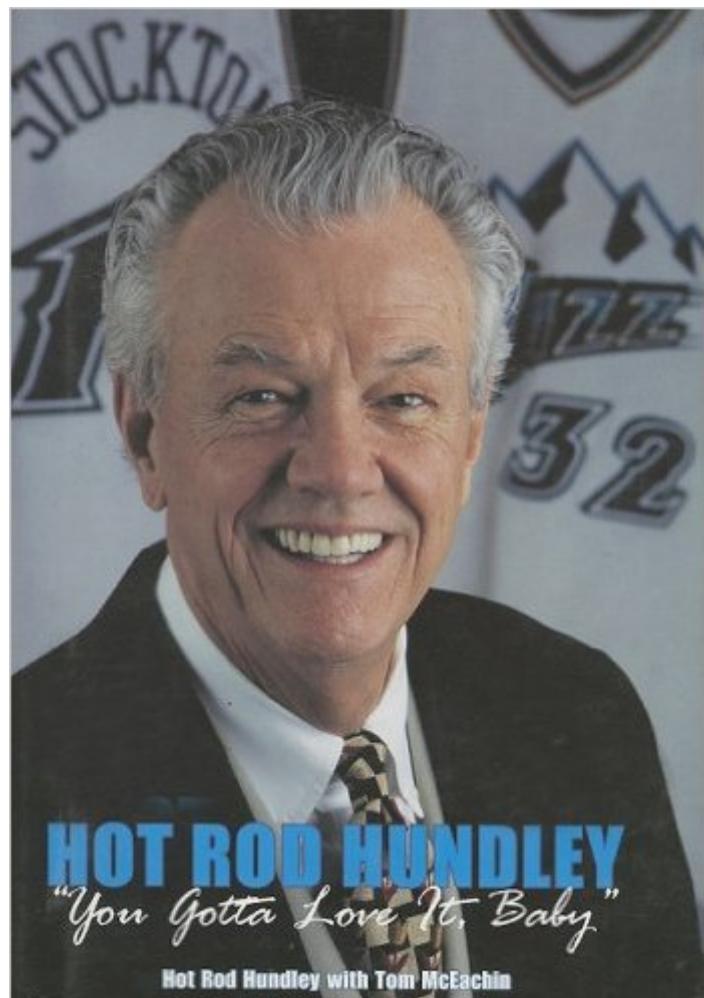


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# Hot Rod Hundley: You Gotta Love It Baby!



## **Synopsis**

Rod Hundley announces Jazz games on radio, TV, and cable and he has the unique distinction of being the only announcer in Jazz history. His broadcasting career includes stints with the New Orleans Jazz, Los Angeles Lakers, and the Phoenix Suns.

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Hot Rod Hundley was the first player drafted in the 1957 NBA draft. He played six years for the Lakers in Minneapolis and Los Angeles. Following his playing career, Hot Rod has remained active in the sport. He is currently the play by play announcer for the Utah Jazz. Since 1957, he has seen or played with or against almost every great NBA player. In his book, which is basically his basketball autobiography, Hundley analyzes the game and its great and not so great players. Hot Rod Hundley was a showy basketball player; he was fancy and "cool" long before they became essentials in the professional game. His writing is much the same as his game was. His book is a good interesting read. His style is both conversational and informative. He gives his opinions freely and unhesitantly. He can be lavish with his praise and unsparing with his criticism. If you are a basketball fan or a Hot Rod Hundley fan, you will enjoy this book.

This is a refreshing and amusing book about a man who has made the NBA a more entertaining place for the basketball fan. You do not have to be a Rod Hundley fan, a Utah Jazz fan, or even a basketball fan to enjoy his opinions and experiences. From his troubled childhood to his golden years, Hundley speaks his mind in a fresh and honest manner. The effort put in by McEachin to edit

and organize 60 years of Hundley's stories and anecdotes is obvious, and the result is a thoroughly enjoyable book.

I enjoyed this book because I like reading about how the NBA developed. Many of the players and even certain games Rod. mentions I was able to witness. In fact, one of my favorite questions when talking about basketball is. Did you know Indiana had three teams in the NBA all at one time? The nation's basketball capitol had teams in Ft. Wayne,(Pistons), Indianapolis (Olympians) and in Anderson,(Packers). I saw games there and have fond memories of those games. Thanks to Rod for bringing to life again many of those famous players. Frankie Brian, who played for Ft. Wayne, was one of my favorite players and I talked to him on the phone a few years ago. He told me he still shoots a 100 free throws a day! I also had a letter from my favorite player, Paul Arizin. These players and others are mentioned in my book Growing Up in Indiana: The Culture & Hoosier Hysteria Revisited which any true basketball fan might enjoy reading. Hot Rod's book is well worth reading if you like stories with the NBA as a main focus. I remember seeing him play and he is a credit to the sport..

The book is fun for basketball fans and it was especially fun for me graduating from high school with Hot Rod and knowing of the other stars. The writing is okay. The book binding was not ok. It broke and an entire section came loose.

THIS IS A BOOK BY ROD HUNDLEY EX NBA PLAYER AND BROADCASTER. I FOUND HIS BOOK TO BE VERY INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING. ROD WAS QUITE A CHARACTER AND A CROWD PLEASER. I REALLY ENJOYED HIS STORIES CONCERNING HIS EARLY LIFE AND CAREER WITH THE LAKERS. ROD THEN TURNED TO BROADCASTING WHEN HIS CAREER ENDED. I ALSO ENJOYED HIS MANY STORIES CONCERNING HIS BROADCASTING CAREER BUT GOT TIRED OF HEARING HOW GREAT JOHN STOCKTON AND KARL MALONE WERE. OVERALL THIS IS A VERY NICE READ FOR ALL LAKER, WEST VIRGINIA, JAZZ AND NBA FANS

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