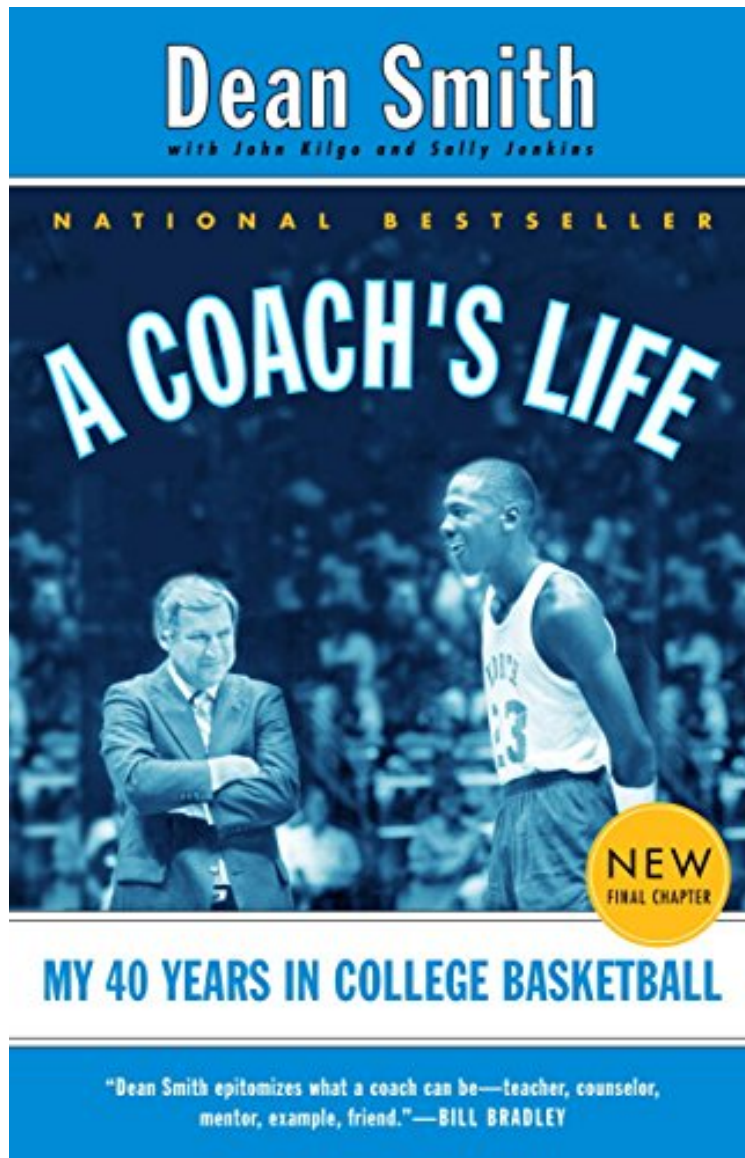


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Dean's life prior to Carolina thrown in for good measure. (He actually had one). It makes no effort to be balanced. You see, Dean never made a mistake, had a player who flunked out or got in trouble-ever! Down in Chapel Hill, life goes on and the Heels keep winning. Phooey! I'll take Bobby Knight throwing chairs and tantrums anyday. However, if you're from Carolina or a UNC alum, ignore this review and buy the book right away. You'll never notice the shortcomings. Now, how about a bio of Dean's predecessor and mentor, Frank McGuire. (He first hired Dean as an assistant). That would be a story. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Must read for any college hoops fan! Von robert j palmer jr You don't have to be a UNC fan to appreciate this autobiography. All you need to be is appreciative of college hoops and about a coach and school that did things the right way for over 33 years. In the days of boosters, offering anything under the sun, and players leaping from high school or after their freshman year to the NBA, it is refreshing to read about a coach whose players would do anything for their beloved coach and a coach who would still do anything for his former players. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The inside story from the master of the game Von Kevin R. Barris For years we've all wondered just how he does it -- from telling freshman Michael Jordan to "knock it down" in the final seconds of the Georgetown game to resting his starters in the final minutes of the '93 national championship. How does he know? This book offers outstanding insight into the man and the game he mastered. If you care at all about college basketball, you must read this book. There will never be another Dean Smith.

Kurzbeschreibung Legendary University of North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith tells the full story of his fabled career, and shares the life lessons taught and learned over forty years of unparalleled success as a coach and mentor. For almost forty years, Dean Smith coached the University of North Carolina men's basketball program with unsurpassed success- on the court and in shaping young men's lives. In his long-awaited memoir, he reflects on the great games, teams, players, strategies, and rivalries that defined his career, and explains the philosophy that guided him. There's a lot more to life than basketball- though some may beg to differ- but there's a lot more to basketball than basketball, and this is a book about basketball filled with wisdom about life. Dean Smith insisted that the fundamentals of good basketball were the fundamentals of character- passion, discipline, focus, selflessness, and responsibility- and he strove to unite his teams in pursuit of those values. To read this book is to understand why Dean Smith changed the lives of the players he coached, from Michael Jordan, who calls him his second father and who never played a single NBA game without wearing a pair of UNC basketball shorts under his uniform, to the last man on the bench of his least talented team. We all wish we had a coach like Dean Smith in our lives, and now we will have that chance. From Publishers Weekly Largely conforming to the standard sports autobiography, former University of North Carolina basketball coach Smith recalls his career and the way it dovetailed with the evolution of college basketball over the second half of this century into a big business and media zoo. The writing is talky and easygoing, punctuated by sly humor: "I liked the '60s, but I liked them a lot better after we won a few ball games." Of meeting Michael Jordan, who played for him at UNC, Smith casually notes: "I know I'm supposed to say he was surrounded by a golden light, but the truth is, he wasn't." The son of schoolteachers, Smith writes sincerely about teaching his young, talented players the "issues" involved in basketball and in life, especially race. In a chapter called "I may Be Wrong But!" Smith reveals some of the personal and political beliefs he so tightly guarded during his career. He articulates his faith in God and his political disagreements with the Christian Coalition (relevant because Smith was long the most popular man in a state that elects Jesse Helms to the Senate) and his discomfort with athletes who appear to believe that God cares who wins a basketball game. Although Smith indulges in some stock homilies and bromides about "life fundamentals," he comes off as a man with compassion, modesty and honesty, as well as competitive drive. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal The legendary University of North Carolina coach on doing well on the court and in life. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.