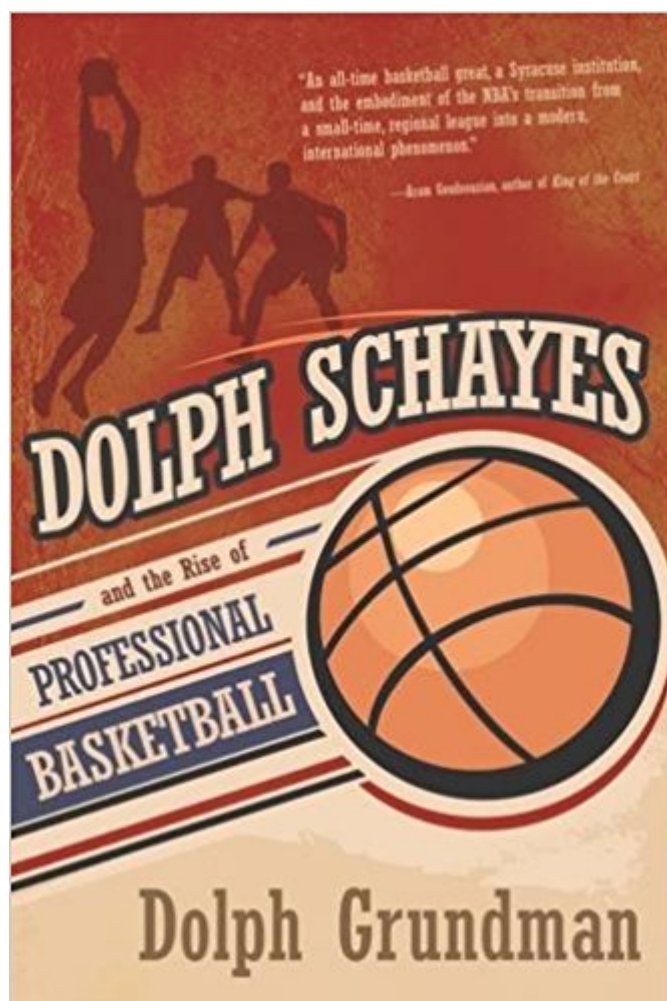


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Dolph Schayes And The Rise Of Professional Basketball (Sports And Entertainment)



Synopsis

Grundman presents readers with a portrait, the first of its kind, of Dolph Schayes - the star of the Syracuse Nationals basketball team during the 1950s and '60s. Schayes may not have one of the most recognizable names in basketball history, but his accomplishments are staggering - he was named one of the fifty greatest players of all time by the NBA and he held six NBA records (including one for career scoring) at his retirement. The text follows Schayes from his early days as the child of Jewish Romanian immigrants, through his illustrious basketball career, first at New York University (during New York's "golden age of basketball") then as part of the Syracuse Nationals. In writing about Schayes' career, Grundman also reflects on many of the revolutionary changes that were happening in the professional basketball world at the same time; changes that affected not only Schayes and his contemporaries, but also the entire essence of the sport.

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Dolph Schayes is an all-time basketball great, a Syracuse institution, and the embodiment of the NBA's transition from a small-time, regional league into a modern, international phenomenon. He gets his due in this biography by Dolph Grundman, a historian known for unearthing basketball's buried roots. (Aram Goudsouzian, author of *King of the Court: Bill Russell and the Basketball Revolution*) Grundman skillfully captures the early years of the NBA, an era of excitement and struggle filling a gap in pro basketball history, a history that encompasses the life of one of the

greatest players of all time, Dolph Schayes. (Murry Nelson, author, *The National Basketball League, A History, 1935-1949* and *Abe Saperstein and the American Basketball League, 1960-63*) Author Dolph Grundman takes readers on a fascinating basketball journey for two-plus decades, from 1948-1970, of not only the evolution of the NBA, but of a Bronx, New Yorker who was one of the first true superstars of the budding league - Dolph Schayes. Grundman's work could be viewed as two books in one. Two stories are told simultaneously, and history on the hardwood never slows to a running out the clock pace. (Don Laible *Utica Observer Dispatch*) An insightful and informative cultural history of collegiate and professional basketball in the mid-20th century. (C. M. Smith, *Cabrini College CHOICE*) The book is a reminder that today's flashy NBA didn't arise de novo as an overnight success. The modern product was built on the work of dedicated athletes...a very enjoyable read. (Richard Frost, *The Adirondack Daily Enterprise*)

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I found this a fascinating book. I would recommend it for all basketball fans, especially those who remember college and professional basketball in the 1950's & 1960's.

I loved reading about Dolph Schayes because he was one of my favorite players. I was in Jr. High School in Indiana when the NBA began. I saw Dolph play on TV and even in person in the playoffs. Few people will remember that Indiana had three teams in the NBA in its early development. They were the Anderson Packers, the Indianapolis Olympians and the Ft. Wayne Pistons. I was disappointed that the book didn't give a little more space to these three teams as all made the playoffs in their infancy and had a great deal to do with promoting the interest in professional basketball. Schayes was so good he was named one of the top 50 players in NBA history. The book is the story of his life as well as an interesting history of the early days of the NBA. If you like basketball you will like this book. Norman Jones, Ed.D. author of *Growing Up in Indiana: The Culture & Hoosier Hysteria Revisited*.

Dolph is a local celebrity so the book was interesting. Full of dry statistics. Could have included some more personal stories from Dolph or the guys who played with him. Did I say it was dry? But I

was very impressed with Schayes' history and achievements.

dolph was a great person

Great CD. It was received well within the expected time frame and in the condition described. The book was a great read.

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Fascinating book about a man who broke records and left a major mark on the sport of basketball as well as looking at how a son of poor jewish immigrants became a role model in his times.

Great read! I could not put it down. If you love basketball history you must read.

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