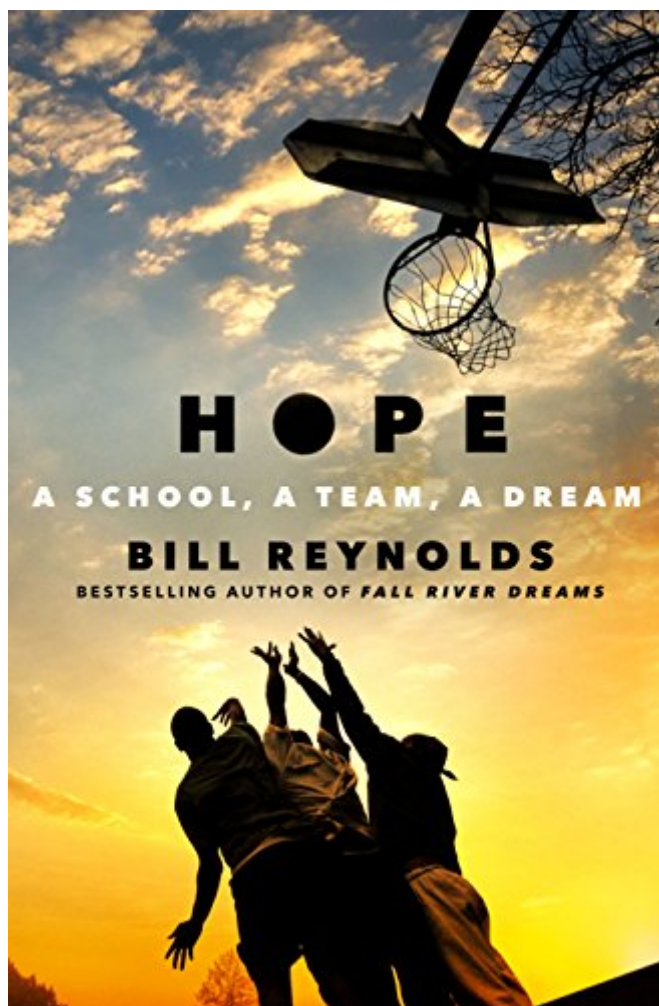


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Hope: A School, A Team, A Dream



Synopsis

Hope High School in Providence, Rhode Island was once a model city school, graduating a wide range of students from different backgrounds. But the tumult of the 1960s and the drug wars of the 70s changed both Providence and Hope. Today, the aging school is primarily Hispanic and African-American, with kids traveling for miles by bus and foot each day. Hope was known for its state championship basketball teams in the 1960s, but its 2012 team is much different. Disobedient, distracted, and overwhelmed by family troubles, with mismatched sneakers and a penchant for profanity and anger, these boys represent Coach Dave Nyblom's dream of a championship, however unlikely that might seem. Nyblom's mostly black players, including several who emigrated to Providence from war-torn Liberia, face gang violence, domestic uncertainty, drug problems, and a host of other issues. But with the unfailing support and guidance of Nyblom and other Hope coaches, their ragtag team gradually pulls together, overcoming every obstacle to find the faith and trust in themselves that Nyblom never stops teaching. A look at a hidden world that just a few hundred yards from Brown University, Bill Reynolds' Hope is the inspiring true story of young men and their mentors pursuing one goal—a championship—but achieving so much more.

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A once highly respected academic institution dominant in all high school sports, Hope High School became an inner city school with all the problems of society immersed. Hope located on the prestigious East Side of Providence, R.I. was just a jumpsuit from Ivy League Brown University. However, these two schools were light years apart. Bill Reynolds, highly respected author and sports writer from the Providence Journal, follows a school basketball team thru a frustrating winter with a tough love coach and his volunteer assistants who refused to give up on athletes whose neighborhood challenges were staying out of gangs, dodging gunfire, and dealing with absentee parents and guardians. The book is a great insight into the workings of Interscholastic League Basketball in Rhode Island and the daily struggles of an inner city team as they travel around the state. This book is an eye-opener to any coach who thinks teaching and coaching in an inner city school isn't the most challenging experience you'd ever want!

Bill, Hope all is well and you're enjoying the Basketball season. Just wanted you to know I purchased your new book on Hope Basketball season last week. I could not put it down and finished it in two days. So many memories came flashing back, but most important it was a wonderful look into the eyes of a High School Basketball season from different perspectives. Things have changed so much for schools, kids and coaches and people have NO idea what goes on unless you walk in our shoes on a daily basis. Dave Nyblom and I are good friends and I appreciate you sharing how he handles the challenges of daily life for his kids and his staff. Hope: A school, a team, a Dream was a fantastic read that anyone who loves Basketball should read. Thank you Jim Psaras

I have been a fan of Bill Reynolds since I first became familiar with his Providence Journal writings many years ago. Hope may be the finest of his books -- and that is saying a lot. Intimate, detailed, great real-life characters, with basketball a metaphor for things larger than sports. Also a fine presentation of Providence, a city I know well. Highly recommended, and not just for sports fans.

Inside perspective in inner-city life. Very interesting look at the obstacles kids face growing up in the city and attending public school. It also demonstrates the failure of government to provide education and a way out of the cycle of poverty and entitlement dependency.

Another outstanding book by Bill Reynolds. Once again he captures what it is like to coach and play high school basketball. If you love the game, you will enjoy this book about a season at Hope High School in Providence, Rhode Island. Reynolds wrote one of the greatest basketball books ever, "Fall River Dreams". He knows New England High School Sports as well as anyone. You won't be disappointed.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book but it is sad to see such a great school having so many new problems. As a 1961 graduate it was especially difficult to see the loss of such a close community.

Great story and lots of memories for anyone who played basketball in the 60's against Hope

Love his writing.

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