellers Showtime, Boys Will Be Boys, and The Bad Guys Won, Three-Ring Circus is a rollicking deep dive into one of sports' most fraught yet successful pairings.

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and his exceptional, insightful style of playing the game—a fitting legacy from the late Los Angeles Laker superstar. In the wake of his retirement from professional basketball, Kobe “The Black Mamba” Bryant decided to share his vast knowledge and understanding of the game to take readers on an unprecedented journey to the core of the legendary “Mamba mentality.” Citing an obligation and an opportunity to teach young players, hardcore fans, and devoted students of the game how to play it “the right way,” *The Mamba Mentality* takes us inside the mind of one of the most intelligent, analytical, and creative basketball players ever. In his own words, Bryant reveals his famously detailed approach and the steps he took to prepare mentally and physically to not just succeed at the game, but to excel. Readers will learn how Bryant studied an opponent, how he channeled his passion for the game, how he played through injuries. They’ll also get fascinating granular detail as he breaks down specific plays and match-ups from throughout his career. Bryant’s detailed accounts are paired with stunning photographs by the Hall of Fame photographer Andrew D. Bernstein. Bernstein, long the Lakers and NBA official photographer, captured Bryant’s very first NBA photo in 1996 and his last in 2016—and hundreds of thousands in between, the record of a unique, twenty-year relationship between one athlete and one photographer. The combination of Bryant’s narrative and Bernstein’s photos make *The Mamba Mentality* an unprecedented look behind the curtain at the career of one of the world’s most celebrated and fascinating athletes. From the mind of basketball legend, Academy Award–winning, and New York Times–bestselling storyteller Kobe Bryant comes a new tale of finding your strength against all odds. Set in an alternate classical world dominated by sports and a magical power called grana, *Epoca: The Tree of Ecrof* is the story of two children: the lowly born Rovi and the crown princess Pretia who uncover and battle terrible evil and discover their inner strength along the way. *Epoca: The Tree of Ecrof* takes place at the most elite sports academy in the land, where the best child-athletes are sent to hone their skills. When Rovi and Pretia arrive, each harboring a secret about themselves, they begin to suspect that something evil is at play at the school. In the course of their first year, they must learn to master their grana in order to save the world from dark forces that are rising.

A celebration of Kobe Bryant, this tribute book gives us a new portrait, personally and professionally, of the life and times of one of the most celebrated basketball players of all time. His dream to become an NBA superstar began at an early age. Under the tutelage of his father who was himself an NBA player, Kobe's work ethic and drive to succeed took him to worldwide fame. Playing for the legendary LA Lakers, Kobe took the game to new heights. An inspirational book, told through the eyes of Kobe Bryant, a shooting star, with hand-picked quotations drawn from over 20 years, on and off court, we see his passion for basketball, his relentless work ethic, his philosophies on life, his prescription for success, and most of all, his enduring love for his family: his wife Vanessa and their four children. Supplementing Kobe's quotes are additional quotes from those who knew him best, from

coaches, players (including Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, LeBron James and others, sports writers, athletes, and former President Barack Obama. With an overview of his career by the numbers, and a detailed chronology of his life, arranged by year, this compact book sports insights ("Takeaways") that summarize the key, hard-earned lessons Kobe shared with us, an essay about his inspirational life and untimely demise, and in his own words, a short statement he made at his retirement ceremony, held at the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles, where he and Shaq were an unbeatable duo on the attack on court. Supplementing Kobe's heartfelt words, highlighting his passion for basketball and the debt he owes those who came before him, Kobe's life philosophy was simple: You can't pay it back, but you can pay it forward. Inspiring adults and children alike, Kobe's poem, an ode to basketball, won him an Oscar when adapted as an animated feature. Vanessa Kobe's touching tribute to her husband's basketball career was a highlight of his retirement ceremony; she also wrote poignantly, in an Instagram posting, in a look back at his life and career, with a request that we don't forget the other seven souls who shared that fateful helicopter ride to a basketball game at his training facility in Thousand Oaks, California. A touching tribute about Kobe Bryant, a final salute to a man who has inspired countless people, this book is a high-flying, slam-dunking look at his life and work, on and off court; a passionate storyteller who started his own company to publish sports-oriented movies and books to inspire young adults—a worldwide audience numbering 20 million on Facebook alone. Written and edited by Luke Ellison, a man in the autumn of his life whose nephews taught him the game in their backyard, Ellison's passion for basketball showed him that it's a game that brings people together, celebrating the game of life in all its dimensions.

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"Winning takes precedence over all. There's no gray area. No almosts."-- Kobe "The Black Mamba" Bryant As the youngest NBA and All-Star game player, the youngest to reach 10,000, 20,000 and 30,000 points and ranked third in NBA's all-time scoring and postseason list, few can deny that Kobe is one of the greats of basketball. Have you ever wondered what makes Kobe great and sets him apart? In this biography of Kobe Bryant, James doesn't just reveal the inspirational life story behind the world famous athlete as he was catapulted from the courts of high school to the professional world of NBA. Readers will also get insight into the core of his success: a mindset and training regimen that honed him into the perfect ball playing machine, gifting him with a technique that put him head and shoulders above his opponents. With a BONUS Top 8 Motivational Lessons to be learned from Bryant's rise to fame and success, this candid Kobe Bryant biography also reveals hidden secrets that no other book has yet

revealed. Like any superstar, Kobe Bryant has not risen to the top without his fair share of setbacks, and learning how he overcame his own challenges can help you surmount challenges in your own life, both on and off the court. Whether you're an aspiring athlete seeking to take inspiration from one of basketball's greats and discover how to overcome challenges while training to be the best or simply a fan wanting to know more, this inspiring book lays out the full Kobe Bryant story as it has NEVER been told before! Readers will benefit from this book by learning: \* The rituals and superstitions that Kobe abides by \* Which stage of his life was the hardest and how he overcame it \* His philosophy towards basketball and what techniques he uses to train \* How Kobe became such a good defensive player? \* What workouts and training regimens does he use \* How many shots a day does Kobe make? \* Who are some famous people that have been inspired by him \* The mysterious story of his number \* Lots of other Kobe Bryant life and game secrets you cannot find anywhere else! Kobe's character and mindset have led to him smashing world records time after time. The slam dunk hero's inspirational career comes from a discipline that anyone can apply to their own approach for a successful life--and they are all exposed in this Kobe Bryant biography! Would You Like To Know More? Download now and discover the sporting secrets of The Black Mamba and take some of those secrets to apply to your own life! Scroll to the top of the page and select the Buy button now to get motivated with the guidance of a true champion! Don't forget to claim your FREE Kindle version with your purchase of Paperback copy!

Provides information on the defense and prosecution strategies to be presented in the rape trial of basketball star Kobe Bryant. "Packed full of emotion. . . . An influential read with a powerful message."—Booklist Whether goose or swan, I have wings. And I'll fly. Gus's life is about one thing—swimming. And he knows that the only coach in town who can get him to the Olympics is Coach Marks. So it seems like a simple plan: convince Coach Marks to train him, and everything from there on in is just hard work. Gus has never been afraid of hard work. But there are a few complications. For one thing, Coach Marks was Danny's coach. Danny, Gus's brother, committed suicide after failing to make the national swimming team—a big step on the way to the Olympics. And for another, Gus and Danny didn't exactly get along; Gus never liked living in Danny's shadow. A shadow that has grown even bigger since his death. In this powerful novel about the punishing and the healing nature of sports, Gus's rage threatens to swallow him at every turn. He's angry at his brother, his mother, his coach . . . even himself. But as he works toward his goal and through his feelings, Gus does everything he can to channel this burning intensity into excelling at the sport that he and Danny both loved, and finds solace in the same place he must face his demons: in the water. In addition to Gus's incredible narrative, there are four pieces of original art featured in *Geese Are Never Swans*. The art was curated by TaskForce, a creative agency that collaborates with the most influential nonprofits, brands, and people taking on the most pressing challenges facing our nation and our world. TaskForce builds capacity and community for those shaping a more empathetic society through public opinion and policy. The artists' interpretations of their work are included in the book.

Kobe Bryant's legacy of uplifting and inspiring young athletes continues in this highly anticipated follow-up to the #1 New York Times bestseller *Legacy and the Queen*. Legacy Petrin is a national tennis champion, but she doesn't feel like one. At the

orphanage where she grew up, far from the city where she learned to shine, Legacy struggles to focus on her training. Her famous magical inner light dims and darkens until she barely recognizes herself. Then a girl who looks exactly like Legacy—same burlap dress, same signature glow—starts playing in Legacy’s name. She wins matches in the city, makes charming speeches in support of “Queen” Silla, and gains a devoted following. Soon, Silla issues a decree against impersonating champions, which means that the real Legacy could be arrested simply for looking like herself. To reclaim her name and her identity, Legacy has no choice but to compete in disguise . . . until she can rise through the ranks, face off against her imposter, and prove that she is the one and only Legacy Petrin—a champion who was born to shine.

Performance coach Alan Stein Jr. shares the secret principles used by world-class performers that will help you improve your productivity and achieve higher levels of success. High achievers are at the top of their game because of the discipline they have during the unseen hours. They have made a commitment to establish, tweak, and repeat positive habits in everything they do. RAISE YOUR GAME examines the top leaders in sports and business and proves that success is a result of the little things we do all the time. The basic principles provided in RAISE YOUR GAME are simple, but not easy. We live in an instantly downloadable world that encourages us to skip steps. We are taught to chase what's hot, flashy and sexy and ignore what's basic. But the basics work. They always have and they always will. RAISE YOUR GAME will inspire and empower you to commit to the fundamentals, create a winning mindset, and progress into new levels of success.

We've discounted the price of this Bestselling book in Basketball Biographies for the next 5 days only. Get your copy NOW before the price goes up to it's normal price of \$10.99 on Thursday (12/03)! Could you think, act, train, play, and WIN like Kobe Bryant? As the youngest NBA and All-Star Game player, winner of the most All-Star Game MVP awards, and ranked fourth in the NBA's all-time scoring and postseason list, few can deny that Kobe Bryant was one of the greats of basketball and will always be remembered as such. His untimely death has left a vast void that will take a long time to heal. Kobe Bryant's impact moved beyond the basketball world as an influential figure and spokesman, offering deep wisdom about life, work ethic, loyalty, and reaching goals. And the memories he left can never be taken from us! But have you ever wondered what made Kobe great and set him apart from other sports stars? What does Mamba Mentality really mean and how can you learn and apply it in your own life? In this biography of Kobe Bryant, you won't just be reading the inspirational story of a world-famous athlete. You will also gain insight into the core of his success and learn for yourself: Rituals and superstitions he lived by How he overcame the hardest time in his life His philosophy towards basketball and exact techniques he used to train How Kobe Bryant became one of the greatest defensive players in the league Famous people who were inspired by him How someone predicted Kobe's death without them even knowing it The mindset and training regimen that honed Kobe into the perfect ball playing machine The mysterious story of his number, and much, much more! Kobe Bryant was a legend and a superstar who was taken too soon. This illuminating book reveals the reality of the man and presents the reader with his life and game secrets you cannot find anywhere else! Whether you're an aspiring athlete seeking to take inspiration from one of basketball's greats or simply a fan wanting to know more, this inspiring book lays out

the full Kobe Bryant story as it has NEVER been told before! And the principles he lived by can be applied to your life too, so that you can discover your own success Would You Like To Know More? Scroll to the top of the page and select the Buy button now, and get motivated by the guidance of one of the greatest champions of our time! Black & White Print. The book was previously published as Kobe Bryant: A League Of His Own by Steve James.

Told in a new Who HQ NOW format for trending topics, this Who Was? biography details NBA superstar Kobe Bryant's legendary career and the impact of his legacy on the sports world and beyond. Kobe Bryant was just an eighteen-year-old high-school basketball player when he decided to enter the National Basketball Association's draft. Though he was the thirteenth overall pick by the Charlotte Hornets, he would never play a single game for them. Instead, Kobe was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers, where he would spend his entire twenty-season career, winning five championships and numerous awards. Author Ellen Labreque takes readers through each exciting moment, from his iconic dunks to his 81-point game--all the milestones that span Kobe Bryant's legendary career and legacy.

Kobe Bryant will forever be known as one of basketball's greatest superstars. Nicknamed "The Black Mamba," the Los Angeles Lakers legend left his mark on the game as a fierce competitor who lifted those around him and never settled for anything less than the best. The Legend of Kobe Bryant contains essential facts and stories all basketball fans should know, plus inspiring quotes and brilliant photos. Learn about Kobe's early days bursting onto the NBA scene, his five NBA championships with the Lakers, his unforgettable 60-point final game, and his desire to share basketball with everyone.

#1 New York Times Bestseller From the mind of basketball legend and Academy Award-winning storyteller Kobe Bryant comes this radically original portrait of five young basketball players, one enlightening coach, and the awesome transformative power of the game. Filled with insights about the mental stamina and emotional clarity that peak performance requires, this is an indispensable story for young athletes, coaches, educators, and anyone interested in the astonishing potential of team sports to unlock individual growth. THE GAME WILL NEVER BE THE SAME Magic doesn't seem possible for the West Bottom Badgers. They're the lowest-ranked basketball team in their league, and they live in the poorest neighborhood in Dren. Nobody expects them to succeed at anything. Plus, every kid on the team has secret struggles of his own. When a new coach named Professor Wizenard arrives on the first day of training camp, the Badgers can't explain the magical-seeming things they see and hear. Every player experiences unique and strange visions—visions that challenge everything they thought they knew about basketball, and about their lives and their secrets off the court. To survive the increasingly intense ordeals of training, the Badgers will need to take unimaginable risks, learn to trust their teammates, and confront the darkness within themselves.

Profiles the life and accomplishments of Los Angeles Lakers basketball guard Kobe Bryant.

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. As the son of Joe "Jellybean" Bryant, a former NBA 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 and shoot. 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. At age eighteen, 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 pros -- and the rest is history. This biography gives readers a courtside seat to the achievements of one of basketball's greatest legends as it traces Kobe's life from childhood to his five NBA championships to his successful career outside of the game to his tragic death and lasting legacy.

At just 19 years of age, the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant is arguably the youthful sensation of the NBA. "Mad Game" documents the highs and lows this future legend's first two NBA seasons. Color photo insert.

Looks at the personal life and professional basketball career of NBA star Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers.

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