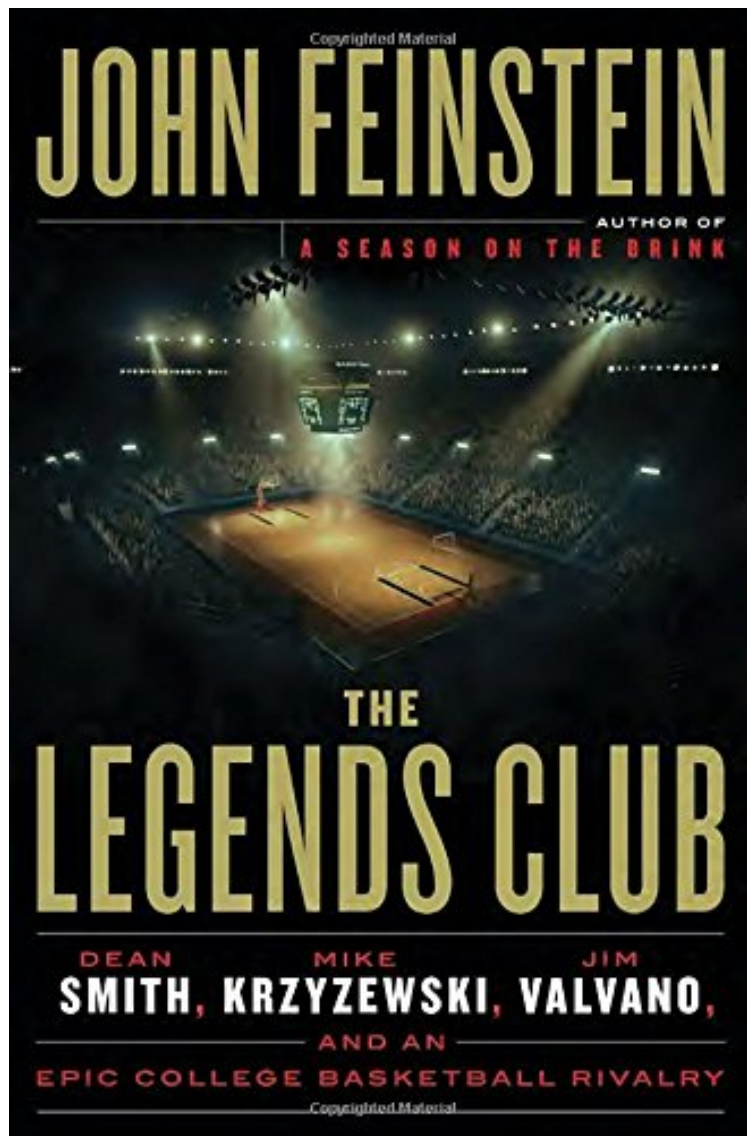


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Perfect "March Madness" Reading reviewed by Bill Pence of CoramDeotheBlog.com By Bill Pence Published just in time for college basketball's "March Madness", John Feinstein's thirty-sixth book, many of which I've read and enjoyed, looks at the intense rivalry and relationships of three Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) basketball coaches. The book gives insight to the sometimes strained relationships between three coaches who won a total of eight national championships - North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith (2 titles), Duke's Mike Krzyzewski (5 titles) and North Carolina State's Jim Valvano (1 title), and how those relationships evolved over time. Feinstein has been personally acquainted with all three, and also visited with friends, family and players for this entertaining book. One of his strengths is as a story teller, and there are many of them in this entertaining book. Feinstein began as a reporter for the Duke Student newspaper, the position he had when he first interviewed North Carolina's Dean Smith in 1976. At that time, North Carolina was dominant in the ACC. Valvano and Krzyzewski were hired at North Carolina State and Duke respectively in 1980. Smith would win his first title in 1982 when Michael Jordan hit what would be the game-winning shot with seventeen seconds remaining. Valvano would win his only title in 1983 when Lorenzo Charles dunked a shot that had come up short as time expired. Krzyzewski won the first of his five championships (second only to John Wooden) in 1991. Feinstein goes into much detail about Krzyzewski's rivalry with Smith, but then gives a touching account of how their relationship changed near the end of Smith's life (he died in 2015 after years of dementia). A special part of the book was the detailing of Krzyzewski's relationship with Valvano as he spent time at Duke University Medical Center before dying at age 47 in 1993. A chilling quote about Smith that Feinstein recounts from Valvano's early days at North Carolina State was "I can't outcoach him, but maybe I can outlive him". Sadly, that would not be the case. I enjoyed hearing stories about amazing ACC players such as Jordan, Ralph Sampson, Tim Duncan, Grant Hill, Christian Laettner, etc. This book will be enjoyed by ACC basketball fans, college basketball fans in general and also those who enjoy leadership books. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another JOHN FEINSTEIN great read... By NK X-COUNTRY SKIER/HIKER Anyone who is a fan of college basketball and especially the long rivalries in the ACC... this is a GREAT GREAT read. FEINSTEIN is a master of the sports book. I've read several and they are all 'spot on' at revealing the details, excitement, and behind the scenes details of the story... Highly recommended... The developing relationships between DEAN SMITH, COACH K, AND JIM VALVANO and their telling of the back story is wonderful stuff for any college hoops fan. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Character of Coaching By Newms First of all I am not a basketball fan. I believe watching basketball means coming in in the last 5 minutes to see the drama and the conclusion. However, this book is really not about basketball as much as three great coaches who strongly influenced the game not only by their coaching skills but also by their character. This book provides insight into the world of coaching. The pressure and techniques involved recruiting and retaining top athletes, forming cohesive teams from athletes of diverse skills and personalities, and managing the pressure of the fans and alumni boosters. The book is about three different coaches with three different personalities and coaching styles. Or maybe they aren't really all that different. You can decide for yourself. The only book that rival this, in my mind, is "The Teammates" by David Halbersham.

The riveting inside story of college basketball's fiercest rivalry among three coaching legends—University of North Carolina's Dean Smith, Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, and North Carolina State's Jim Valvano—by the king of college basketball writers, #1 New York Times bestseller John Feinstein On March 18, 1980, the immensely powerful Duke basketball program announced the hiring of its new coach—the man who would resurrect the team, restore glory to Duke, and defeat the legendary Dean Smith, who coached down the road at UNC Chapel Hill and had turned UNC into a powerhouse. Duke's new man was Mike Krzyzewski. The only problem was, no one knew who Krzyzewski was, he had a so-so record in his short time as head coach of Army, and worst of all, no one could even pronounce his name. The announcement caused head scratches . . . if not immediate calls for his head . . . and on this note his career at Duke began. The table was set nine days later, when on March 27, 1980, Jim Valvano was hired by North Carolina State to be their new head coach. The hiring didn't raise as many eyebrows, but with the exuberant Valvano on board, two new coaches were now in place to challenge Dean Smith—and the most sensational competitive decade in history was about to unfold. In the skillful hands of John Feinstein, this extraordinary rivalry—and the men behind it—come to life in a unique, intimate way. The Legends Club is a sports book that captures an era in American sport and culture, documenting the inside view of a decade of absolutely incredible competition. Feinstein pulls back the curtain on the recruiting wars, the intensely personal competition that wasn't always friendly, the enormous pressure and national stakes, and the battle for the very soul of college basketball allegiance in a hot-bed area. Getting to the roots of the NCAA goliath that is followed religiously by millions of fans today, Feinstein uses his unprecedented access to all three coaches to paint a portrait only he could conjure. The Legends Club is destined to be one of Feinstein's biggest bestsellers.

"The book is one of [John Feinstein's] best, a beguilingly personal, sometimes heartbreaking look at the psychic cost of doing battle in America's most brutally, nakedly competitive (and actual) arenas. It makes a fitting bookend to the

author's first, "A Season on the Brink" (1986), his hair-raising exposé of Indiana coach Bobby Knight, expletives included." --The Wall Street Journal "A compelling story of the complex relationships and backyard rivalries of the three coaches who dominated college basketball during the 1980s and early '90s...Feinstein's relationship with all three coaches gave him the intimate details that form the backbone of the book. One story leads quickly to another story in this fast-moving account of a memorable era in college basketball. Dating back to Feinstein's first interview with Smith, this book was nearly 40 years in the making. It was worth the wait, because it is one of Feinstein's best." --Chicago Tribune "Feinstein entertains readers with fair, objective observations based on fact and his unique inside access gained not only through years of his coverage but also through many new interviews with former players, coaches and administrators...In a famous speech before he died, Valvano implored all of us to attempt to do three things each day: laugh, think and cry. He would be pleased with "The Legends Club" because it will evoke all three from readers, no matter where their college basketball allegiances lie." --The Washington Post "The legends are right there in the subtitle: Dean Smith, Mike Krzyzewski, Jim Valvano, and an Epic College Basketball Rivalry. The unbilled fourth legend is the author. His longstanding relationships with the principals give the book its insider appeal; his history with each man goes back decades, and the intersecting, layered looks at each are built on firsthand knowledge...Funny and smart." --USA Today "Duke, UNC and N.C. State fans might quibble about the details, as they always do, Feinstein faithfully captures a rivalry that will remain a legend in sports." --BookPage About the Author The Legends Club is John Feinstein's 36th book. He is the author of A Season on the Brink and A Good Walk Spoiled, both #1 New York Times bestsellers and Last Shot, which won the Edgar Allen Poe Award for mystery writing in the Young Adult category. He was inducted into the U.S. Basketball Writer's Hall of Fame in 2000; the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2013. He currently writes for The Washington Post and Golf Digest and is a regular contributor to The Golf Channel, Comcast Sports Regional Networks and hosts a college basketball show and a golf show on SiriusXM Radio. He lives in Potomac, Maryland with his wife Christine and is the father of three children, Danny, Brigid, and Jane.