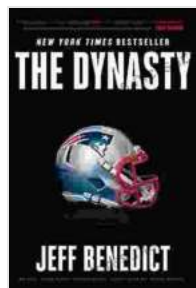


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The Los Angeles Lakers are one of the most successful teams in sports history, having won 17 NBA championships. But their dynasty in the 1980s was something special. Led by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson, and Larry Bird, the Lakers won five championships in a nine-year span.

Jeff Benedict's *The Dynasty* is an engrossing chronicle of this era. Benedict, a former sportswriter for the New York Times, has spent years researching the Lakers dynasty, and he has interviewed dozens of players, coaches, and executives. The result is a book that is both informative and entertaining.

Benedict begins his book with the Lakers' acquisition of Abdul-Jabbar in 1975. Abdul-Jabbar was one of the greatest players in the NBA, but he was

also a difficult personality. Benedict does a great job of capturing Abdul-Jabbar's complex character, and he shows how his arrival in Los Angeles changed the Lakers' franchise.

In 1979, the Lakers drafted Magic Johnson with the first overall pick. Johnson was a dynamic point guard who quickly became one of the most popular players in the NBA. Benedict chronicles Johnson's rise to stardom, and he shows how Johnson's leadership helped the Lakers win their first championship in 1980.

The Lakers' rivalry with the Boston Celtics was one of the greatest in NBA history. Benedict devotes a chapter to this rivalry, and he provides a fascinating look at the two teams' on-court and off-court battles.

The Lakers' dynasty came to an end in 1989 when Johnson announced that he had tested positive for HIV. Benedict covers this difficult period in great detail, and he shows how Johnson's diagnosis affected his teammates and the entire NBA.

The Dynasty is a must-read for any fan of basketball or sports history. Benedict's meticulous research and captivating storytelling bring this era to life, and he provides a fascinating look at one of the most successful teams in sports history.

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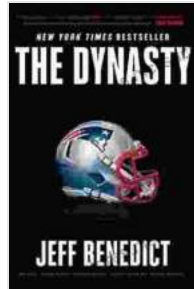
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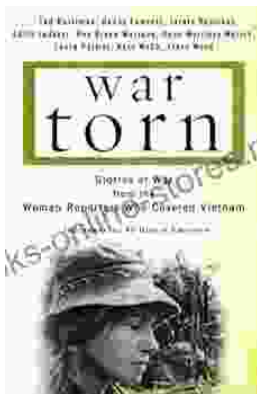
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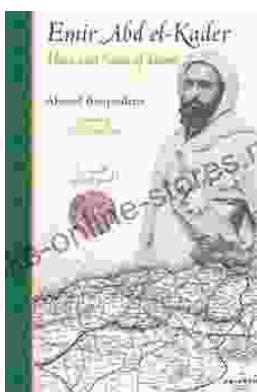
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