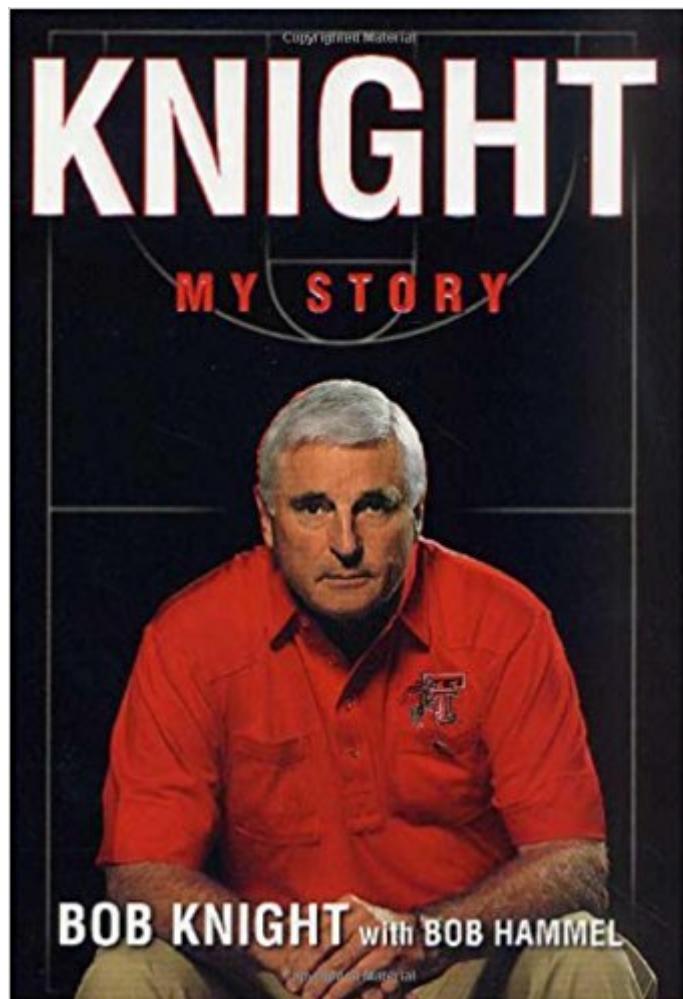


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Knight: My Story



Synopsis

Bob Knight was a head coach in college basketball at twenty-four, coach of an unbeaten NCAA champion at thirty-five, coach of the last amateur team to win the Olympic men's basketball gold medal at forty-three, and out of a job at not quite sixty. His shock, disappointment and anger over Indiana University's manner of firing a twenty-nine-year employee comes through clearly in his account of his last turbulent year there. And it is his account. Few people in sports have had more books written about them. This is the first by Bob Knight - one of the most literate, candid, quoted and outspoken men in American public life telling in this first-person account of his full, rich life. Much of that life has been in basketball, most of it because of basketball, but it also has brought him forward as a coach who has proved academic responsibility and production of championship college athletic teams not only can co-exist but should. His excitement as things start anew for him at Texas Tech is matched here by his characteristic frankness and remarkable recollection of a life he clearly has enjoyed. You'll see why, as he tells story after story - some delightful, some hilarious, some poignant, none of them dull. Knight, as a sophomore front-line reserve on the Ohio State team that won the NCAA championship, became the first man to play on and coach a championship team when he led his 1975-76 Indiana team to a 32-0 season that was capped by an 86-68 victory over Michigan in the NCAA championship game at Philadelphia. His Indiana teams in 1980-81 and 1986-87 also won NCAA titles, making him one of just four coaches in history to win as many as three championships. Twenty-six years later, the 1975-76 Indiana team still stands as the last unbeaten team in major- college men's basketball. Knight's coaching career includes six seasons at Army, where his teams - during the years when the Vietnam War made recruiting for West Point difficult - won 102 games and lost 50. He is one of five coaches who have won seven hundred games, and the only coach whose teams have won championships in the NCAA tournament, the National Invitation Tournament, the Olympic Games and the Pan American Games. During all that he has been at the heart of more controversies while running a winning and squeaky-clean program than any coach of any sport any time or anywhere. His excitement as things start anew for him is matched here by his candor and remarkable recollection of a life he clearly has enjoyed. You'll see why, with story after story - some delightful, some hilarious, some poignant, none of them dull: the story of Bob Knight's life.

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Knight was the basketball coach of Indiana University for 29 years before being fired in September 2000. Because of his fiery some would say uncontrollable temper, Knight has acquired many critics over the years, but he was a hero in Indiana, where his teams had many winning years, including an undefeated season in 1975-1976. With Knight's colorful background, it's surprising that the coach has delivered a mostly colorless autobiography. After excruciating detail about his days as a high school and college basketball player, Knight bogs down his story with dry recitations of the highlights of virtually every team he coached. And to demonstrate that he is not some rogue figure, Knight goes to great lengths to describe the many friendships he has developed over the years. The combative Knight does not emerge until he begins discussing his firing. In Knight's view, his termination was the result of the personal agenda of Indiana University president Myles Brand. Brand's determination to remove Knight was hardened by the national media, which Knight is convinced was out to destroy him. Knight, in turn, loathed most people in the media (among the exceptions is sportswriter and coauthor Hammel). As an autobiography, Knight's book is disappointing; however, college hoops fans can learn more about the game from this book than from most instructional guides. (Mar.) Forecast: The book is due out just as "March Madness" begins, and the surprising success of Texas Tech (which Knight has turned into a Top 25 team) should only heighten interest in Knight. The book's publication coincides with ESPN's release of its movie, *A Year on the Brink*, which is based on John Feinstein's bestselling book and stars Brian Dennehy. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

From college basketball star to a 29-year stint as Indiana University's basketball coach to a very public dismissal from that position in Knight's own words. Copyright 2001 Reed Business

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Fantastic book. This gives you really inside into coach nights life career and his last few months at Indiana University. Is firing and final few months was a complete disgrace from the University and Bob Hamilton does a great job and revealing this coach night is an awesome guy and a wonderful coach and the University suffered over there the next few years because of his loss

I am not a basketball fan of any level. My personal library consists of hundreds of baseball books, but less than five basketball books. I have heard about Coach Knight and his alleged abusive treatment of players, and expected a book laced with profanities. I was pleasantly surprised with the very minimal amount of swearing the book contained. I have no doubt that Coach Knight has the best interests of his players in mind in giving their best efforts whether it be on the basketball floor, in the classroom, or in any other employment they may be involved in. A number of very respected people in many walks of life are Coach Knight supporters. Ted Williams, Mark McGuire, and Tony LaRussa are among those from the world of baseball who respect him for what he does. Coach Knight admits that remaining in Indiana after the administration changed was a mistake, but when you are dedicated in your work, and you have been at a school (Indiana) for as long as he was, it isn't easy to just pick up and leave. Sometimes adversity can be a blessing in disguise, and his firing at Indiana and eventual hiring at Texas Tech turned out well for him. When the administration doesn't support you it is time to move on. Coach Knight's love of his work and dedication to Indiana made the decision a difficult one for him and the administration ended up making it for him. As I said, I am not a basketball fan, but I came away with a greater understanding and respect for Coach Knight after reading this book. If you are relying on the opinions of others in judging Coach Knight, you owe it to yourself to hear his version regarding his life and years of coaching. All of the controversial incidents coloring his career are dealt with from his point of view, and it is only fair to hear him out in regard to these cases. This book will be a permanent addition to my library.

This is a must read for anyone that loves the game of basketball not just Indiana fans. Mr Knight is very thorough regarding his teams and his coaching style through the years. My only regret concerning this book is that there isn't a lot of detail about the time Larry Bird spent on his squad. I loved this book and had an extremely hard time putting it down at night.

Fans of the General will love this personal account of his life and career. Older readers will

specifically be delighted by Knight's references to basketball royalty of yesteryear. Younger readers will enjoy his candor. A great read for fans young and old; critics best stay away. It won't change anyone's opinion of the polarizing figure..

This is Coach Knight's statement on what really happened to him and to the athletic department while he there. It is a different story than what the media portrays - - and frankly, I trust Knight far more than the media. It's a good read!

Excellent book!

Great book!! If you love the game of basketball, you need to read this book. No matter what you think of the man, he has great insight and respect for the game of basketball.

Bobby truly has a vast knowledge of motivation and success. But his temper shows through in this too often.

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