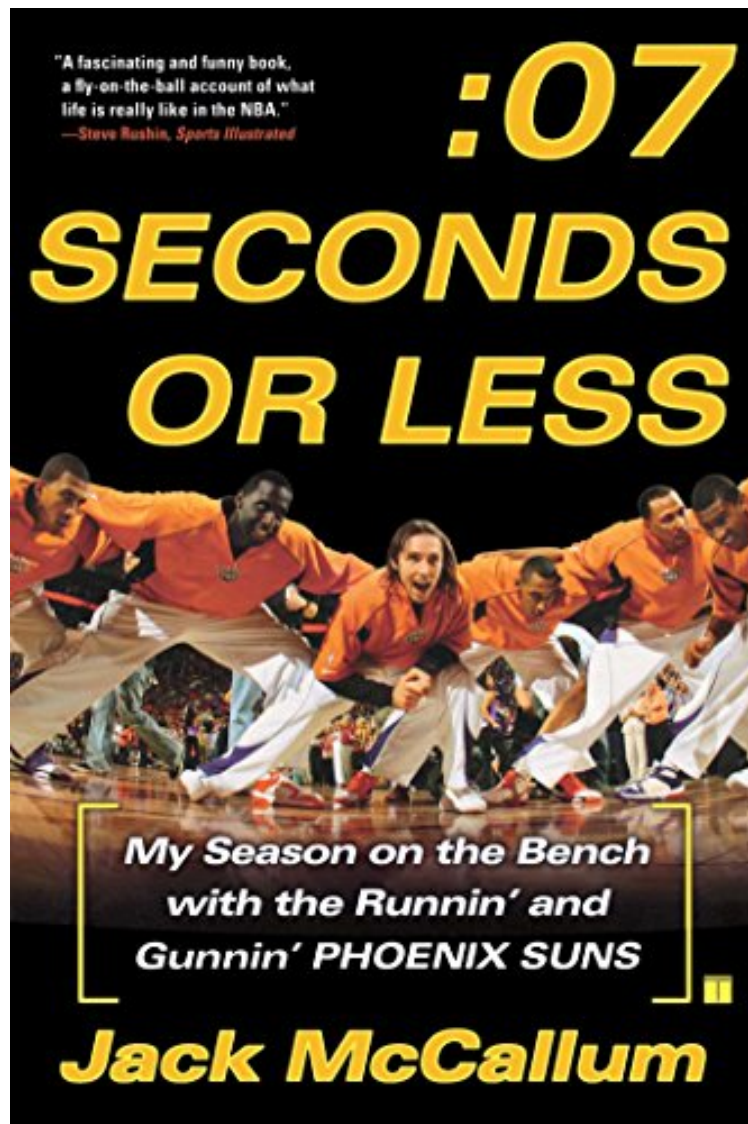


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 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ein MUSS für alle B-Ball Freaks... Von Tobias Magnus... im allgemeinen und besonders für alle Anhänger der Suns und Steve Nash. Jack McCallum ist ein großartiger Sportjournalist und zeigt ein Nischen für gute Stories, kleine Anekdoten und natürlich einen Gesamtblick auf die Saison der Suns. Ich hatte eigentlich Bedenken, dass es eher ein langweiliger Erlebnisbericht mit einigen Highlights ist. Aber anders als beispielsweise die Dirk Nowitzki Biographie, liest sich das Buch sehr spannend. Vorallem gelingt es McCallum großartig einen Eindruck von den Hauptdarstellern zu vermitteln, ohne dabei in ein Schubladendenken zu verfallen. Der Leser hat am Ende das Gefühl er weiß wie sie alle ticken. Sei es nun Mike D'Antoni, Steve Nash, Shawn Marion, Amare Stoudamire oder der Joker Eddie House. Absolute Kaufempfehlung von mir!
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 Jack McCallum bringt seine Leser ganz nah heran an das Geschehen in der NBA. Vor allem an die prägenden Personen. In "Seven Seconds or less" beschreibt McCallum seine Erfahrungen, die er sammelte, als er eine Saison lang das NBA-Team der Phoenix Suns begleitete. Das Buch spielt sich zeitlich in der Saison 2005/2006 ab, wobei bis auf kleine Exkurse nur von den Playoffs berichtet wird. In drei Playoffserien pendelt das Team ständig zwischen Angst und Euphorie. Der Leser wird gefesselt von der Spannung und hat das Gefühl, mitten im Geschehen zu stehen. Der Autor versteht es meisterhaft, den Leser in die Köpfe der Spieler und Trainer schauen zu lassen. So kommt es, dass die Spiele trotz ihrer Bedeutung (eigentlich ist in den Playoffs alles andere egal) in den Hintergrund rücken, stattdessen bekommt man tiefe Einblicke in das Seelenleben der Spieler, die all diese hochintensiven Erlebnisse auf ihre individuelle Weise verarbeiten. Bei Basketball selbst erfährt man wenig. Die Unwissenheit und Erwartungshaltung zu Saisonstart, die lange Phase des Kampfes gegen die gefühlte Bedeutungslosigkeit der ewigen regulären Saison, der langsame Aufbau der Spannung kurz vor den Playoffs, das alles liest der Autor aus, genau wie Einblicke in die Trainingswelt, die Besessenheit der härtesten Arbeiter, die vielen Arbeitsstunden der wenig schlafenden Trainer oder den Umgang mit der gewaltigen Medienwelt. Das ist zum Teil bedauerlich, weil die Geschichten in den Playoffs teilweise etwas langatmig daherkommen. Zum Teil ist es gut, weil es der Autor meist schafft, selbst dann noch interessant zu schreiben, wenn er sich sehr lange mit Geschichten neben dem Spielfeld aufhält. Für Basketballfreunde ist das Buch ein Leckerbissen, der eine Tür öffnet, die noch kein anderes Basketballbuch annähernd so weit geöffnet hat. Für Basketballfremde ist es nicht immer einfach, der Sache zu folgen, weil eine Grundkenntnis an Regeln und Basketballbegriffen nötig ist.
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 Eines der besten Basketballbücher imho. McCallum ist mittendrin statt nur dabei und ihm gelingen faszinierenden Einblicke ins Team der Phoenix Suns. Kann ich jedem nur empfehlen, der hinter die Fassade der gängigen US-Sport Berichterstattung blicken will.

Kurzbeschreibung
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