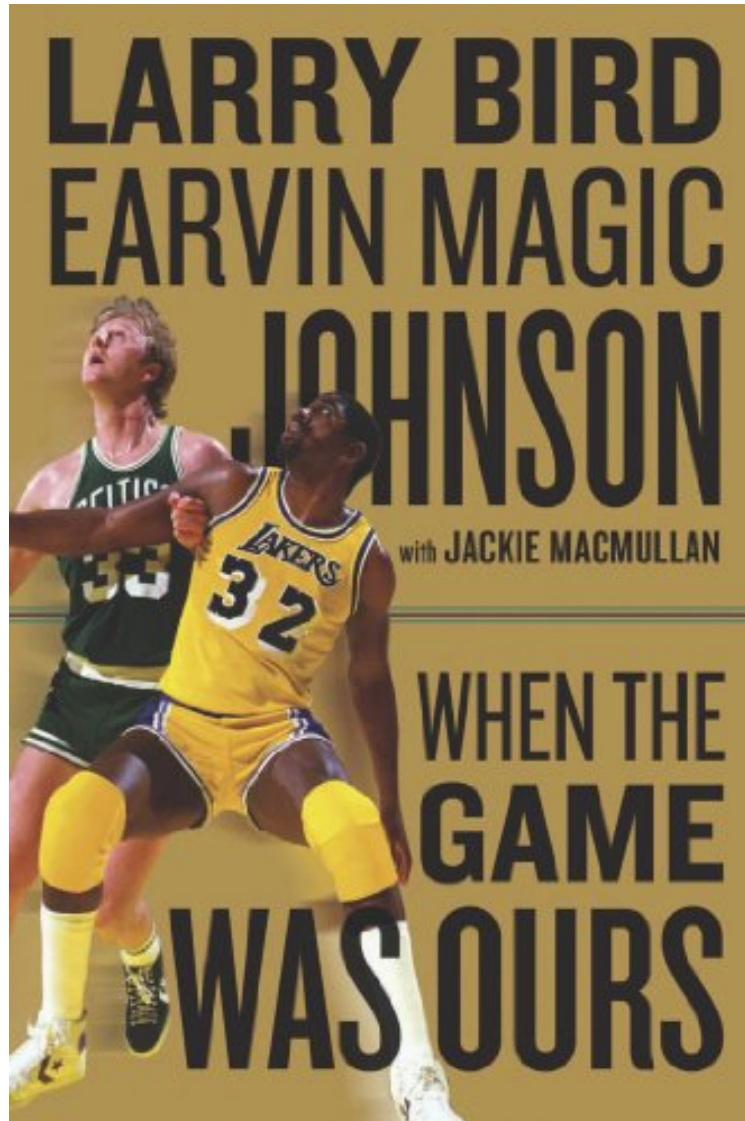


When the Game Was Ours

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Von Larry Bird, Earvin Johnson, Jackie MacMullan : When the Game Was Ours before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised When the Game Was Ours:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A No-Look Pass at the Pre-Jordan NBAVon Donald Mitchell"Yet He finds occasions against me,He counts me as His enemy;" -- Job 33:10 (NKJV)When I first started going to NBA games, you could buy a last-minute ticket for a seat at half court for less than a movie admission cost, and most of the seats in the stadium were empty.All that changed about the time that Larry Bird and Magic Johnson entered the NBA after an auspicious beginning to their rivalry in the

NCAA Championship game between Indiana State and Michigan in 1978. When the Game Was Ours recaptures the feel of the league then, the histories of the league's two rising superstars, and the evolution of stern competition into grudging respect and friendship. If you lived through that time and watched or attended many of the key games, this book is pure nostalgia. Unfortunately, it doesn't go very much past what was reported at the time. If you are younger or only know today's NBA, you will probably wonder what all the fuss was about. You'll need to look at some games that featured Larry and Magic to understand. In fact, a book is a poor way to introduce what these two men meant to the game for those who don't already know. A video would have told the story better and been a better tribute. At a minimum, it would have been good to include some key game highlights along with the book. The writing is crisp. The details are accurate. The photographs are wonderful. The slant is a well-chosen one. However, I was left unsatisfied. I would have liked to have gone deeper into the nature of the game then and the kinds of keen insights that allowed these two great students of the game to amaze one and all.

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 Dieses Buch ist ein Muss!! Von Philipp Koller
 Dieses Buch ist die Geschichte hinter der Geschichte. Magic Johnson und Larry Bird reflektieren über ihre Karrieren. Jeweils aus der Sicht von Magic und Larry. Die Kapitel sind immer aus der Sicht der beiden geschrieben und befassen sich mit den großen Erlebnissen der beiden, College Championship, NBA, Dream Team, Rücktritt. Für jemanden, der die NBA in den 80ern verfolgt hat ist dieses Buch Pflichtlektüre, für alle anderen Basketballfans empfehlenswert. Man bekommt so eine andere Sicht, auf die Dinge, die man verfolgt hat oder aus Erzählungen kennt.

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 Von Andreas Schaeffer
 Ein alles in allem sehr schön geschriebenes Buch mit vielen Anekdoten und dem ein oder anderen lohnenden Blick hinter die Kulissen der Celtics, Lakers und der NBA.

Kurzbeschreibung From the moment these two players took the court on opposing sides, they engaged in a fierce physical and psychological battle. Their uncommonly competitive relationship came to symbolize the most compelling rivalry in the NBA. These were the basketball epics of the 1980s: Celtics vs. Lakers, East vs. West, physical vs. finesse, Old School vs. Showtime, even white vs. black. Each pushed the other to greatness together. Bird and Johnson collected eight NBA Championships, six MVP awards and helped save the floundering NBA at its most critical time. When it started they were bitter rivals, but along the way they became lifelong friends. With intimate, fly-on-the-wall detail, *When the Game Was Ours* transports readers to this electric era of basketball and reveals for the first time the inner workings of two players dead set on besting one another. From the heady days of trading championships to the darker days of injury and illness, we come to understand Larry's obsessive devotion to winning and how his demons drove him on the court. We hear him talk with candor about playing through chronic pain and its truly exacting toll. In Magic we see a young, invincible star struggle with the sting of defeat, not just as a player but as a team leader. We are there the moment he learns he's contracted HIV and hear in his own words how that devastating news impacted his relationships in basketball and beyond. But always, in both cases, we see them prevail. A compelling, up-close-and-personal portrait of basketball's most inimitable duo, *When the Game Was Ours* is a reevaluation of three decades in counterpoint. It is also a rollicking ride through professional basketball's best times.

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 MAGIC BIRD, BIRD MAGIC really should be the titled *When the Game was Mine* because that is how they went after each other on the court. In *When the Game Was Ours* you will enjoy an exhilarating ride down one of the most competitive rivalries ever.
 Pat Riley "Finally a book that tells the story of Magic and Larry from their vantage point. *When the Game Was Ours* took me inside their fascinating rivalry with new insights and revealing details about two men who evolved from bitter competitors into lifelong friends."
 Denzel Washington "At long last the great book on Bird and Magic their own account, told from behind the scenes, inside huddles, confidential phone conversations, backseats of cars, and most importantly, from their inner hearts. Their book is alive with truth it's a story of brilliance, brilliantly told with the help of prize-winning writer Jackie MacMullan."
 Sally Jenkins, author of *The Real All Americans*, *Funny Cide*, and *It's Not About the Bike* with Lance Armstrong "When *The Game Was Ours* is the ultimate insiders' account of the rivalry, the friendship, the tension and the bond between Bird and Magic that launched the modern NBA. A real treat for all hoops fans."
 Tom Verducci, author with Joe Torre of the #1 New York Times bestseller, *The Yankee Years* "You know that game where you pick a certain number of characters for your favorite dinner party of all time? (The one where you picked Gandhi, Babe Ruth, Li'l Wayne and, who was it, Jenna Jameson?) I just spent a couple of nights with Larry Bird and Magic Johnson in the lyrical *When The Game Was Ours* and they should be in the mix. They're funny, frank, anecdotal and just plain interesting. This book is terrific."
 Leigh Montville, bestselling author of *Ted Williams* and *The Big Bam* "Unprecedented insight and commentary from the stars themselves on their unique relationship, a compelling mixture of bitter rivalry and mutual admiration... Offers a captivating look at the NBA's greatest era." -- Kirkus
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 "A terrific read." -- Sports Illustrated
 "Spectacular." -- Dan Shaughnessy, *The Boston Globe*
 "An unbelievable read." -- *Improper Bostonian*
 "You have to read this book!" -- Conan O'Brien
 "A must-have for any basketball fan." -- Jimmy Kimmel
 "A winner... Deftly explores the relationship between the former NBA

superstars that started at arm's length [and] became a lasting friendship." -- USA Today "Greatness commands our attention . . . uplifting . . . If ever there was a two-man Dream Team, they were it." -- New York Times Book "In MacMullans capable hands, the tale is re-energized . . . a wonderful waltz down memory lane . . . A compelling and enjoyable read, every bit as entertaining as watching Magic and Bird battling on the parquet." Boston Globe "Fascinating . . .The former Boston Globe reporter and columnist masterfully weav[es] the recollections of the two protagonists with those of dozens of observers . . .The book is at its most powerful when it hews close to its premise: the evolution of perhaps sports' greatest rivalry . . . The game of basketball has never been better than when it was theirs." -- Washington Post