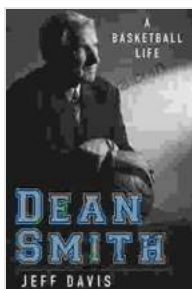


Dean Smith: 50 Years of Basketball, Life and Leadership

Dean Smith is one of the most successful and respected coaches in college basketball history. He coached the University of North Carolina Tar Heels for 36 seasons, winning two national championships and 20 ACC regular season championships. Smith was also a pioneer in the field of racial integration, and he was one of the first coaches to recruit African-American players to a major college basketball program.

Dean Smith Basketball Life is a biography of Smith that chronicles his life and career. The book is based on interviews with Smith and those who knew him, and it offers a unique perspective on one of the most successful and respected coaches in college basketball history.



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Early Life and Career

Dean Smith was born in Emporia, Kansas, in 1931. He grew up in a small town and was a star basketball player in high school. Smith played college basketball at the University of Kansas, where he was a three-time All-American. After graduating from Kansas, Smith served in the United States Army for two years.

In 1958, Smith was hired as the head coach of the basketball team at the University of North Carolina. At the time, North Carolina was a struggling program, but Smith quickly turned the team around. In his first season, the Tar Heels won 14 games, which was more than they had won in the previous two seasons combined.

Success at North Carolina

Under Smith's leadership, North Carolina became one of the most successful college basketball programs in the country. The Tar Heels won two national championships, in 1982 and 1993, and they made 11 Final Four appearances. Smith also won 20 ACC regular season championships and was named ACC Coach of the Year 11 times.

Smith was more than just a successful coach. He was also a pioneer in the field of racial integration. In 1966, he recruited Charlie Scott, the first African-American basketball player to play for North Carolina. Smith's decision to recruit Scott was controversial at the time, but it helped to break down racial barriers in college basketball.

Coaching Philosophy

Smith's coaching philosophy was based on the principles of hard work, discipline, and teamwork. He believed that every player on his team had

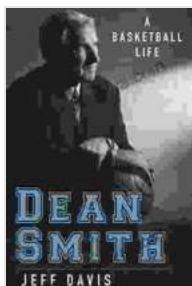
the potential to be a success, and he worked tirelessly to help them reach their potential.

Smith's coaching philosophy was not just about basketball. He also believed that it was important to teach his players life lessons. He wanted them to be successful on and off the court, and he taught them the importance of character, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Legacy

Dean Smith retired from coaching in 1997, and he died in 2015. He left behind a legacy of success and leadership that will never be forgotten. He was one of the greatest coaches in college basketball history, and he was also a pioneer in the field of racial integration. Smith's impact on the game of basketball and on society as a whole will continue to be felt for generations to come.

Dean Smith Basketball Life is a must-read for any fan of college basketball. The book offers a unique perspective on one of the most successful and respected coaches in history. Smith's story is one of hard work, determination, and leadership. It is a story that will inspire anyone who reads it.



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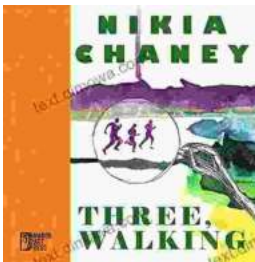
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