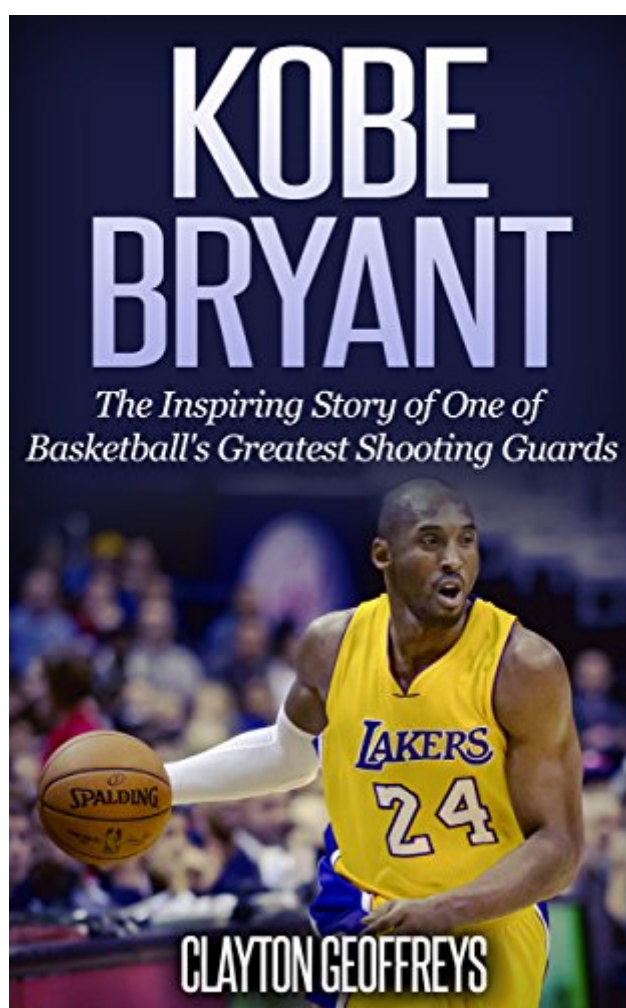


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Kobe Bryant: The Inspiring Story Of One Of Basketball's Greatest Shooting Guards (Basketball Biography Books)



Synopsis

Learn the Incredible Story of Los Angeles Lakers' Legend Kobe Bryant! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! In *Kobe Bryant: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Shooting Guards*, you'll 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. While the 2015-2016 NBA season marked the end to Kobe's storied career, the Black Mamba's legacy will never be forgotten. Few players can parallel 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. Here is a preview of what is inside this book:

Early Life and Childhood
High School Years
Kobe's NBA Career with the Lakers
Kobe Personal Life
Kobe's Impact on Basketball and Beyond
The Black Mamba's Legacy

An excerpt from the book: When Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant gave himself the nickname Black Mamba, everyone wondered why he chose to liken himself to a reptile. The Black Mamba is one of the fastest and most deadly snakes in the world. It was also the codename used by Uma Thurman's assassin character in the Quentin Tarantino movie *Kill Bill*. And yes, Black Mamba was also the boxing nickname given to Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s uncle, Roger Mayweather. For sure, Bryant never wanted a part of the Mayweather's so it must have been that Tarantino movie that got into him. It turns out that Bryant did in fact watch *Kill Bill* and was so intrigued by the codename Black Mamba that he said he checked out the snake. Upon reading up on the mamba, Bryant decided that it was the perfect description of how he wanted his game to be. The Black Mamba is said to have a 99% striking accuracy at maximum speed and in rapid succession. Bryant said it's the kind of surgical precision that he wants in his game. Kobe Bryant has always been known as a perfectionist and a player who despite being great wants to be the greatest. Bryant also talks about the Black Mamba mentality in which he says one has to "figure it out no matter what comes, whether it's hell or high water." This resilient attitude has been at the core of Bryant's game, and it's what has made him bounce back from the many obstacles he has faced on and off the court. Kobe Bryant is one of the most popular basketball players on the planet. He is, without a doubt, one of the greatest scorers in the game and one of the most lethal offensive weapons that has ever graced the NBA's courts. However, Kobe Bryant isn't all about scoring points. He is a winner and he has

proved that he can win on his own. Bryant isn't just about basketball either. He is also a million dollar businessperson and a worldwide icon. More importantly, Bryant is a husband, a father, and a son. Like all of us, he is only human and has committed many mistakes in his life. But unlike most of us, he is like a Black Mamba aiming for perfection and constantly striving for greatness. Tags: Kobe Bryant, Los Angeles Lakers, The Black Mamba, Kobe, Shaquille O'Neal, Shaq, Jeremy Lin, Dwight Howard, Lakers basketball, Derek Fisher, Andrew Bynum, Robert Horry, Rick Fox, Magic Johnson, Wilt Chamberlain, Steve Nash, Carmelo Anthony, Michael Jordan

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Customer Reviews

I read a lot of biographies, and this one is definitely a stand out! The writing is excellent, the pace steady, and the information non repetitive. I found that I learned alot about Kobe Bryant that I did not know before. This book delves into his early life, his playing years and comes all the way up to where he is currently. If you want to read a great book that is well written and informative then pick up a copy of this and enjoy learning about Kobe Bryant and how he played alongside Shaquille

O'Neal, Robert Horry, Metta World Peace, Derek Fisher, and Pau Gasol and so many other giants of the court. I Highly Recommend this book

To much statistics from games. Would be interesting with some more details around all the drama on and off the court surrounding K.B. during his career.

Some grammar errors, but solid information. I really enjoyed this as a basketball and Kobe Bryant fan. Go Los Angeles Lakers!

My grandson is a great fan of Kobe Bryant. He was happy to get this book.

Clayton Geffreys in-depth biography is a chronological recount of Kobe Bryant's eventful and legendary career from a positive, praising standpoint. The book begins by introducing Kobe as a young child, explaining his early life circumstances, as well as how his situation and certain parts of his life influenced his career that followed. The book then segways into the beginnings of his legacy, starting with his incandescent performance even as a high schooler, and then details his jump from high school to the NBA, his own personal leap of fate, and then becomes a sequential recount of Kobe's NBA career, with various anecdotes that add to the character of Kobe Bryant interspersed throughout the book. Although this book was written while Kobe was still in the league, his legacy, such as being one of NBA's greatest individual performers and entrance into the conversation of the greatest ever made for a great follow up to the to-be-continued chronological retelling of Kobe's career. The book closes out by telling how Kobe, on and off the court, ultimately affected the game of basketball itself - one of [the NBA's] most notable winners. Although some concepts in this book are hard to grasp for a young person, the author uses language that is clear enough for anyone to understand, and still conveys points extremely effectively. An interesting aspect of this book is the fact that it is written in a format of a story, with a clear plot, but still is considered a biography because of the way it presents that plot and the information that it holds, which makes the book very engaging. This is a specific example of why I consider the book exceptional. Through clear language, the book presents information and is organized into a plot that develops the personality and attributes of Kobe Bryant (the purpose of the book) which ultimately keeps the reader engaged and makes the book an informative, interesting read. When Kobe retires, in general, basketball fans will look back on Kobe Bryant's career and reflect on it as an especially

memorable one, and will look back on Kobe as maybe one of the greatest players to ever play the game of basketball. The only asterisk that could possibly be placed by Kobe Bryant's name in the list of NBA players with great behavior is his controversial rape case. The case tainted Kobe's reputation and the author made sure to include this major event in Kobe's career from the least bias standpoint he could. The book, overall, praises Kobe Bryant and all of his accomplishments, which makes it hard to incorporate an aspect so negative into this book, but the author does it gracefully, and efficaciously. Through how the book handled explained that situation and other ones give me a better mental image of Kobe Bryant, which is what the author set out to do. Overall, this book doesn't have any negatives. In my mind, and I'm sure in every one else's mind who read this book, Kobe Bryant is one of the greatest NBA players of all time, which was conveyed well by this book. Furthermore, I gained a more accurate understanding of Kobe's legacy and his greatness, which I view to be the best outcome of reading this book.

Very inspiring biography. The book is great quick read. It was good to learn about his life and career. If you are a basketball fan, I highly recommend this book.

My son is a Kobe Bryant fanatic and he totally loved this book.

Excellent

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