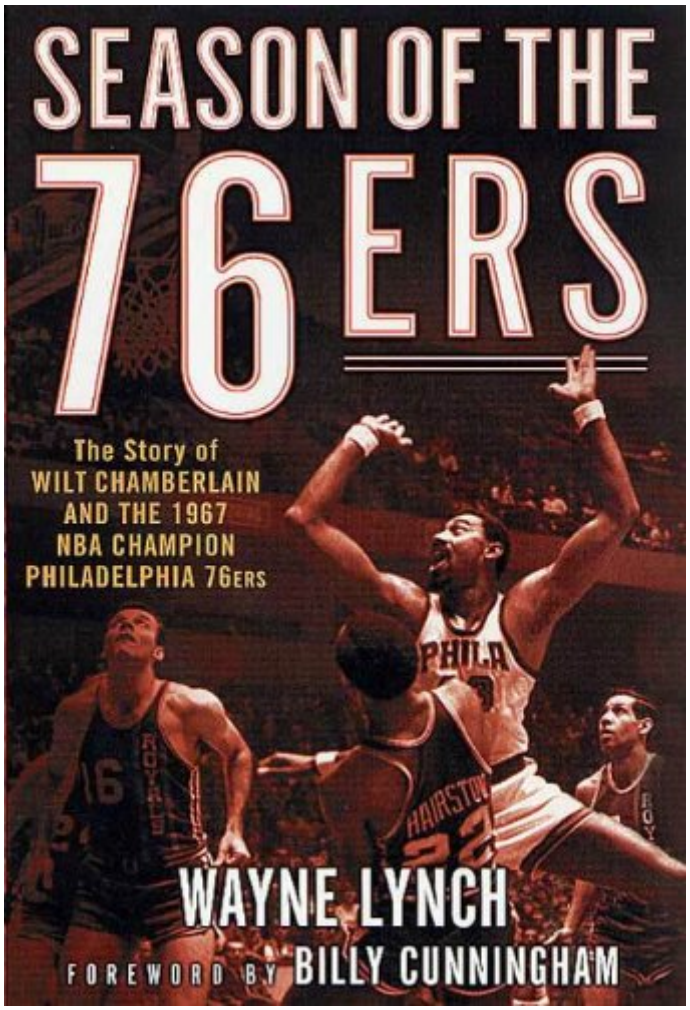
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Synopsis

Destroying a dynasty.That was the mission of Wilt Chamberlain and 1966-67 Philadelphia 76ers.For eight straight years, the Boston Celtics had dominated the National Basketball Association. Each and every season during that stretch, a new NBA championship flag was hoisted to the top of the hallowed Boston Garden. No team had been able to stop them. Nobody thought any team could or would.Season of the 76ers, The Story of Wilt Chamberlain and the 1967 NBA Champion Philadelphia 76ers, chronicles the unprecedented, record-setting championship journey of the team that finally stopped the Celtics and became the new kings of the NBA. It tells the story of the legendary Chamberlain's personal triumph over Boston and their leader, Bill Russell, arch rivals who had annually thwarted Chamberlain's championship dreams and had left him branded a loser.But Chamberlain couldn't defeat the Celtics alone. He was reunited with fiery and focused Coach Alex Hannum, the only NBA coach ever to have beaten Boston for the championship. He was surrounded by the best supporting cast of his career: Hal Greer and Chet Walker, two talented offensive stars transplanted from a bygone NBA franchise; Luke Jackson, the league's first true power forward; Billy Cunningham, a sixth man loaded with instant energy and offense; Wally Jones and Larry Costello, a pair of basketball reclamation projects; and, Matty Guokas and Bill Melchionni, a couple of hometown rookies.Chamberlain remade his game, forsaking his own incredible scoring prowess in favor of handing out assists to teammates. In turn, the 76ers remade basketball history, rocketing to an unmatched 46-4 record out of the gate and not stopping until they reached 68-13, a regular season mark never previously achieved in NBA history--or even imagined back then.The book gives fans a fascinating, month-by-month look at the team's amazing season, a season that also saw Chamberlain pursued by both a rival basketball league and the heavyweight boxing champion of the world. It also recounts in vivid, play-by-play detail one of the most historic playoff series in the annals of the NBA.s20The 76ers battled the Celtics again in a much-anticipated post-season confrontation. But this time the results would be different. Amid chants of "Boston is dead" from the long-suffering, Celtics-hating fans at Philadelphia's Convention Hall, the 76ers won the series quickly and decisively. They went on to defeat sharp-shooting Rick Barry and the San Francisco Warriors for the NBA title.In 1995, the 76ers took their place among the top ten teams in NBA history. Season of the 76ers makes the strong case that they are the best NBA team of all time. Packed with pictures, playoff box scores, and reproductions of the 76ers' championship yearbook, the book is not only the biography of a great team, it is a fun- and fact-filled sports collectible.The NBA's 2001-2002 season marks the 35th anniversary of that special "Season of the 76ers"--a fitting time to relive this team's unforgettable achievements.

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Customer Reviews

Overall, this book held a wealth of information that just isn't available elsewhere without delving through old newspaper. I enjoyed the first eight chapters, as they contain a pretty straightforward recap of the formation of the team, the actual season, and how the team eventually was broken apart. This book only gets three stars from me because of the dismissive way the author speaks of all other basketball teams that have ever existed. The 1966-67 76ers were a great team, and since the author is writing the book, it is his say in the end whether he felt they were the greatest. But the method that he takes to get to that conclusion is specious at best.Also, the author contends that in 1983 the 76ers were the first team to beat Boston in a seventh game in the Boston Garden. Actually, the Knicks were the first team to do this, en route to their second title in 1973.

THIS IS THE STORY OF ONE OF THE MOST DOMINATING TEAMS IN ANY SPORT. THE SIXERS WERE PRACTICALLY UNBEATABLE DURING THEIR INCREDIBLE SEASON OF 66-67. THIS IS A MONTH BY MONTH SUMMARY OF THE HIGHLIGHTS AND EVENTS WHICH

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I ordered this (it’s been 5 years, now) for a big 40th Anniversary party I was throwing for my parents. I ordered several older magazines and books from the era for the guests to browse through.This was a big hit with the sports fans who were at the party.The book was in good shape and it was passed around and looked at a lot.

As a lifelong 76er fan, the 1967 season fulfilled a lifelong dream to win it all. It was total domination for one of the best teams in NBA history.

Not quite as good as I was expecting. A bit laboured and slightly repetitive in parts.

Very good book..especially if you were a 76ers fan or grew up in Philly during that era. It also shows you that Wilt was THE GREATEST basketball player ever!

Condition as advertised and quick delivery of book. Thanks!

OK, I had my doubts reading some of these reviews here but don’t let that sway you. This is a tremendous book. First of all, writing is always better when someone loves their subject and Wayne Lynch is obviously a real fan in love with the Sixers. The first three chapters alone are worth getting this book to learn how the Sixers came to be and to get the scoop on Wilt Chamberlan’s move back to Philly from the Bay Area.The only weak part of the book is the ’66/67 regular season itself as your eyes and brain tend to gloss over that but once the playoffs start, it’s pretty decent reportage. The best part I loved was the comparison to other "great" NBA teams’ seasons. I thought this was spot on and provided plenty of fuel for debate. The post-championship chapter and the stuff on where the players are now plus their bios make this book a tour de force.It’s well worth spending any amount of dough on this as I learned a lot about a team and an era that was just before my time. I was most curious about guys like Hal Greer (whom I never saw play) and Chet Walker (whom I only

knew from his Bulls' days having no idea he had won a title) and learned a lot gaining newfound respect for those NBA greats.

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