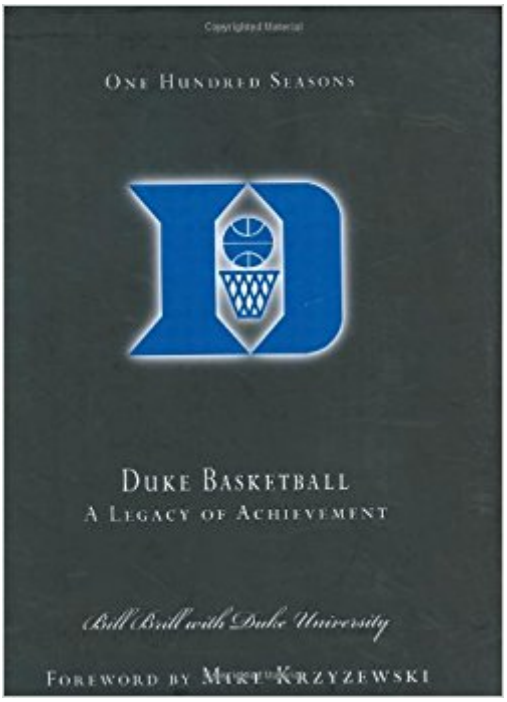
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100 Seasons Of Duke Basketball: A Legacy Of Achievement



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Synopsis

No college in America has dominated the basketball scene over the past 20 years like Duke has. The Blue Devils have been to 10 Final Fours under Coach Mike Krzyzewski, winning the national championship three times. They played in five consecutive Final Fours and for four consecutive years finished the season ranked number one in the country. Duke won five consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference championships through 2003, and since 1986, the Blue Devils have had six national players of the year. No other school has had more than one. As Duke enters its 100th season of basketball, it will be the 25th year for Hall of Fame coach Krzyzewski. He has been honored 12 times as national Coach of the Year and is acknowledged as the top man in his profession. Duke has had numerous other famous basketball names, including coaches such as Vic Bubas and Eddie Cameron and All-Americans Dick Groat, Art Heyman, and Jeff Mullins. The Blue Devils play in Cameron Indoor Stadium, which has become a basketball shrine. The vociferous student body, the Cameron Crazies, camp out before home games in a tent city they call Krzyzewski-ville. From the first game in 1906 through yet another Final Four appearance following the 2003-04 season, 100 Years of Duke Basketball provides fans with an insider’s look at Duke basketball and the people who have made it a national legend.

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Customer Reviews

Bill Brill is a veteran journalist who has been watching Duke play basketball since his freshman year in 1948. He previously wrote Duke Basketball: An Illustrated History in 1986 and A Season is a Lifetime in 1992 with Mike Krzyzewski. Sports editor of The Roanoke (Virginia) Times for 30 years, Brill is a member of the U.S. Basketball Writers Hall of Fame, as well as the Duke Sports Hall of

Fame and the Commonwealth of Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. He has covered all but three Final Fours since 1962, more than any other writer. Brill lives in Durham, North Carolina.

great gift for any Duke alum

If you enjoy ACC basketball this book is indispensable.

It arrived right on time! A tad dissipointed because the brand new book has a small tear but nothing major.

Let me state right off that I am a Duke alum and continuing fan of Duke and the program. I am drawn towards any and all books on Duke and ACC basketball, so I was quite excited when I saw this book came out. But also in that context, I was overall disappointed with this particular book.Pros:- Nice looking coffee table book- Lots of stats in the back (assuming they can be trusted - see below)- Nice photographs, not the usual ones you see in the regular media.- Several good sidebars on specific Duke moments and items.- As good a job as I've read on the early Duke years (pre-Bubas).Cons:- Inaccuracies. Some big, some small. For example, most every Duke fan should know that Laettner hit the shot against Kentucky with 2.1 seconds on the clock, not 2.5 seconds as was written in the book. Despite whose fault this was, (writer, editor, copy, etc.), it is a quite obvious error. This error and others found bring into question the stats in the back. I would not use this book as a reference, rather just go to Goduke.com.- Detail of some inconsequential items, no mention of others. Having lived and died through all of the seasons over the past 30 years, I can recall several big games over the seasons that were not covered whatsoever. For example, no mention of the 3OT thriller against Clemson in Cameron at the end of the 81-82 season (Vince Taylor's last game).- Glossing over some of the big Duke lowlights. Hey, I'm as big a a homer for Duke as anyone, but I did expect to see more in detail of the lower moments. For example, there were only a few lines on the UNLV fiasco in 1990. IMHO understanding these moments and how Duke for decades just could not get over the hump makes the past 15 years even more celebratory for Duke.- I found the rationalizing of Duke's all-white team not being as racist as the Kentucky all-white team that lost to Texas Western (UTEP) in the '66 final a bit insulting. Brill writes that it was probably UK coach Adoph Rupp that made that game bigger than it was. This is nonsense, it was a white southern team playing a black team, and history would have likely treated Duke similarly to UK. Facing facts, Duke even tried to hire Rupp later on.- The book simply ends "cold" after the 2002-03

season. There is no epilogue, no summary. The text just simply ends and goes to the stats. This is perhaps the biggest example of several points where occasionally there is simply not good flow to the book. It might be good to mention that the book *starts* with the 2003-04 season.- There is no pointed focus on the Duke-Carolina rivalry. Of course, this has been a strong focus of Duke basketball since the 60's, but not much was written directly about the rivalry itself.- Lastly, I have read Brill's work from links on Dukebasketballreport.com, and they are fine as sports reporting in a daily paper. However, this whole book is written just like a game report in the paper. The sentence structure is short and choppy. Flow is sometimes poor as I have noted. With all due respect, this does not compare well to the eloquence of John Feinstein, Frank Deford, or other major sports writers.I wish it were not so, but I felt that the negatives of this book outweighed the positives. Buy it only if you must.If you are looking for a good Duke book and have not read it, get Forever's Team by Feinstein.

In 1905, the coach at Wake Forest proposed that his basketball team play the team from Duke (then called Trinity). Duke didn't have a team, so they organized one, practiced for three weeks and hosted the visiting Wake Forest team. Duke lost 24-10. Thus began the legend.This book covers that game in some detail, and then covers the coaches and players that have created the legacy. This is an unabashed feel good book. The author has been watching Duke basketball since his freshman year of 1948. This is his third book on Duke basketball. He is a member of the U.S. Basketball writers Hall of Fame.

No one, with the possible exception of Mike Krzyzewski, understands and appreciates Duke basketball like Bill Brill. He attended Duke as a student, and as a journalist covered each of the Blue Devils' 14 Final Four appearances. His insight and passion are obvious in his writing, whether he's chronicling old-timers from his era, or hip-hoppers from the 21st century. This book makes an ideal holiday gift, not only for Duke fanatics, but also anyone who applauds excellence in college athletics.

I worked for Bill Brill for 15 years. Not only is he the ranking authority on Duke history; he's the guy I ask when I want to know what's happening with the program right now. He's my kind of writer; he's informative and readable.

Great book except the book sleeve and even the hard cover underneath were very marked up. The

pages looked perfect, but the cover looked quite beat up.

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