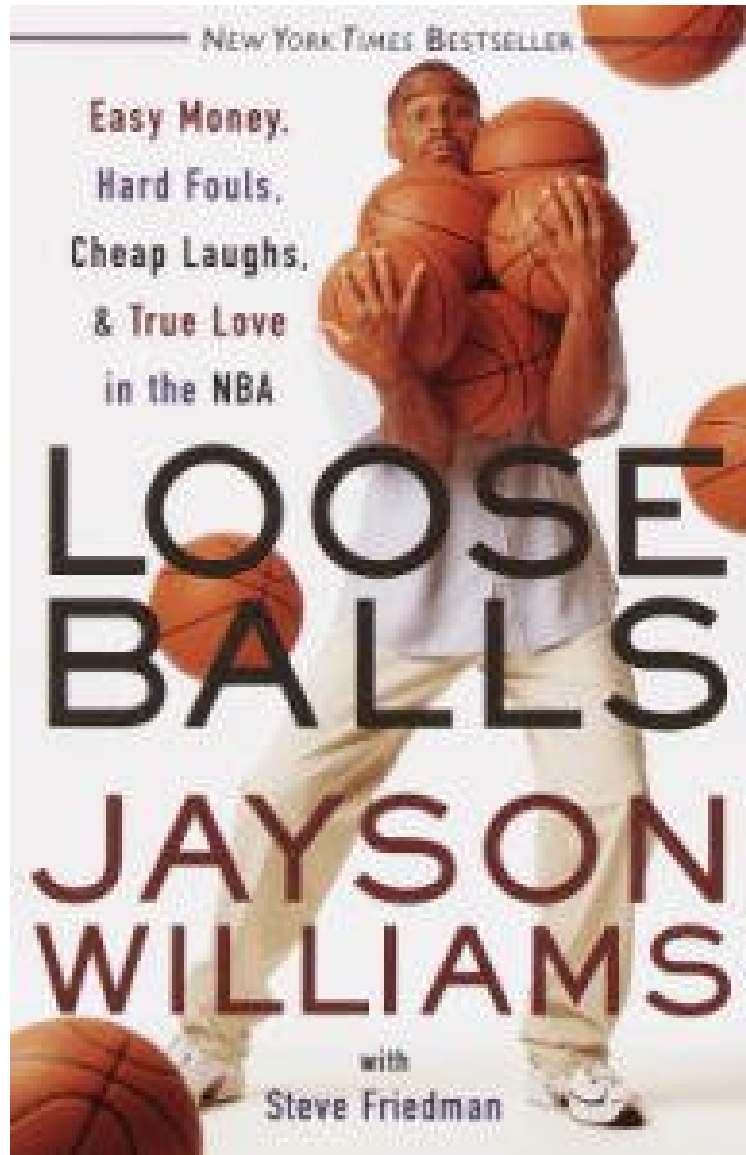


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Laugh So Hard, You Might.....DribbleVon Chad SpivakJayson Williams' Loose Balls is the basketball equivalent to Jim Bouton's Ball Four. Although I would consider this light reading, the book had some great stories that made me laugh out loud. Williams spares no expense at uncovering some of the game's inside anecdotes. He rips into several NBA players and coaches (poor "Hammer" Gilliam), but he also allows the reader to laugh at him, through his own personal tales of wit and humor. In this book, Williams says a lot of the things people want to say, but are afraid to. The writing leaves a lot to be desired, but you can't help but laugh at the content. Jayson Williams says he wants to be remembered as a man who turned his life around, and became a good person. By the end of the book, you will feel this way about him, and you will have a big smile on your face in the process.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. And you'll think you know Jayson, too.Von Ein KundelfIf you live in New York or New Jersey, you know someone who knows Jayson Williams. You've heard a good Jayson story- you saw him speeding down Route 78 or in a restaurant somewhere. Well, if you're the one guy who somehow hasn't met Jay, read Loose Balls, and you'll know a suprising amount about him.He is the funniest man I have ever met. He makes people around him feel like they're tight. He loves kids, even your kids. And he tells some of the best damn stories about sports and athletes and people you'll ever hear. Not all are laugh-out-loud funny. Some are just modest smile inducers. Some are wet your pants funny.You can read it in an afternoon, or over a few days. Jump from vignette to vignette (you can't really call them "chapters") in no particular order, and enjoy a tour through the life of a ten million dollar man who is more down to earth than the guy who reads your electric meter. Sure, the book would have benefitted from a smooth, glitzy editing job-- but that's not Jayson. This is. It's not world peace or a cure for cancer (though proceeds from the book go to a Parkinson's foundation--his Mom has the disease). Smile a little and rest easy with the knowledge that there is at least one athlete who smiles, laughs and cries with the rest of us.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. hilarious NBA anecdotesVon G. MCPHERSONthis book is fun to read. williams does a great job giving readers some insight on life in the NBA. he tells many humorous stories about players in the league, names name's, and calls it as he sees it.this is not so much a book however, as a collection of a bunch of 3 paragraph stories. you almost get the feeling that williams spoke into a recorder about the NBA for several hours, someone took the tape and hammered it out verbatim as a book. this is not necessarily a bad thing unless the reader is expecting some astute or articulate view of the internal goings on in the NBA.the only thing that nagged me was on several instances williams refers to michael jordan as "black jesus". this does not upset me on a religious ground, and i am a jordan fan, however, i found this just shy of sickening. he compliments many other NBA stars throughout the book but whenever jordan's name is mentioned, it seems to be laid on a bit thicker. it was almost as if williams was looking to place himself in jordan's good graces.williams is definitely an impressive guy that deserves the success that his career and this book have received.

KurzbeschreibungThe first candid report from a land of fragile egos, available women, unexpected tenderness, intramural fistfights, colossal partying, bizarre humor, inconceivable riches, and desperate competition, Loose Balls does for roundball what Ball Four did for hardball. From revelations about the meanest, softest, and smelliest players in the league, to Williamss early days as a young man with a lot of money and not a lot of sense, to his strong and powerful views on race, privilege, and giving back, Loose Balls is a basketball book unlike any other.No inspirational pieties or chest-thumping boasting hereinstead, Jayson Williams gives us the real insider tales of refs, groupies, coaches, entourages, and all the superstars, bench warmers, journeymen, clowns, and other performers in the rarefied circus that is professional basketball.From the Trade Paperback edition..deHere's what you probably know about Jayson Williams: as of 2000, he has been in the NBA for 10 years, played in one all-star game, is one of the league's best rebounders, and has a seven-year, \$100 million contract. He also has a reputation as a loudmouth with an attitude problem. Here's what you probably don't know: he comes from a mixed-race family, lost two of his sisters to AIDS, adopted their children, and became a grandfather at 28, plus he calls his mom and dad a few times every day. Here's another thing you might not know about him: he's funny. Williams shows off his sense of humor in Loose Balls, an irreverent look at life in the NBA. His style is conversational and snappy, with short vignettes strung together into brief, loosely themed chapters. One chapter, "What's Young Skinny Can Do a 580-Degree-Double-Pump-Backward Jam but Doesn't Know How to Shoot a Jump Shot or Set a Back-Side Pick? Meet the Future of the NBA" is all of eight pages long. However, by the end of the book Williams has dished the dirt on dozens of his colleagues--who is the biggest flopper (Rodman, of course), who is the worst trash talker (Gary Payton), and who is the dirtiest player (not John Stockton, but his tight shorts are a problem: "Someone should tell the man the ABA days are over."). Williams also offers observations on coaches, refs, cheerleaders, and fans across the NBA--as well as events from his childhood, early career, and well-publicized days as a wild man. Williams's candor and charm are apparent throughout the book, as is his love of basketball. Hoops fans will love this book. --M. Stein.comHere's what you probably know about Jayson Williams: as of 2000, he has been in the NBA for 10 years, played in one all-star game, is one of the league's best rebounders, and has a seven-year, \$100 million contract. He also has a reputation as a loudmouth with an

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