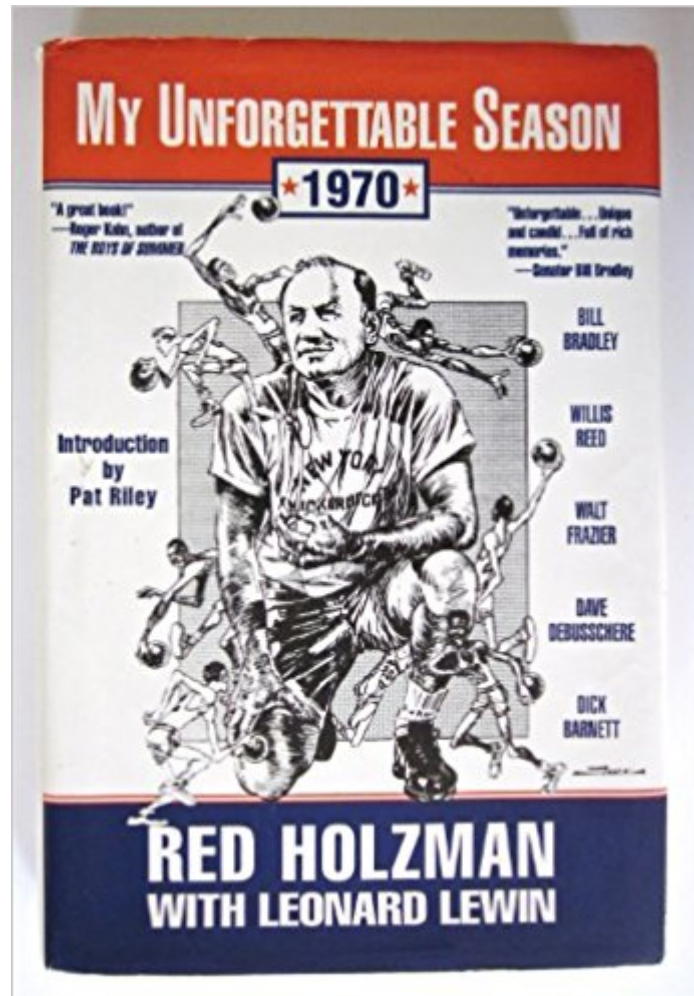




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# My Unforgettable Season 1970



## Synopsis

The Hall-of-Fame basketball coach of the 1970 Knicks recalls the season that made him a legend; the team he built, which included Bill Bradley and Walt Frazier; and the stories behind the Knicks' spectacular victory. National ad/promo.

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The New York Knicks, founded in 1946, hired Holzman as a scout in 1958; nine years later he became the coach. In the meantime management assembled the nucleus of a winning team with the acquisition of Willis Reed in 1964. Gradually other top athletes were added--Bill Bradley, Walt Frazier and Dave DeBusschere among them--and in 1970 the Knicks won their first NBA championship. With admirable modesty Holzman, ably assisted by New York Post sportswriter Lewin, plays down his own role in this triumph, although his emphasis on defense was a crucial factor. Most significant, however, was the concentration on teamwork--"Everybody gives up the ball," commented one opponent. The story of this banner year is a rousing one, and well told, although the two concluding chapters involving a "fantasy game" between the 1970 Knicks and the 1992 Chicago Bulls are irrelevant. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Holzman, coach of the 1969-70 New York Knicks, relives that magical season when the team captured its first NBA championship. It was a squad that featured unselfish passing, voracious defense, and intelligent playmaking from players like Dave DeBusschere, Walt Frazier, Bill Bradley,

and Willis Reed. Holzman readily admits he is more a craftsman than a motivator (e.g., "this is a really big game" was his best pitch), with the ability to arrange the parts into a polished whole. This is epitomized in his account of how the team overcame an injury to Reed in defeating a Los Angeles Laker squad led by Jerry West, Elgin Baylor, and Wilt Chamberlain. For spice, the former coach includes his rendition of a fantasy game in which his Knicks are matched against the current champions, the Chicago Bulls. This book will be a delight for devotees, particularly Knicks fans. For large and regional sports collections.- William H. Hoffman, Ft. Myers-Lee Cty. P.L., Fla. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

If you're interested in the 1969-70 world championship New York Knicks, you should read Red Holzman's "My Unforgettable Season." The book was published 23 years after that season, but it provides good insight into the Knicks, their 18-game win streak (a record at the time) and their playoff games. Holzman was a big reason for the Knicks' success. He preached team defense, hit the open man, keep moving on offense and discipline. Holzman is careful not to step on any toes in his book. He is diplomatic concerning other players, opponents and issues. He goes off on a number of tangents, some more interesting than others. It's interesting to see how much the NBA has changed since the 1969-70 championship team. Holzman use to levy \$5 or \$10 fines for being late, players shared rooms on the road, the teams flew commercial and the Knicks had no assistant coach. Today, the Washington Wizards have eight assistant coaches. When the Knicks won the NBA championship, each player's winning share was \$8,000. If you're a fan of the New York Knicks or the NBA during this era, this is a good book to read.

The book by Coach Holzman was so vivid you felt like you were right in on the action. The 1970 Knicks were the greatest team in NBA HISTORY. TEAM meaning that no other team played together as they did! What a great book! I recommend to not just knicks fans but to anyone who craves a GREAT READ GO KNICKS!!! RIP COACH HOLZMAN!

RED HOLZMAN DOES A GREAT JOB DESCRIBING THE KNICKS 1970 CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON. HE GOES IN GREAT DETAIL DESCRIBING HOW THE TEAM WAS PUT TOGETHER AND GOES ON TO DESCRIBE THE SEASON AS A WHOLE. FROM THE 1ST GAME OF THE SEASON TO THE 7TH GAME OF THE NBA FINALS THIS STORY IS BOTH EXCITING AND ENTERTAINING. RED HAS MANY OPINIONS AND STORIES ABOUT WILT, WEST, JABBAR AND MANY MORE. FOR ALL KNICK AND BASKETBALL FANS.

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