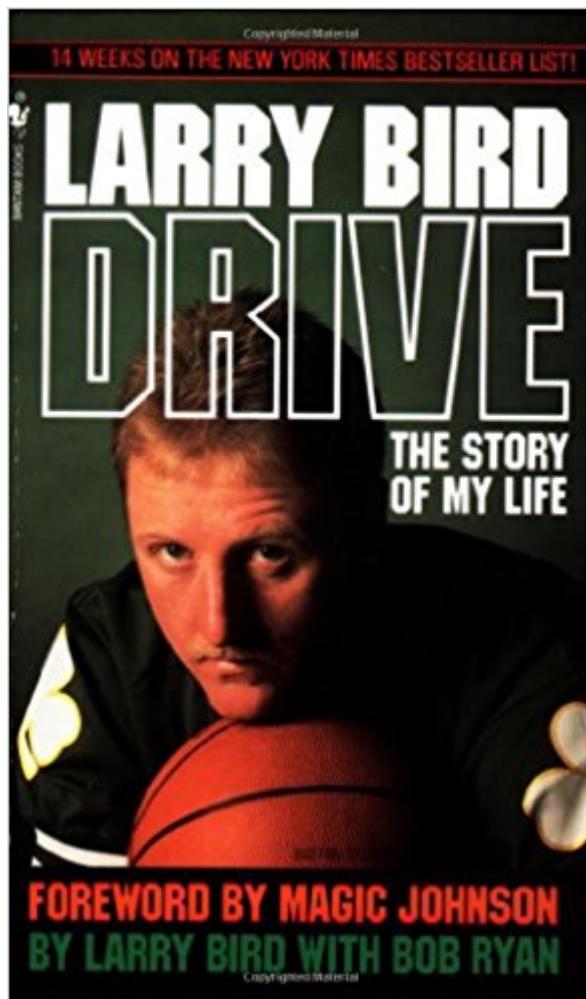


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Drive: The Story Of My Life



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The Boston Celtic forward addresses his troubled past, discussing his teammates and telling basketball anecdotes in the process. "Depth and introspection are not among the book's strengths," warned PW. "However, even the brief suggestions of the inner Bird make the book worth reading." Photos. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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I'm reading Drive for the second time, and of the hundreds of books I've read, I don't believe I've ever reread a single one. I love the way Larry Legend writes. He is humble, positive and totally down to earth. His life is fascinating to me and many others. I'm not sure why anyone would give a low rating, but my only guess is they don't like the style, which is simple and easy to read. Perhaps they would like more complex writing. But I find humor in his style and believe it is really his own words. Can't wait to finish this one again.

Excellent book. Twelve year old son not only read it, but absorbed it and learned life lessons from it. Bird's life story is well written, interesting, and starts family discussions about life and overcoming hardships. Pertinent today as it was years ago. Highly recommended.

Twenty years after it was written, DRIVE holds up quite well as the definitive treatment of Larry Bird. Told in the first person--but greatly helped by the journalistic skill of Bob Ryan--Bird doesn't hide anything. If he doesn't like something, he tells you. And this gets to the heart of the man, do him wrong and he never forgets; do him right and he's loyal to the end. The early portion of the book deals with the poverty of growing up in French Lick, but yet Bird saw himself as blessed and enjoying life. His older brothers were his heroes and buddies. His grandmother the stable influence

and quiet soul. With her working multiple jobs, his mom the courageous and selfless glue. In the most heart-breaking section, Bird talks about his father and his father's suicide when Bird was 19. The book picks up with Bird's time at Indiana State. He realizes how good he is and soon the legend starts to grow. At Boston, Bird realizes that he again can play with anyone. What remains from French Lick to Boston is the competitive drive and relentless to be great.

Great book especially as an Indiana guy.

My husband is a big Larry Bird fan and requested this book for Christmas. I got it for him and he was very excited to receive it. He read it over just a few days after the holiday and was engrossed in learning about Bird's life. He seemed to really enjoy it. Would recommend to anyone interested in this topic.

I'm a basketball nerd from the Bird era, so I loved this look behind the game face. Nothing amazing, but perhaps that is what makes him amazing. Reinforces what we already know about Bird and basketball.

This book came in great condition, it had pictures of Larry Bird in all stages of his life in it. I bought this as a gift for my nephew as he is a big Larry Bird fan and he really liked it.

Exactly what I was looking for

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