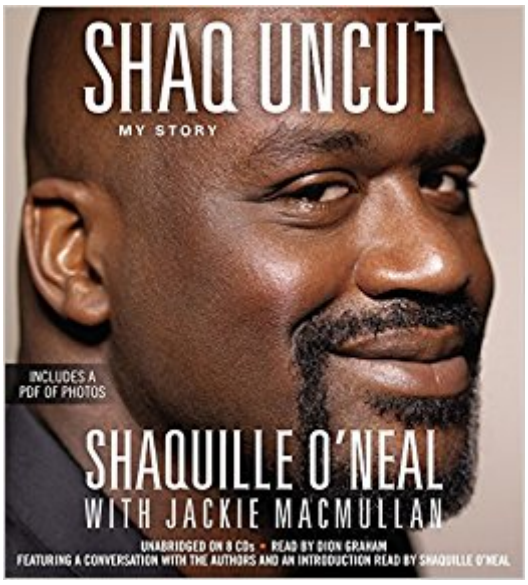
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Synopsis

Superman. Diesel. The Big Aristotle. Shaq Fu. The Big Daddy. The Big Shaqtus. Wilt Chamberneezy. The Real Deal. The Big Shamrock. Shaq.You know him by any number of names, and chances are you know all about his legendary basketball career: Shaquille "Shaq" O'Neal is a four-time NBA champion and a three-time NBA Finals MVP. After being an All-American at Louisiana State University, he was the overall number one draft pick in the NBA in 1992. In his 19-year career, Shaq racked up 28,596 career points (including 5,935 free throws!), 13,099 rebounds, 3,026 assists, 2,732 blocks, and 15 All-Star appearances.These are statistics that are almost as massive as the man himself. His presence-both physically and psychologically-made him a dominant force in the game for two decades.But if you follow the game, you also know that there's a lot more to Shaquille O'Neal than just basketball.Shaq is famous for his playful, and at times, provocative personality. He is, literally, outsize in both scale and persona. Whether rapping on any of his five albums, challenging celebrities on his hit television show "Shaq Vs.," studying for his PhD or serving as a reserve police officer, there's no question that Shaq has led a unique and multi-dimensional life. And in this rollicking new autobiography, Shaq discusses his remarkable journey, including his candid thoughts on teammates and coaches like Kobe Bryant, Dwyane Wade, LeBron James, Phil Jackson, and Pat Riley.From growing up in difficult circumstances and getting cut from his high school basketball team to his larger-than-life basketball career, Shaq lays it all out in SHAQ UNCUT: MY STORY.

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Customer Reviews

Shaq was the most unique player in the history of the NBA. He was bigger than life in every way. The dominant game, the dominant personality, his work behind the scenes for charity...nobody has done more for our game than Shaq. (Hall of Famer Larry Bird)Shaq was more confident in his skin than anyone else of his stature. There's a warmth to him that is unmistakable. At the same time, he was the scariest player I've ever seen. He was that dominant. I've had a number of great relationships with great players, but he's the one who will always stand out in my mind. (Hall of Famer Jerry West)He's the most dominant player I've ever seen. His presence, his physicality, his size and his speed made him an athletic phenomenon. He could run, he could move, he had unbelievable hands and he never got enough credit for being a great passer. He was one of a kind. (Boston Celtics head coach Doc Rivers)Shaq's a wonderful person and he's been one of the greatest players ever. He understood the game; dealing with the fans, dealing with the press. .. Great, great player, a great, great personality. (Hall of Famer Charles Barkley)What a career for Shaq Diesel!! The most dominating force to ever play the game. Great person to be around as well. Comedy all the time!! (LeBron James, via Twitter)He's a giant. He's physically imposing; he has an imposing smile. In the game, he imposed his will, and he has done it for quite a long time. It's been a great run here, and we're going to miss him greatly. We hope we can find ways to keep him involved in the game. (NBA Commissioner David Stern) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Shaquille O'Neal is listed as 7'1" and weighs 325 lbs. He's a four time NBA champion, television star, musical artist and renaissance man. He currently plays for the Boston Celtics. Bestselling author Jackie MacMullan is considered the nation's leading writer on basketball. Her last book When the Game was Ours by Magic Johnson and Larry Bird was a major bestseller for Houghton, Mifflin. Jackie is a constant presence on ESPN and was a long-time columnist for Sports Illustrated and the Boston Globe.

I enjoyed reading the book. Shaq is honest about his feelings about people and situations. He openly talked about some of his fellow NBA players such as DWade, Kobe, LJames, etc. It's interesting to hear what the real reasons are as compared to what you hear thru the media including NBA commentators. I agree with Shaq that a NBA player's success shouldn't be just based on how many championship rings you have. After all, it's not like golf where you're playing by yourself. You need a good situation such as another great player or two, and a very good coach and owner and GM that are supportive. Shaq and Kobe, MJ and Pippen, the big three in Miami, the big three/four in

Boston, etc. And the supporting players need to be basketball smart as Shaq noted and hit the open shots. Shaq has a full life coming from a very poor beginning. A nice, success story.

This was a fantastic book describing Shaquille O'neals life from start to finish. I must say that even though his father was extremely tough on him as a child, he made sure Shaq stayed on the right path. His father was a funny guy as well as you will discover during the beginning stages of this book. This book also changed some of my views on Kobe Bryant because I realized their relationship wasn't as dramatic as the mainstream media made it out to be. It was far from perfect but you need to read the book in order to understand that statement. I also respect the fact that Shaq has always dedicated himself to giving back to his community. Check it out.

Shaq is one of the most interesting characters in the game's history, and this book provided great insight into his career and his thought process as he went through each journey. And although some may not like this, it seems to stay very true to Shaq's writing rather than an editor's. This means there are grammar and spelling errors here and there, and the organization could use some work, but personally I appreciate the feeling that this is Shaq's account, and not an indirect interpretation. It's very easy to hear his voice in the writing, which overall makes for an entertaining and interesting read.

I decided to buy this book for two reasons: I followed most of Shaq's career as a pro closely, and I'm a Jackie MacMullan fan. Because of Jackie's excellent previous book on Magic and Bird, I had my expectations very high for this one. It's a first person account, it is written like Shaq would tell it so very informal, and it's pretty short. It was ok for me reading it while waiting for my flight and/or waiting for my visa interview, but I don't recommend it.

Shaq is one of the most charismatic athletes in history. He has always been the type of person to do things simply because he wants to, never being scared of looking silly. He goes into that side of his life in this book, but he also touches on deeper things. He describes his relationships with a few of his teammates and as you can imagine, they weren't always great. You can tell his parents have had a great influence on him throughout his life and he proudly speaks on that. Shaq's biggest quality has never been his talent on the basketball court, or the fact that he can make people laugh in many different ways. His biggest quality is definitely his good heart and it's easy to see why so many people love him. This book is great read as you will get an inside look into Shaquille's world.

Shaq has excellent insights into his own issues. Most people don't or won't admit to them. He always appeared, to me, to have a good, calm, forgiving spirit about him. And that was demonstrated during his playing years because he did not retaliate against the players who thought he was just a big punching bag without feelings.And there were some announcers who thought and said because he is BIG, he did not feel the punches he received. What a lazy way to think!

This was a fun read! I could hear Shaq reading it to me the whole time!

My daughter met him in NY. In this book he is just as she described him. A wonderful person.

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