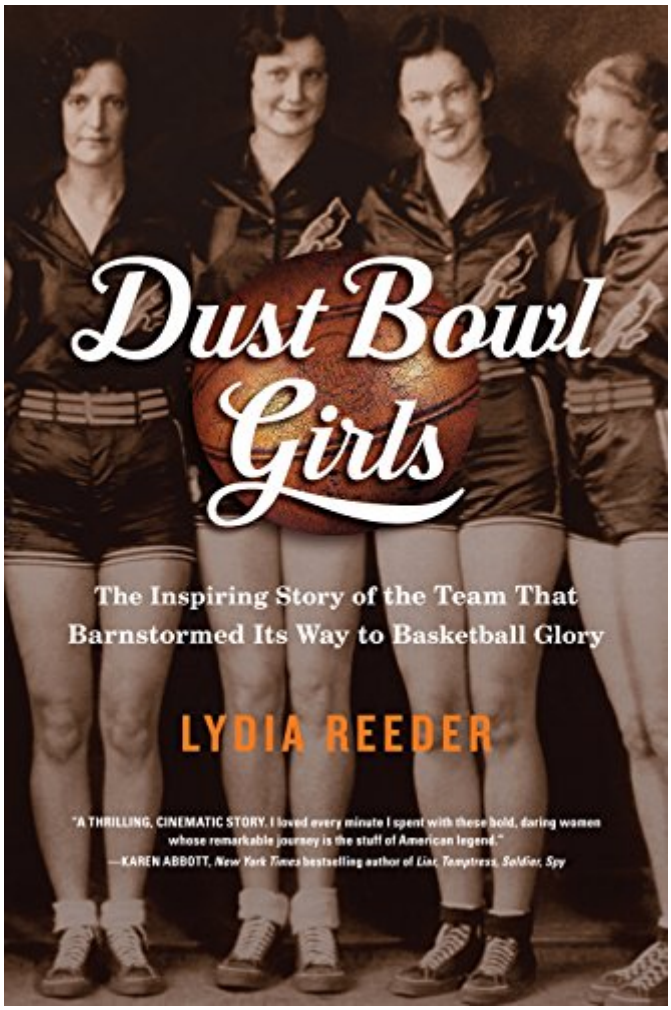
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Dust Bowl Girls: The Inspiring Story Of The Team That Barnstormed Its Way To Basketball Glory



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Synopsis

Ã¢â ¬Å“A thrilling, cinematic story. I loved every minute I spent with these bold, daring women whose remarkable journey is the stuff of American legend.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Karen Abbott, New York Times bestselling author of Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy The Boys in the Boat meets A League of Their Own in this true story of a Depression-era championship womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s team. In the early 1930s, during the worst drought and financial depression in American history, Sam Babb began to dream. Like so many others, this charismatic Midwestern basketball coach wanted a reason to have hope. Traveling from farm to farm near the tiny Oklahoma college where he coached, Babb recruited talented, hardworking young women and offered them a chance at a better life: a free college education in exchange for playing on his basketball team, the Cardinals. Ã Â Despite their fears of leaving home and the sacrifices that their families would face, the women joined the team. And as Babb coached the Cardinals, something extraordinary happened. These remarkable athletes found a passion for the game and a heartfelt loyalty to one another and their coach--and they began to win. Combining exhilarating sports writing and exceptional storytelling, Dust Bowl Girls takes readers on the CardinalsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ intense, improbable journey all the way to an epic showdown with the prevailing national champions, helmed by the legendary Babe Didrikson. Lydia Reeder captures a moment in history when female athletes faced intense scrutiny from influential figures in politics, education, and medicine who denounced womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s sports as unhealthy and unladylike. At a time when a struggling nation was hungry for inspiration, this unlikely group of trailblazers achieved much more than a championship season.

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Very good book with interesting history of women’s basketball. Liked the information about the girl’s daily lives, feelings and their struggles with the hard times of the depression.

Author did a great job of evoking time and place. A really fun read!

I got this for my mom and she absolutely loved this book. She loved the story and now my sister wants to read it!

Really enjoyed the book . Brought back memories of playing basketball on half court like they did and that was in early 40ies. How lucky we are today , no cows to milk, cotton to hoe,etc. Hope future generations will know about the depression and drought and how strong their ancestors were .

I am always interested in "forgotten heros" - this book tells the story of a group of girls that made history and played basketball during a time when it was not the norm for young women to go to college and play sports. I am so glad their story is being revived. If you enjoy women’s sports, basketball or like me, just learning about people who history has "forgotten" you will enjoy the story of the Cardinal Basketball team.This is the true story of a group of people that found a way to overcome adversity and improve lives during a dreary time in history - the dust bowl.

An interesting story, especially since Doll was my aunt. Was born during and in the dust bowl period in Oklahoma, and little except fiction has been written about that period.

Loved the book especially because it was factual! History and sports just can’t be beat. My husband

read it, too, and thoroughly enjoyed it!

Fantastic history and sports writing all in one shot. I hope other books by this author are as well written as this one

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