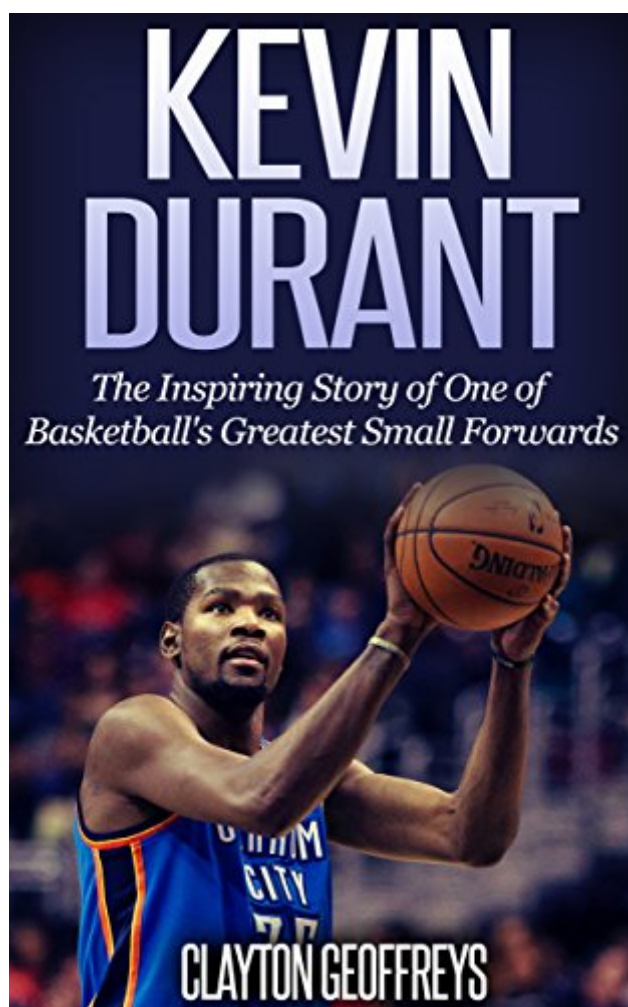


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# Kevin Durant: The Inspiring Story Of One Of Basketball's Greatest Small Forwards (Basketball Biography Books)



## Synopsis

Learn the Incredible Story of Oklahoma City Thunder Superstar Kevin Durant! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device! In *Kevin Durant: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Small Forwards*, you'll read about the inspirational story of basketball's star, Kevin Durant. Kevin Durant has been the face of the Thunder dynasty since entering the league in 2007 as the second overall pick. Since then, the Oklahoma City Thunder have come a long way, becoming one of the perennial Western Conference contenders. Playing alongside athletic and talented players like Russell Westbrook, James Harden, Serge Ibaka, and Reggie Jackson, Durant has had the opportunity to lead his team to several deep playoff runs behind the helm of Coach Scott Brooks. While they have not won a championship quite yet as of the 2015-2016 NBA season and while there have been personnel changes including new head coach Billy Donovan, the dynamic duo of Durant and Westbrook always keep the Thunder in the playoff picture. In this book, you'll learn about Kevin's incredible story to the NBA. Kevin Durant has had an incredible basketball career playing in the National Basketball Association. In this short book, we will learn about how Kevin became the star MVP small forward that he is today. Starting first with his childhood and early life, we'll learn about Kevin Durant prior to entering the NBA, his time in the NBA, along with his impact on Oklahoma City. Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Early Life and Childhood High School Years College Years at the University of Texas Kevin's NBA Career Kevin Durant's Personal Life Durant's Impact on Basketball and Beyond Kevin Durant's Legacy and Future An excerpt from the book: Basketball eras aren't divided by time; they are remembered by rivalries and names: Russell versus Chamberlain, Magic versus Bird, Michael Jordan vs. The Pistons, and even the Lakers internal rivalry of Kobe vs. Shaq. The NBA is a league driven by its stars and more often, it takes more than one hard court idol to lead it. The current driver of the league is Cleveland Cavaliers superstar LeBron James, who in his ten years in the league, has been NBA champion twice and named the NBA's Regular Season MVP four times in the last six years. James asserted his dominance as a basketball player right from the moment he stepped onto the NBA's hardwood, although it was only in 2010 when he moved to the Miami Heat that he officially took the crown as the NBA's King. But just as King James ascended to his throne, a second superstar emerged to challenge him, and just like in the old days of the NBA, a new rivalry was born. Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant has entered the picture and cast himself as the lone and legitimate challenger to King James's crown. Although Durant had been in the league since 2007, their battles began when James moved to South Beach and bested Kevin Durant to win his second MVP award in 2010. After the Chicago Bulls's superstar point guard

Derrick Rose snapped LeBron James's™ back to back MVP victories in 2011, Durant finished second place to James once again for the next two seasons. Tired of always being the bridesmaid to James, Durant exploded like an atom bomb in 2014 and finally dethroned King James as MVP after four attempts. The 2014 MVP voting wasn't even close as Durant collared 119 out of a possible 125 first place votes and bested James 1232-891 in the final tally to bag his first ever NBA MVP award. Tags: Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City Thunder, Scott Brooks, Serge Ibaka, James Harden, Reggie Jackson, University of Texas Basketball, Seattle SuperSonics, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Derrick Rose, Chris Paul

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## **Customer Reviews**

I bought this book for my son to read. As a typical boy, he's only interested in sports and video games, but I enjoyed it too. I had of course heard of Kevin Durant and knew he was a top NBA player formerly with the Sonics. But it was interesting to read about his life as a kid, how and where he began playing basketball, and the coaches that were formative for him. He is definitely a natural

athlete and was able to play various positions on the court early on. He is someone who doesn't shut out teammates during games even though with his skills he could, and he knows the value of family, donating money to the community center where he first played. He even started a foundation to help kids stay off the street. I'm glad to have my son read about somebody like Kevin Durant.

Kevin Durant is not the typical basketball superstar. He's reserved, takes religion seriously and isn't interested in media maneuvers. Unfortunately, his kept character makes much of his personal life a bit of a mystery. At first I worried that this biography would introduce me to what everyone knew about Kevin Durant. But as soon as I started reading I realized that the amount of detail found in this unauthorized biography is unprecedented: this isn't an extended Wikipedia article about an athlete; there is a lot of fresh information about his early life and the beginning of his career. His early life is the determinant factor to the athlete he'll become. The struggles he faced, the hardships his single mother had to go through, the father that abandoned his family, ended up influencing him for the best. Normally people who face such adversities end up struggling later in life, but not Kevin. It all comes to show the strong-willed mindset that enabled him to become one of the most promising NBA talents, establishing a healthy rivalry with LeBron James, the current court king. Clayton Geoffreys shows the numbers of Kevin's endorsement deals too. Even in this he's chasing LeBron. I recommend this short book even to those that are not OKC Thunder fans. Even if you are not a fan of basketball, Durant's life is a classic story of humility and hard-work prevailing over huge adversities.

I bought this book for my 11 year old son because he's a serious KD fan. The first part about his life growing up and influences was good, but the middle gets completely bogged with a million statistics from practically every one of his games. It's a quick read, but please know that this was self-published and CLEARLY not edited. My son had to write a book report on this book, and all of the UT college years dates are listed incorrectly. My son caught this error and we cross-referenced it to confirm the errors.

Kevin Durant: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Small Forwards was a very pleasurable read. I'm not usually one for sports figure biographies, but Geoffreys knows how to strike a delicate balance between rattling off mind-numbing statistics (he doesn't) and the chronological flow of his subject's life. Geoffreys' steady narrative carries us expertly and equally through Kevin Durant's childhood, high school, and abbreviated college career at the University of

Texas. At UT, Durant was the first ever freshman to be named the Naismith College Player of the Year. In the second half of the book, we follow Durant through his years with the Seattle SuperSonics and the Oklahoma City Thunder NBA teams. We also come to understand well how Durant worked diligently to earn, at a young age, such titles as, NBA MVP, Rookie of the Year, and an Olympic Gold medal. But we could learn all of these things about Durant with a quick Google search. What makes Geoffreys' book come to life are the intimate details of Durant's childhood family life, his diligent training, philanthropic work, and his unusual devotion to Oklahoma City. After reading this enjoyable book, I for one am a new Kevin Durant and Clayton Geoffreys fan. I look forward to reading many more of Geoffreys' sports biographies.

I'm really a fan of the Orlando Magic but I guess when your team is development mode, you can't help but look up to the better teams in the league. I enjoyed reading about Kevin Durant--I saw his MVP speech a few months ago and thought he was one of the most mature superstars I've seen in a while. His story is pretty incredible considering many would have never thought he could achieve what he has achieved in his career. This book did a good job outlining all of Durant's story, from childhood to his lone year at UT to his career with the Thunder. I would recommend it.

I never knew that Kevin had such an inspiring story. I have watched the movie more than the game and have seen the story of LeBron James which was an underdog story just like Kevin's. I am impressed at all of the information that is presented in this book as well as how it is smoothly written. From paragraph to paragraph there is a smooth transition and the author knows where he is going with the story. Truly amazing book.

Very easy read with lots of good info about Kevin Durant. If you have a Kevin Durant fan in your house, buy them this book. My son read it in 1 day...not bad for a 9 year old who is constantly distracted but hey, he loves Kevin Durant!

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