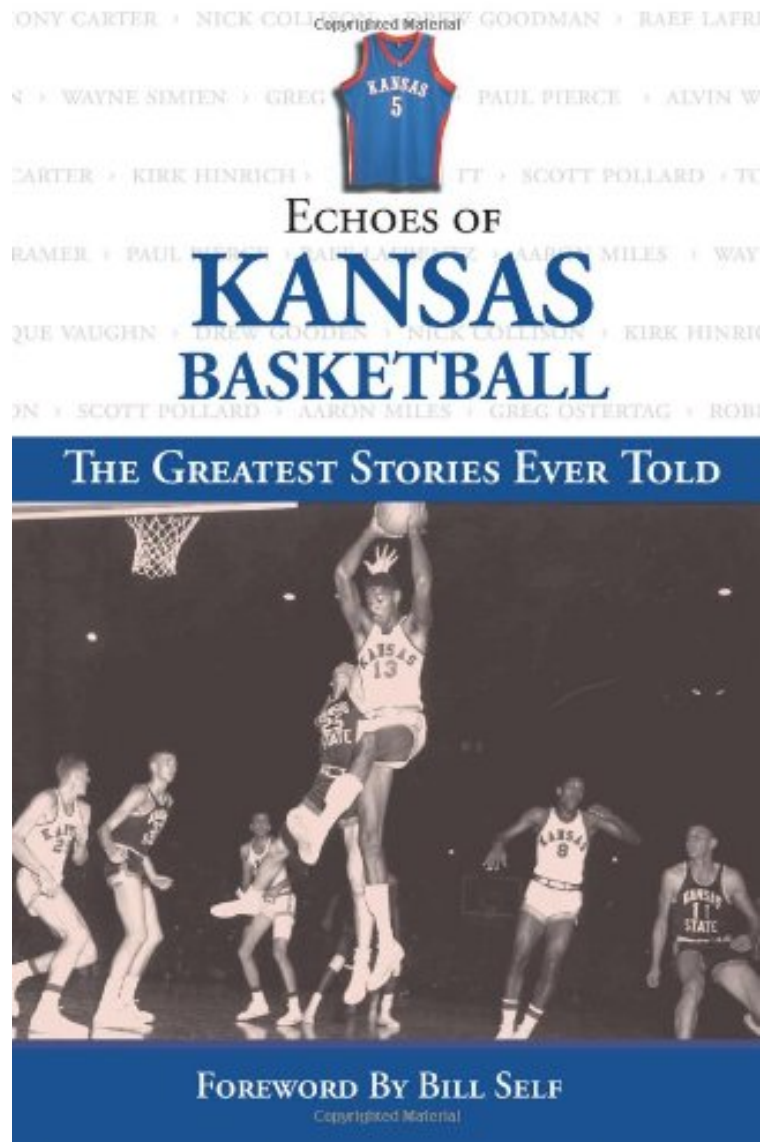


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Matthew Fulks : Echoes of Kansas Basketball: The Greatest Stories Ever Told before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Echoes of Kansas Basketball: The Greatest Stories Ever Told:

Spanning decades with great columns from renowned writers, this time capsule recounts the greatest moments in

Kansas lore and tracks the chronological progression of sports writing styles from the esoteric to the ultra-modern. The account details the Jayhawks from their roots of glory to their modern-day triumphs.

From the Inside Flap Many college basketball programs can claim that they have a rich tradition. But how many can say that James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, was their programs first coach? How many can say that the "father of basketball coaching," Phog Allen, guided their team for decades? Or that Wilt Chamberlain, the most compelling basketball player ever, wore their school uniform? The only college that can claim all of these men is the University of Kansas, a solid member of college basketballs elite. Multiple Final Fours, national championships, and conference crowns explain only part of the Kansas basketball mystique. There's also "Rock, chalk, Jayhawk," the strange but electric chant that cascades down the rafters in regal Allen Fieldhouse. There are the sellout crowds and the unceasing and almost unequalled passion of students, alumni, and fans for Jayhawks basketball. This passion and tradition of excellence has always been colorfully documented by writers, locally and nationally. *Echoes of Kansas Basketball* unearths the greatest stories ever written about the most successful program in college basketball history. It brings to life the most memorable moments in Jayhawks history and the people who lived them. From Frank Deford's riveting account of the KU North Carolina 1957 NCAA championship game to Jackie MacMullans Boston Globe article on the 1988 championship run, this book delivers the greatest games and the greatest stories. The personalities also come to life in Jimmy Breslin's profile of Wilt Chamberlain from *The Saturday Evening Post*, in John Feinstein's *Washington Post* article on Danny Manning, and in many more memorable stories. Finally, David Halberstam, William Gildea, and others attempt to describe the Kansas basketball mystique. Much more than a scrapbook of Kansas's finest moments, *Echoes of Kansas Basketball* is also a look at sportswriting from past decades and how the games, players, coaches, and tradition of Kansas basketball have been recorded over time.

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