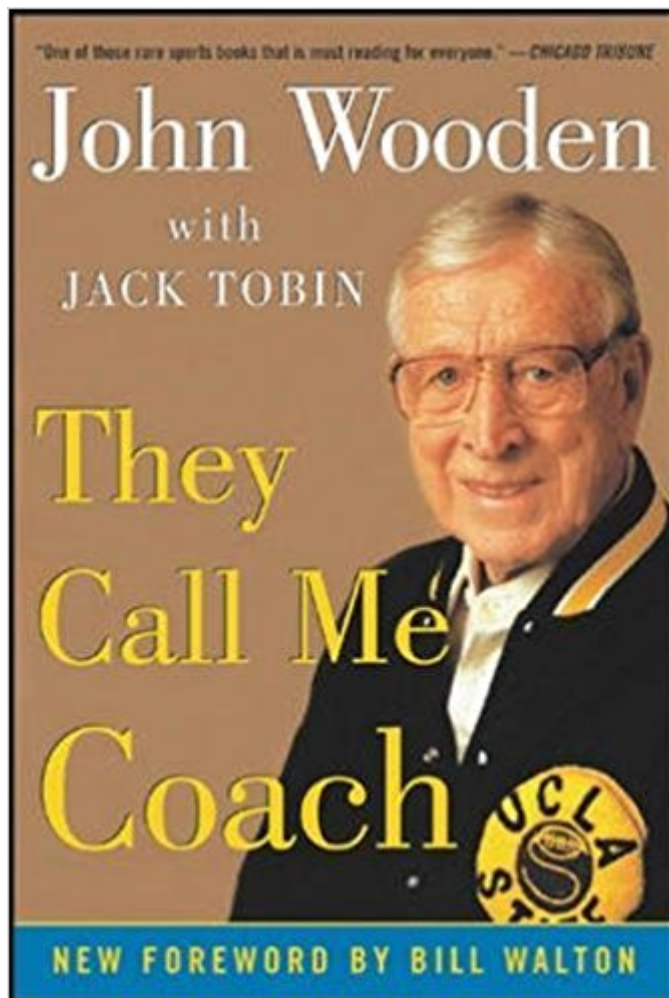


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# They Call Me Coach



## Synopsis

The legendary coach talks about his life, his players, and his winning philosophies in this bestselling autobiography. John Wooden's dedication and inspiration made him America's "winningest" coach. His beliefs in hard work and preparedness brought the UCLA Bruins an unparalleled 10 NCAA basketball championships. Now in this bestselling autobiography--with a Foreword by Hall-of-Famer Bill Walton--the college basketball legend reflects on his record-breaking career, his life behind the scenes, and how his top players went on to shape and change the NBA. From the everyday basics to important life lessons ("It's not how tall you are, but how tall you play"), Wooden shares his worldly wisdom on and off the court to offer a personal history of an unforgettable time in college basketball, answering the most-asked questions about his life, his career, and the players who made his teams unbeatable. "They Call Me Coach is grass-roots Americana, a story bigger than basketball. One of those rare sports books that is must reading for everyone."--Chicago Tribune "What Knute Rockne was to football, Connie Mack to baseball, and Wilbur and Orville Wright to flying, John Wooden is to basketball. This book captures the full flavor of the man, the philosophies that work in life, and the philosophies that work on the court. I commend it to people who want to succeed at either--or both."--Los Angeles Times

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I'm not a college basketball fan - but I am a fan of those who dedicate their lives to making the world and those that they come in contact with better. John Wooden what the epitome of this philosophy. I purchased a few of his books after hearing Pete Carroll discuss the influence Wooden had on his leadership and coaching style. After spending a few days reading Wooden's autobiography, I can see the passion he had for his students, for his faith and for his family. The book is a little lighter than I was hoping on discussing his philosophies and approaches and longer on showing them through the example of his life. The book takes the reader from his youth in Indiana through the late 1980's, and covers the great UCLA teams in some detail. Anyone interested in the life of a great leader and teacher should read the book - if only for background and understanding how he lived his life. A good read.

I came across Wooden's name while on YouTube watching TED videos, and immediately I felt that Wooden was a breath of fresh air. Not like the polished, sleek presenters on that platform with little substance to their content, Wooden was a genuine man shaped by life's experiences, and it his principles and values that shaped him into a world-class coach. The book itself was a fantastic read, and someone with little basketball knowledge, was still easy to understand, because it isn't so much a book about basketball tactics, but more a book on how to live your life and inspire others. Fascinating man, and a role model for me going forward. Could not recommend this book highly

enough, no matter your background.

He is an inspiring man with great quotes and basketball knowledge. I wish the book would have been more about his theory on the court and strategies. Sometimes he lost me with the names of his players, teammates, and seasons because I am young and don't remember any of those teams. However, I highly recommend the book.

Great book

I first read "They Call Me Coach" several years ago. Even though I'm not a big basketball fan, I have enjoyed rereading this biography several times over the years. Why? Because John Wooden and his father were very wise men and Coach Wooden has a humble way to pass that wisdom on both to those he coached and who read this book. Also, we meet many of the boys he coached who became not only great athletes but great men. Every spring I order several copies to give to high school graduates.

I can't say enough about this amazing book that reveals the inside heart of history's greatest coach (both on and of the court). I was a UCLA student during those years and knew players who would rather sit on Coach Wooden's bench than be on the starting lineup at any other school.

As much a book for people who are a fan of John Wooden the man as it is for people who are a fan of John Wooden the basketball coach. Gives a brief overview of seasons coached and goes into depth about a few players/individual games but the book is more about his philosophies in life and how he incorporated them into coaching young men and shaping them as individuals.

Incredible man, with an incredible story to tell. The greatest coach and leader ever to live, tells his story of building men and the greatest sports dynasty ever without sacrificing his moral character or standards. Everyone can take a lesson from this man even if you don't like basketball.

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