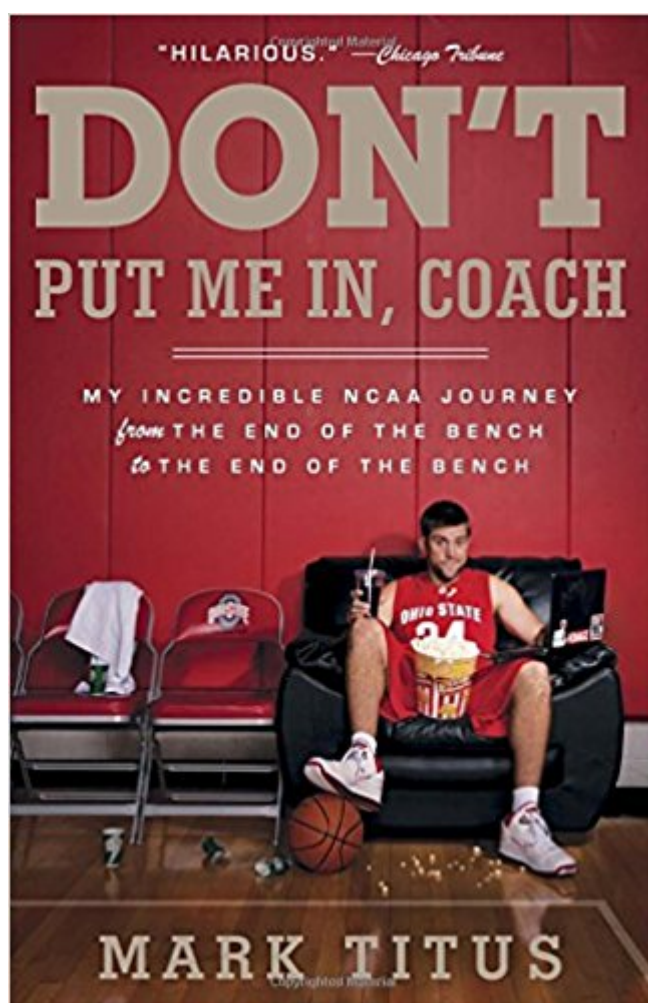


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Don't Put Me In, Coach: My Incredible NCAA Journey From The End Of The Bench To The End Of The Bench



Synopsis

An irreverent, hilarious insider's look at big-time NCAA basketball, through the eyes of the nation's most famous benchwarmer and author of the popular blog ClubTrillion.com (3.6m visits!). Mark Titus holds the Ohio State record for career wins, and made it to the 2007 national championship game. You would think Titus would be all over the highlight reels. You'd be wrong. In 2006, Mark Titus arrived on Ohio State's campus as a former high school basketball player who aspired to be an orthopedic surgeon. Somehow, he was added to the elite Buckeye basketball team, given a scholarship, and played alongside seven future NBA players on his way to setting the record for most individual career wins in Ohio State history. Think that's impressive? In four years, he scored a grand total of nine—yes, nine—points. This book will give readers an uncensored and uproarious look inside an elite NCAA basketball program from Titus's unique perspective. In his four years at the end of the bench, Mark founded his wildly popular blog Club Trillion, became a hero to all guys picked last, and even got scouted by the Harlem Globetrotters. Mark Titus is not your average basketball star. This is a wild and completely true story of the most unlikely career in college basketball. A must-read for all fans of March Madness and college sports!

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"Mark Titus knows a lot of personal secrets of mine. If he revealed any of them in this book, I will kick him right in the testicles. I'm not joking." —Greg Oden (#1 overall pick in 2007 NBA Draft, 2007 1st Team All-American) "Of all the players I've coached

in my career, Mark Titus is one of

them. —Thad Matta (head basketball coach at Ohio State)

“You want me to give you a quote? I guess I shouldn’t be surprised. You’ve been riding my coattails for years, so of course you want to put my name on your book to sell more

copies. —Evan Turner (#2 overall pick in 2010 NBA Draft, 2010 college basketball National Player of The Year)

“I haven’t read this book and probably never will, but the cover looks pretty cool I

guess. —Mike Conley Jr. (#4 overall pick in 2007 NBA Draft, 2007 NCAA Tournament South Regional MVP)

“If Mark Titus had been able to play basketball the way he can write, he would have joined his Ohio State team mates in the NBA. No kidding. This is nothing less than a modern-day basketball version of Ball Four, a terrific look behind the locker room door, funny and profane and real. Great

stuff.” —Leigh Montville, New York Times bestselling author of Ted Williams and

Evel” —Chicago

“As a good-humored book about what Titus calls “normal kids who do stupid things while playing big-time basketball, Don’t Put Me In, Coach should appeal not just to Buckeyes fans but also to anyone looking for a frank, humanizing peek in to the locker room....A funny

read. —Sports Illustrated

“For a reminder of the fun that can be had in college sports, turn to Mark Titus...The book, a comic tale of coming to terms with failure, is littered with stories of pranks, jokes, and team hijinks that may turn around that understandably low opinion of college sports. Everybody seems to be having a great

time. —TheAtlantic.com

“It’s not often we notice a college basketball player who, over his four year career, played a total of 48 minutes in 32 games while racking up just nine points. But when that player happens to be Mark Titus, a Brownsburg, Indiana native who parlayed his benchwarming days at Ohio State University into a blog with nearly 4 million views and a new book titled Don’t Put Me In, Coach, we make

exceptions. —The

Onion’s A.V. Club (Indianapolis) “Don’t Put Me In, Coach, [is] a

scabrously funny look at what it's like to almost play for a No. 1-ranked NCAA hoops team." -The Free Lance-Star (Fredericksburg, VA)"The unique combination of snort-inducing hilarity and insider perspective makes this required reading for younger (or just perpetually immature) hoop heads. A perfect way to pass the time during the tournament's endless TV timeouts." -Kirkus"The Maxim demographic will revel in Titus's rebellious tales, which come with a heaping portion of snarky, bro-friendly prose, scatological humor, and pop culture references. And under all the pranks and immaturity, Titus is a likable, forthright narrator." -Publishers Weekly

MARK TITUS's blog, <http://clubtrillion.blogspot.com>, has recorded over 3.6 million views since its debut in late 2008. He has been featured in the New York Times, ESPN.com, Yahoo.com, the Associated Press, and the Cleveland Plain Dealer. He has recently attempted to enter the NBA draft and tried out for the Harlem Globetrotters. Titus graduated from Ohio State in 2010, a hero to millions.

Trust me, if you hate laughing while reading, then please stay away from this book. It is hilarious and more than a few times I had to put down my Kindle for fear that my laughing hysterically would cause me to drop it, break it, and make me sad all of the sudden. The only itch is that it could have been longer, but I suppose that's a compliment as well. The 'behind the scenes' stories were hilarious. We all knew that Greg Oden was a great guy, this confirmed it (other than one incident later in life), we perhaps didn't know much about Evan Turner other than his decent NBA career, but he comes off as interesting guy, with a startling sense of perspective at times. Mark Titus is a jokester, someone who was aware of his limitations as a player, and thus moved along accordingly. He was the peanut gallery, and I don't know that a book like this told from Turner's perspective as a 'star' would be as effective. Is this another The Breaks of the Game? Of course not, it never tries to be. It gives you a time (2006-10), a place (Columbus, Ohio for the most part), and setting (hoops, because if Titus had a personal life while he was in Columbus, well he rarely touches on it here). Good enough for me. If you want more of his writing, he's become one of Bill Simmons' crew of loyalists, and has worked with him at Grantland and The Ringer.

Heard about this from my son, and being a huge sports fan thought it might be a fun read. Not so

much for me... parts were informative, and a few were humorous to me, but mostly just felt juvenile to me.

Absolutely Hilarious read!!! Beware after reading this you'll be looking to read every work that Mark Titus has ever written.

even though i am not an ohio state fan, i can relate to being on the bench as a sub. pretty easy read. i will pass this on to my ohio state fans.

Easy read. Sarcastic and humorous look into college sports. Titus pokes fun at the whole college sports culture. Warning - this is full of bathroom humor and includes some R rated stories - not for kids. I'm glad I read this before giving to my young basketball-obsessed middle schooler.

As a huge buckeye basketball fan (I was there during the horrible end of the Randy Ayers era) I loved the look inside buckeye basketball. Huge fan of Coach Thad Matta, so really enjoyed those parts the most. Had me laughing out loud at some of the quotes and shenanigans that took place. The book is a little immature (intentionally) and gets a little slow in the middle when talking about his personal fame, but all in all a good read. A must read for any Buckeye basketball fan. If you are looking for a light and funny vacation/beach/flight read, it is worth checking out.

Must read if you're a college hoops fan. Titus is the best writer covering college hoops.. He's irreverent, funny, and doesn't take himself too seriously. Most of all he's knowledgeable and informative.

Great read whether you're a basketball fan or not. Titus' wit had me laughing out loud throughout the book. The only times it bogged down was when he was going through the wins and losses of the OSU seasons.

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