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LeBron James is a six-foot-eight gift from the basketball heavens. He was the undisputed finest high school player in America. He was the one NBA scouts drooled over, corporations dreamed of, event promoters begged for, and now fans clamor after. Never before had a high school basketball player been so highly touted or an eighteen-year-old athlete been the subject of such fascination. Maybe no basketball player in the world has had that level of attention.

Now with the Cleveland Cavaliers, LeBron has become a certified NBA all-star. Love him or hate him, there is no denying that LeBron James is a force on the basketball court, and his rags to riches story is the stuff that dreams are made of.

Ryan Jones has updated his smash hit book *King James* to incorporate everything that is LeBron: the controversy, the star power, the shoes, the cars, the hobnobbing with the world's most famous celebrities, and, of course, the game. This is a book for every fan of LeBron James and for anybody interested in reading about an NBA legend in the making.

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Jose says

This book was very hard to put down once I started to read it. Especially because it's about basketball which is my favorite sport. It was intriguing to me to read about one of the best basketball players of all time, LeBron James, and how the hype was true. The hype that he really was and still is that good of a basketball player.

"And as far as LeBron," he continued, "you could always see that even as a young kid...he always wanted to be in the gym. He always wanted to learn" (Jones 26).

This quote shows a lot about LeBron and the type of person he is. This quote displays that besides the fact that he was young, he formed his identity of being the best player by applying himself in the gym even with the numerous negative influences that he was surrounded by on the daily basis. LeBron grew up with no real father figure just his mother raising him. LeBron looked up to his coaches and mentors in his life as his father figures. LeBron shaped his identity and who he was at a young age. He was always determined and hard working and made some crucial decisions that led to his success. He played both football and basketball in high school but at one point he decided it was time to focus on basketball and time to put in the hard work full time just on basketball and stopped playing football. As soon as this happened he became a star. He had all the fame, People asking him for autographs, he went to all the top basketball camps, he was ranked nationally in the top ten. The one thing people don't give LeBron credit for these days is even though he is athletically gifted he had to work hard for what all of those things it wasn't just handed to him. He was and still is one of the hardest working basketball players.

I recommend this book to people who like basketball and LeBron James. Not only do I recommend it to people who like basketball but to people who play sports in general. It's a great read and I feel that everyone will enjoy it!

Joe Da says

A story about a man who was born in Arkon Ohio living in the ghetto growing up. Lebron James is one of the best in the NBA top 5 players. His story shows us to work hard and things will pay off for you. Even if you get caught in a scandal.

The story takes place in Arkon Ohio where the fab 4 was started when they where in the 6th graded they started to play on a travel basketball team that was formed by Dru father it was a AAU ball. They started at the slavation army gym on Maple street. Fab 4 was made up of Dru,Lebron,Sian,Willie there travel ball team name was the shooting star right away they all had good chemistry and became from strangers to best friends that where at eachothers house every weekend and spending the night. They didnt have alot of money so they has to start a fundraiser to get all the stuff they needed. There first big touranment was in Florida and they finished in second place better then anyone thought they would.

Then Lebron got into a scandel because he was the best high school basketball player and his team was

number 1 in the nation. He couldn't play for the rest of his senior year in high school cause he got gifts. He would cry everyday at practice cause he couldn't play with his team. But then LeBron took it to court and got reinstated so now he could play the championship. And they ended up winning that title in his senior. This story shows a lot of courage for a young man who was followed by ESPN at such a young age. Also to fight through the struggles that he grew up with as his father died so it was just him and his mother. He was drafted straight out of high school in 2004.

Dominick Wingard says

King James Story

This story is about LeBron James' life and his career. It discussed what he had to do to make it into the NBA and what he did before he was a NBA player. He was an amazing athlete who was able to play almost any sport well.

I liked this book because it is very amazing to learn about how athletes got to where they are and what they did to do it. I did have a strong emotion while reading this book because he is one of my favorite athletes and I really look up to him. It made me think about why it takes so long to get where you are today. I can relate to this book by putting myself in LeBron James' shoes. He loved what he did which was sports and spending time with family. I love what I do which is video games, sports and spending time with my family. We also are both willing to do anything to have what we love.

This book reminded me of another book called "Drew Brees." It was almost the exact same thing but just different people's story. Readers who love to learn about athletes and how they got to where they are today would love this book. That is why I love to read books like this.

Dominick Wingard

Keith Bolden says

King James Believe the hype by Ryan Jones is biography following LeBron James young illustrious career. This starts at a press conference in New Jersey then jumping to his humble beginnings coming up in Akron and being taught how to play football and basketball up until the eighth grade. The book shows LeBron's career in grades ninth through his senior year showing his accolades, hard work, and the scrutiny from outsiders, then transitioning into his first two years in the NBA with all the hype to live up to from his amazing high school career and number one draft pick status.

There are multiple things I like about the book, but not just because LeBron James is my favorite player in the NBA. One thing I like was just the author's vast knowledge on the subject because it seems that he covers most if not all bases having the reader very knowledgeable on LeBron and his story by the end of the book. Another thing that's great about the book is that simply it tells a great story of one of the greatest players that plays the game, a hands down hall of famer, and arguably the best to play the game of basketball. The one thing that drew away from the great story was when the author would say I and talk about his thoughts. Even though Ryan Jones is part of the book, nobody reads this book to hear anything from you, they read it to hear the story of LeBron James in all his glory.

Despite of Ryan Jones chiming in sometimes I still highly recommend this book; not just because LeBron is my favorite player. The great story grouped vast knowledge made this great, and if you can appreciate a great story about one of the most if not the most popular player in the world you will enjoy this.

Nash says

This book was one of the best books ever. I loved how it gave so much background on LeBron James to show you what he really came from. It was crazy to see how hyped of a player he was in high school. Any place he played at he would pack the place full. I loved how it would give the media quotes, it felt like you were really there. I also love how it gave a lot of his high school career and then it jumped to the NBA. Also I love how it gave all of his game stats in high school and the NBA.

Drease says

I like this book because it was about sports and about my favorite player LeBron James and from rags to rich. This story had a lot of personal struggles during his lifetime when growing with a single mother. So then he finds a way to make big for himself and that is playing basketball.

My first reason for liking this book was how his mother was doing her best to support her only son that she had. But then she sends him away to live with Uncle and Aunt for a while so LeBron can get back on track in school. Because in his fifth grade year he missed 70 days of school and passed. In that year he started to play basketball for his school and summer basketball leagues. By time he was in 6th grade he started for his middle school team and only won a championship. In 8th grade he was the best player coming out of middle school.

My second reason is that year LeBron chose a Catholic school by the name of St. Vincent and St. Mary who was never a basketball force. During his 9th grade year he didn't start but came off the bench and scored okay. During his 10th through 12th grade he started when he became the number one basketball player in the country and made that team a powerhouse when they never was during the school history. In his 11th grade year he phone calls letters and everything. Even the NBA was coming to his games that how good he was during his high school career.

My final reason for liking this book was how he made it from the bottom to the top by playing basketball to keep himself better at it. During his 12th grade year the NBA came knocking on his door. So he had a big decision to make during that season. So he held a press conference during that year and made up his mind that the NBA was right for him. In high school Nike signed him to a deal. In 2003 he was the first pick in the draft to the Cleveland Cavaliers and won rookie of the year. This is the reason why I liked it.

My conclusion for this book that it was great to read and had to deal with sports and my favorite player right now and that is LeBron James. So I would like to read another book that has to do with him

David Fryt says

"King James: Believe the Hype" is not just a book that describes how great of a basketball player James is, it is a book that follows LeBron James' life from growing up poor in Akron, Ohio, to becoming a multi-

millionaire NBA superstar. I love to read Bleacher Report, and I read articles on LeBron James all the time praising his work on the court. What I haven't read before reading this book, though, is how life was for James growing up and how life is off the court. I really liked this book for the fact that it goes into detail describing James' life throughout high school and how he rose to superstardom. "King James: Believe the Hype" is much more than just a book about facts. It describes James' successes along with his troubles. I can relate to this book because I love basketball, and one of my dreams is to become a basketball star and reach the NBA. I think that nothing would be as thrilling and as remarkable than to be a high school basketball star and be drafted into the NBA straight out of high school. This book focuses on the fact that hard work and dedication pay off. I am a very hard working and dedicated person, and I believe that I am like James in that way. I also like the fact that author Ryan Jones wrote "King James: Believe the Hype" in chronological order. The book started off with James' younger years and progressed into LeBron James' NBA career towards the end. Reading about how LeBron James started off and was able to make it as far as he currently has makes me respect him much more. I liked this book a lot because not only was it about my favorite sport but it also inspired me to work even harder and believe in myself. "King James: Believe the Hype" made me realize just how far hard work and dedication can take you if you believe in yourself.

Ross Williams says

The book LeBron James Believe the Hype by Ryan Jones was an astonishing book. I really enjoyed this book because this gave you a little sneak peak of how the media and your support group around you can either bring you down and cast a bubble of jealousy around you. Although it also showed the other side about how the media can help you show your talent to the world and how you can bring others that usually wouldn't get the national attention that you get and you bring them into the spotlight with you presenting them with opportunities that they wouldn't get on their own. This also showed how to stay loyal to the people that have been supporting you and by your side since day 1. When LeBron was entering high school they could either go to an all white school that wasn't known to the public called Saint Vincent or the black power house of Buchel High school where the coaches loved LeBron but weren't all that fond of the players and brother coming with LeBron. So like the stand up young man he was he said if you're taking us all then we will find somebody who will.

In chapter two LeBron stated "I treated every day as my last day with basketball." Page 38. This quote reminded me of how your beliefs can shape your society. LeBron James came from a single mom home and had no idea who his father was and could walk right past him on the street and not even know. In fact LeBron still doesn't know who his father is. This quote relates to this essential question because LeBron came from nothing and was raised in one of the worst neighborhoods in his city. Life there was not taken for granted because you could be somebody earlier in the day and by the time the sun starts to go down they could be dead and nobody knows what happened to them. So this attitude and way of life rubbed off on him in a positive way in which he turned it from a negative to motivation to achieve a positive. He played every game like it would be his last making sure he left everything he had in the tank out there on the court. When he played so hard his opponents were in for a long night because he knew what he was capable of and when you played like it was your last there is not much anybody can do about it.

I would recommend this book to people that are in that constant struggle and just want to read some encouragement of somebody that made it out, no matter if you want to be successful in sports or the medical field or legal field this is an encouraging book for all about how to put your family, friends, and city on your back and make something of yourself, your support group around you, and put your city on the map. This book is also for people that are facing adversity in sports because he faced many ups and downs but he stayed calm and never let anybody deter him from his manifest destiny. This was an astonishing book to read and it applies to people in life styles, social and economic backgrounds, and places. This is a book to definitely put on your need to read list.

Johnny Steinwart says

"King James: Believe the Hype" is a biography about a then high school superstar LeBron James. The author, Ryan Jones, does a great job of explaining and describing LeBron James' life from a young boy growing up in Akron, Ohio, to adulthood and superstardom. The authors' purpose for writing this book is to entertain and inform the reader what the life of an adolescent superstar is like.

The style that Ryan Jones used was chronological order, meaning that Jones went from LeBron's younger years, moving along towards his older years as the chapters ascended. I personally think that the way Jones used his style made the book much easier to follow because if he would have just scrambled random periods of times of James' life, the story would not have flowed or made much sense.

The theme of the book is to show people that hard work will pay off, no matter where you grow up from. For example, LeBron grew up in a poor family, but has emerged into one of the world's greatest athletes because of his hard work and dedication. Jones did a phenomenal job of describing LeBron's struggles as well as his success, which made the story much more intriguing in my opinion.

I personally fell in love with this book after reading just a few pages because of the way Ryan Jones described LeBron's life so vividly. For example, Jones very well described LeBron's personal relationships with his friends and how he has kept them throughout his life. I recommend "King James: Believe the Hype" to any basketball-loving teen wanting to learn more about a worldwide superstar. I give this book a solid 5 stars out of 5, very well written, Mr. Jones.

Dewayne C says

This book the Lebron James story is a good book to read. This book tells you a lot about Lebron and what he been through in his life. When you get done with this book you will know everything about Lebron from highschool to the NBA. This book is persuasive because it teach you that you can be anything in life that you want to be. Lebron was the number one player in high school when he became a freshman to a senior.

He was MVP all 4 years of his high school years. He was in lots of events. Lebron was the cover of lots of magazine one of them was slam magazine. Lebron went to a lot of camps and high school. Lebron broke his wrist so he had to sit out one of the biggest camps he ever went to. Lebron even got customized shoes Adidas got him in high school.

Some of the characters is his agent, his momma, him and his wife, Carmelo Anthony. He broke his wrist so he couldn't play in most of his basketball games one season. They have lost their first game in a month and it was in a tourney so they was mad. This book is good because you get to know about one of the best players in NBA history. I think this book is good because you learning about Lebron James one of my favorite players. It talks about his career and how he did his high school games.

"Them trying to get into it physical with us, we had to get into them mentally" pg 101. This team name is Brush high school and Lebron's school was playing them and they was blowing them out so Brush high school start getting mad. They was trying to fight Lebron's school when they was blowing them out. Then Lebron's team was trying to stay in the game in the game ejected from the game. This is important to me because this happened to me before but on the football field.

People should read this book because it talks about Lebron's life and how he grew up. Some people would have grew up just like how he did or worst just believe in yourself in you can be anything you want to be. So i would want anybody to read this book.

Luis Rivera says

King James

By: Ryan Jones

My experience with this book was welcoming and comfortable. Since this was a book relating to sports, my passion, I was able to relate to several situations in the book. This is most likely my most enjoyable book this year due to the concept, language and likeable characters in the story. The overall idea of growing up and playing sports was easily relatable to me.

My favorite quote of this book was when Lebron said, “ Knowing that I didn't have my father I knew I had to be mature from an early age.(125)”. This quote carries the entire idea of the book. He had to stand up for himself in his surroundings in order to surpass the temptations that were constantly attacking his dreams. He had to overcome bullying and other adversities since very young in his life. He knew he had to be mature and understand right from wrong if he was going to make it out of his solemn life. To this day, he believes the absence of his father was the key in his rapid maturing. He knows this process was faster than anticipated but at the same time he understand it was to a degree easy since the alternative for him was not acceptable.

I believe Lebron early life was not easy. He experienced many life changing events not usual for a young child as he explains in the book. I believe Lebrons turning point into adulthood came around the 8th grade when he was offered ‘a smoke’ and him, understanding where that would lead him, turned it down. He was only in the 8th grade when he made this choice. He overcame peer pressure and did what he thought was right. When he said no to this situation and chose better for himself as such a young age, shows how determined he was to do better for himself and how manhood had reached him.

I would recommend this book to anyone interested in sports. This books is the story of a professional athlete from childhood to adulthood and in this case until drafted by the National Basketball Association (NBA). I would recommend this book also to the fans of Lebron James, they would get a true understanding of the person behind the basketball player. I would also recommend this book to people dealing with misfortune in their life. Lebron reveals in this book how he dealt with difficult situation throughout his life and how to aspire for better in times of hardship.

Matthew Butler says

King James by Ryan Jones is a sports novel about a young man to turn into a future NBA star. As the story begins Lebron james starts as a young man who is just now realizing his popularity. He has interview with popular magazines, sneakers deal, NBA stars asking for him even though he is still a High School student. With all of this going through his head at the time he doesn't let it get to him still maintains good grades and

plays basketball and football. He is then selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers where he turns into a star winning the rookie of the year award also playing on the Olympic team.

I really enjoyed this book on so many levels. The story is very entertaining and interesting. There is no twist each part of his life is broken down into different categories where everything is in order. Tells you the story behind the big 6 foot 8 NBA star . How he was getting endorsements before he got drafted. People was hype that he was attending a NBA game and he was not even playing. Shows how the man is humble and not being stuck up and cocky. For example, his personality is great he encourages others on the team if they get a loss. Even though he is a Star in the NBA he continues to have a positive relationship with the other on his high school team. Especially the the four that he calls his "Brothers."

I would recommend this book others that are around my age. Especially the ones who plan on playing any sports teams. The entertainment is this is high quality each page you turn the interest gets higher. Gives you the back story behind the NBA future Hall of Fame. I would definitely read any other books about NBA stars personal life before they got all the fame.

Dalton Phillips says

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King James Believe the Hype
The LeBron James Story
Written by Ryan Jones

The author wrote the story to tell the journey of LeBron James's life and the hype and controversy about his basketball career.

The author is writing to show that no matter where you come from you can achieve your dreams and persevere, if you work hard and believe in yourself.

The author uses narration as the writing style in this book. Narration was used to tell the events of LeBron's life in the order they happened.

The author documents the story of LeBron James. LeBron played high school basketball at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio. In 2001; when he was 17, he did a photo shoot for Slam Magazine. In 2002, Adidas made LeBron t-shirts and sweatshirts with his logo ("King James") on them.

In LeBron's final 3 years of high school, the designers from Adidas asked for LeBron's input in designing their gear. In 2003, Adidas put bill boards up in Akron to try and persuade LeBron to sign with them. In high school, LeBron won MVP of the Round Ball Classic, MVP at the McDonald's All-Star games, and MVO at the Capital Classic. There was a lot of hype and fascination for LeBron James. LeBron was the #1 draft pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2003.

I liked the book. I liked the book because I am a fan of LeBron James and it was interesting to read about him. There wasn't anything that I didn't like about the book. This book is a lot like The Blind Side because everyone said that LeBron wasn't going to be good enough in the NBA but yet has been greatly successful. This is the same thing they said about Michael Orr in the Blind Side.

Brandon Sweet says

King James

No King James is not a real king of any known country or piece of land, however King James is the king of the court. Who is King James and what is the court? Well it's LeBron James and the game of basketball of course.

The story of LeBron James starts in Akron Ohio in the mid 1980's as a small town kid would soon pick of the very thing he would rule a basketball.

Most of everyone on the planet knows who LeBron James is even if you didn't know he was a basketball player, you probably have seen him on covers of magazines, advertisements, tv commercials, video games, books, Bill boards, practically everywhere. It wasn't always like him for that he had to earn his thrown on the court with many years of hard work in highschool

LeBron James gained his knowledge and skills as a basketball player in highschool.

LeBron became famous in his junior and senior year as he lead his highschool and to many championship games and lead his team to beat many of the top ranked teams in the country.

LeBron was in many all star games his senior year and was endorsed by adidas and Nike. Adidas was giving him everything shoes, sleeves, arm bands and everything. However LeBron signed with Nike because the money was to much for adidas. Adidas was as young as LeBron, LeBron however went with team Nike instead.

The story is centered around LeBron young at s young age. It is a story of a boy from an ordinary place like Akron Ohio can be an nba legend. The story teaches the reader that no matter where you are from if you put in the work and you remain humble you will be successful. LeBron James is a star but he never forgets where he comes from which is why he went back to Cleveland Ohio because his home is forever Ohio. I recommend this book to anyone who likes LeBron James or who needs a lesson on being humble in times of being a star and in times of hardship.

Josephc says

Why i choose this book is beause i enjoy reading about my favorite basket ball players in books and how they become to be where they are in lif now adays.

The story had begone in a little town that LeBron and his ma lived in. They only had a household of one bedroom and also it was very tiny for the both.

LeBron James is one talented athleate. He is a person to look up and see that he will not give up on anything that he wants to accomplish, till he has it all done. The things that the kids like about LeBron is that he couldnt every say no to them.

They main thins about the story is that LeBron wants to make it up to the NBA big leagues. He is in the year of Freshmen and has to work his way all the way up to Senior year, before he could become part of the NBA.

The main problem in the story for him is that he has to keep compeating against other players to show that he is the one to be drafted to he NBA. The thing is that LeBron is the one to be picked, but the thing is that lots of others want to get the same position as he wants.

Lebron is a good man. He gets past his problems with the other players. The way for it to be solved was that he face all teams to really see if he is the onw to be in the next NBA draft.

My opinion on the book is that i absolutly liked how it was told. I like the way that Lebron never gives up on his dream to be in the NBA. Also the other thing that i liked is how he shows kids to never give up on your dreams till you set the goal to make them.
