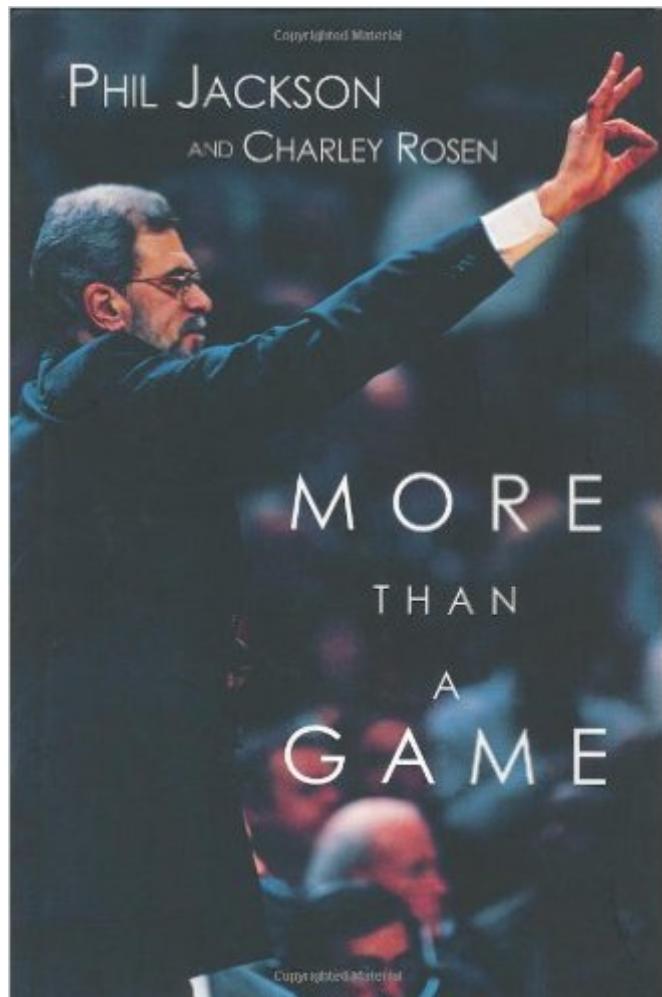


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More Than A Game



Synopsis

More than a Game is the odyssey of Jackson's journey "from New York Knick and world champion, to CBA coach, to six-time Chicago Bulls world champion, to this year's L.A. Lakers world champion" and the lessons in leadership he learned each step of the way. It is the tale of Rosen's journey as well, carrying the torch for the game of basketball through careers as star college player, CBA coach, and preeminent novelist of the game. It is also the story of the system Jackson coaches, the powertriangle, as put forth by Lakers assistant coach Tex Winter. The triangle can be understood as a philosophy of basketball and life "one that values role players almost as much as star players, and where fundamentals rule. More Than a Game is also a story of the friendship between Jackson and Rosen, forged in the sacred brotherhood of the hoop.

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Customer Reviews

This is a good book to read, but I wouldn't consider it a complete autobiography of Phil Jackson. This book primarily covers the 1999-2000 season where Phil coached the Lakers to their first title since '88. There is very little about his tenure with the Bulls which is why I say that Bulls fans will be disappointed when they read it. And then it switches over from Charley Rosen writing to Phil writing and back and forth. On the positive for Lakers fans, Phil goes into great detail on how he brought a dysfunctional Laker team together and took them to the promised land.

Wow. I just finished reading "More Than A Game" and loved every damn page of it. I initially bought this book simply because I am a huge Jackson fan, but I ended up enjoying Charley Rosen's

chapters just as much. I will definitely be reading more of his work in the future as a result of reading this book. This is an insightful, funny book that is very difficult to put down. Taking a look at their love for the game of basketball, Jackson and Rosen do an excellent job of showing the importance of finding beauty, selflessness, and transcendence in any job that one may have. They are very candid in their writing, which I appreciated as a reader. The book also contains a glossary and charts which explain the different plays and systems they describe in the book - including Tex Winter's triangle offense. For someone who has never coached a team, these made all the difference in the world to me as I read the book. I would highly recommend this book to anyone. Period. This book is about so much more than basketball, which I suppose is what makes the title so fitting.

MET PHIL JACKSON IN CHICAGO & MET MICHAEL JORDAN ON THE SAME NIGHTMY HEART WAS BEATING SO FAST, I COULD BARELY BREATHE***IT WAS MORE THAN A GAME THAT NIGHT***IT WAS A FANTASY NIGHT***IT WAS ON MY DAUGHTER'S LIST OF THINGS SHE WANTED TO DO BEFORE SHE DIED WAS TO SEE THE CHICAGO BULLS PLAY***WE HAD NO IDEA WERE GOING TO HAVE 4th ROW SEATS & BE ABLE TO READ DENNIS RODMAN'S TATOOS***AFTER THE GAME, WE GOT TO THEIR SWEATY HANDS& GET THEIR AUTOGRAPHS****(YES, THEY BEAT WASHINGTON)***PHIL JACKSON IS ONE MAN WHO WAS BORN TO BE A COACH***

FANTASTIC BOOK - the story of LIFE and COACHING WAY of PHIL JACKSON and His best FRIEND Charley ROSEN. This is a book of FRIENDSHIP, of LOVE addressed to BASKETBALL, this is a very credible source of information concerned NBA and profi Basketball, this is a book of maturity, professionalism a way life of PHIL JACKSON maybe the most inspiring COACH in a history of SPORT (not only Basketball). I am former basketball player (academic level) and coach of juniors team, this book is a great inspiration in my own way of coaching . THANKS a lot PHIL & CHARLEY

The book meanders around several themes - Phil's youth in the game, the Triangle Offense, Phil's coaching career prior to the Bulls, his Lakers first coaching season, and Charley's experiences throughout. While these are each interesting topics, the format of alternating authors each chapter, as well as a timeline that seem to jump around (because the Bulls years are skipped and it only hits one year with the Lakers), destroyed much of the cohesiveness. It is somewhat repetitive to the history as relayed in *Sacred Hoops* but not quite a sequel. The best parts of this one were Phil's

candor throughout and the extensive information on the Triangle offense.

More than a Game is one of those books that is entertaining and interesting, but only applies to a certain type of people. Coaches and basketball enthusiasts will enjoy this book, but you should pass if you don't particularly like the sport of basketball. Phil Jackson, former coach of the Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago Bulls, gives insight into the strategic world of basketball, from the past to the present. Charlie Rosen, a former college player, coauthors the book. However, More than a Game is focused more on Phil Jackson. The book shows the background of two talented, intelligent basketball players from different regions-- Charlie from the city, and Phil from the country. They mesh perfectly as a dynamic duo. This book also gives insight to the formation of the Triangle offense, something that has perplexed the basketball audience for years. This is a great read for anyone who followed the Chicago Bulls and/or Los Angeles Lakers championship years. The glossary and play diagrams at the end of the book are helpful and descriptive. A minor basketball fan could understand the book, but only a coach or basketball intellectual could truly enjoy it. More than a Game is a good book if you enjoy basketball and admire the genius of Phil Jackson, but like I said, it's not for everyone.

I enjoy basketball but my knowledge of the players and game is moderate. If I were a basketball fanatic or a die hard Lakers fan, I'd probably give this book five stars. But for me, it was just too detailed about players and events, and didn't hold my interest. I found Roland Lazenby's Mindgames much more readable and entertaining, even though I got tired of reading about the conflicts Bulls' VP Jerry Krause had with Jackson, Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen (scattered throughout 100 pages of the 400 page book). Lazerby's book is an unofficial biography of Jackson which covers his years in Chicago and his first year with LA. I very much enjoyed reading Jackson's Sacred Hoops, which looks at his philosophy of coaching.

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