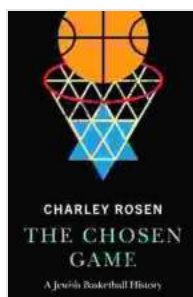


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Basketball is a game that has been played by Jewish people for over a century. From the early days of the sport to the present day, Jewish athletes have made significant contributions to the game, both on and off the court.

The Chosen Game is a comprehensive history of Jewish basketball players, coaches, and teams from the early days of the sport to the present day. This book tells the stories of some of the most iconic figures in basketball history, including Dolph Schayes, Red Auerbach, Jerry West, and Julius Erving. It also explores the role that Jewish athletes have played in the development of the game and the impact that they have had on American culture.



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The Chosen Game is a must-read for any fan of basketball history. It is a fascinating and inspiring story of how Jewish athletes have overcome

prejudice and discrimination to achieve success in one of the most popular sports in the world.

The Early Days of Jewish Basketball

The first Jewish basketball player on record is Nat Holman, who played for the New York Celtics in the early 1900s. Holman was a gifted player who helped the Celtics win several championships. He was also one of the first Jewish players to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

In the 1920s and 1930s, several other Jewish players began to make their mark on the game. These players included Harry Boykoff, Moe Berg, and Dolph Schayes. Boykoff was a star player for the New York Knicks, while Berg was a multi-talented athlete who played baseball, basketball, and football. Schayes was one of the greatest players of his era, and he helped lead the Syracuse Nationals to the NBA championship in 1955.

The Golden Age of Jewish Basketball

The 1950s and 1960s were the golden age of Jewish basketball. During this time, several Jewish players emerged as superstars of the game. These players included Jerry West, Oscar Robertson, and Julius Erving. West was a 14-time All-Star and one of the greatest shooting guards of all time. Robertson was a 12-time All-Star and one of the most complete players in NBA history. Erving was a four-time NBA champion and one of the most exciting players to ever play the game.

In addition to these superstars, there were many other Jewish players who made significant contributions to the game during this era. These players included Red Auerbach, who coached the Boston Celtics to 11 NBA

championships, and Abe Saperstein, who founded the Harlem Globetrotters.

The Modern Era of Jewish Basketball

In the modern era, Jewish basketball players have continued to make their mark on the game. Some of the most successful Jewish players of recent years include David Stern, who served as commissioner of the NBA from 1984 to 2014, and Steve Nash, who won two NBA MVP awards.

Today, there are more Jewish players playing in the NBA than ever before. These players include Omri Casspi, Al Horford, and Jordan Clarkson. These players are continuing the legacy of Jewish basketball players who have come before them, and they are helping to inspire a new generation of Jewish athletes.

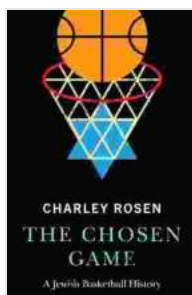
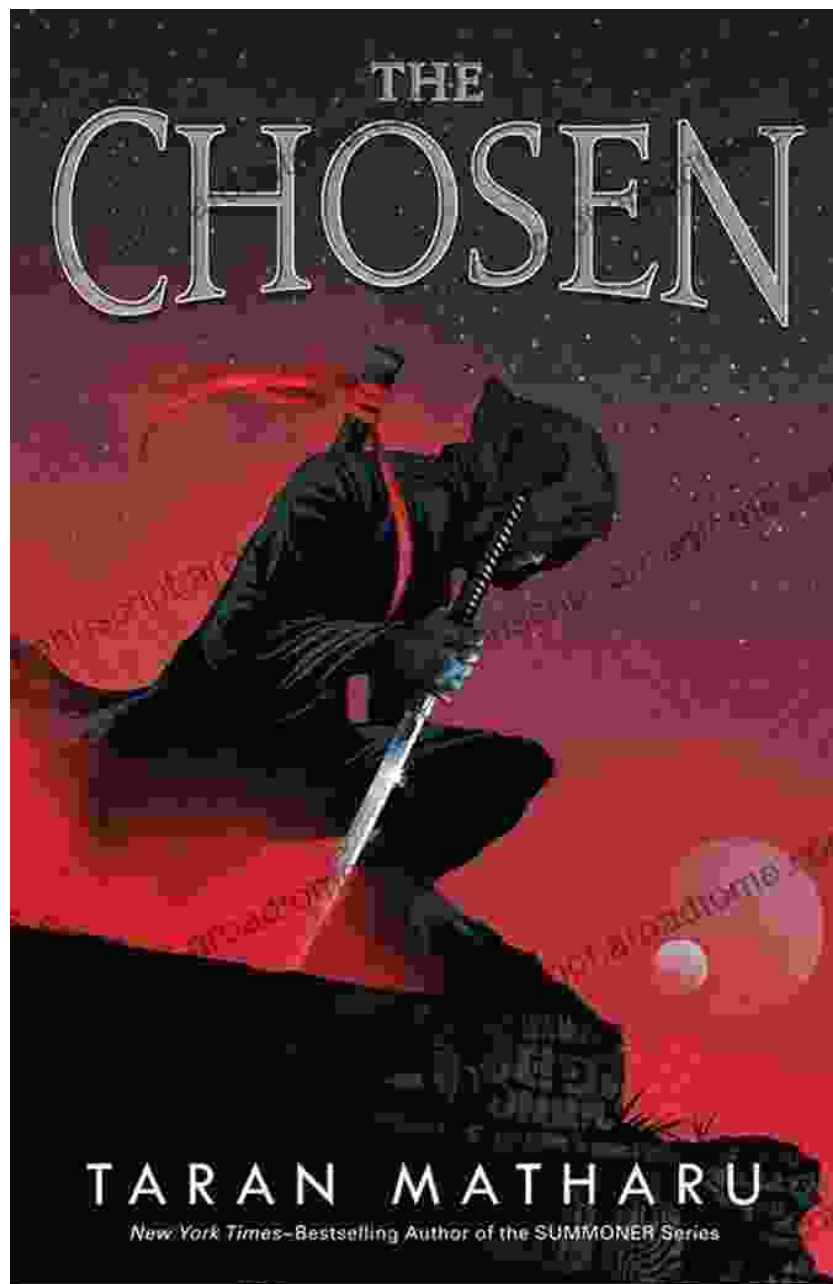
The Impact of Jewish Athletes on Basketball

Jewish athletes have had a significant impact on the development of basketball. They have helped to popularize the game, and they have played a role in shaping the way that the game is played. Jewish players have also been pioneers in the fight for social justice. They have used their platform to speak out against racism, anti-Semitism, and other forms of discrimination.

The Chosen Game is a celebration of the Jewish basketball experience. It is a story of triumph over adversity, and it is a testament to the power of sport to bring people together.

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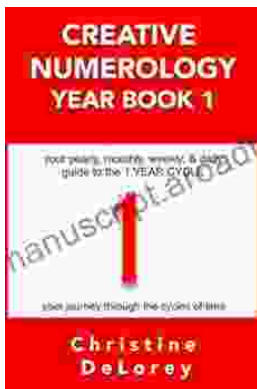
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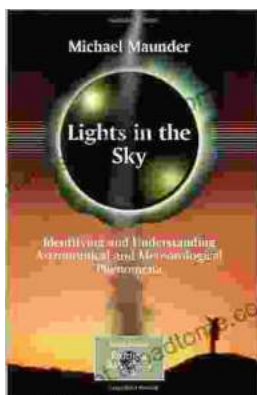
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