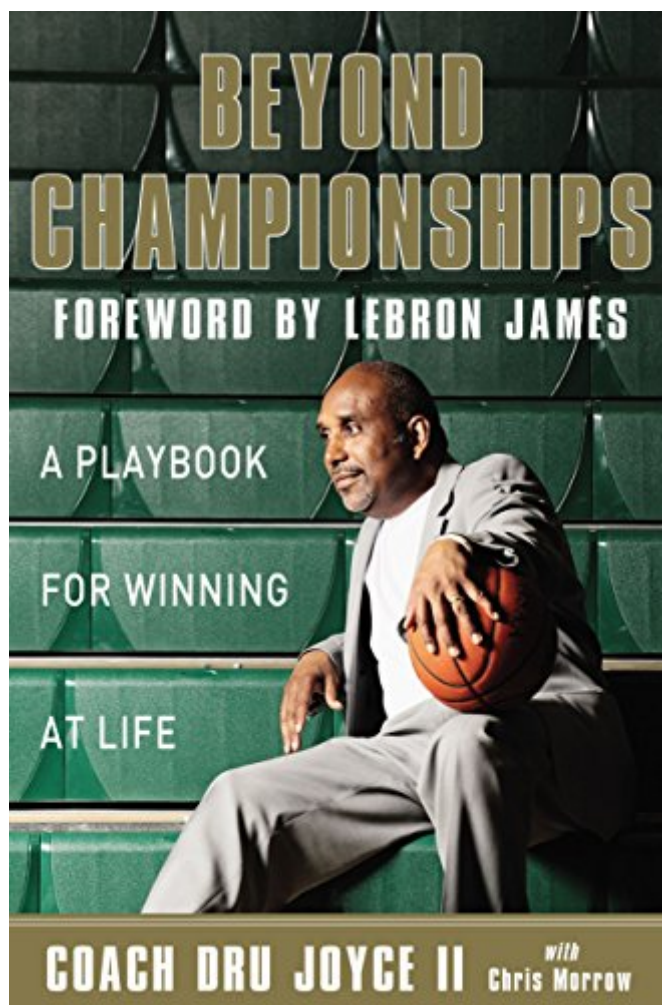


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Beyond Championships: A Playbook For Winning At Life



Synopsis

As the coach of one of high school basketball's greatest programs, Coach Dru Joyce has been mentor and motivator to some of the nation's best young players, including basketball legend LeBron James. Despite having virtually no experience in the sport, in less than ten years Dru went from a no-name fan to one of the highest profile basketball coaches in the country. With insight and grit earned from his years on and off the court, Coach Dru shares for the first time the secrets to his teams' success and his own coaching achievements. Far more than a sports book, *Beyond Championships* is a blueprint for anyone looking to make better choices, reach their full potential, and become winners in all areas of life. As Dru outlines the nine principles that he promotes to his players and tries to live in his own life as well, you'll discover that the solid foundation on which he built so many successful basketball programs can be applied to almost any situation. As you assess your chosen path in life and look for ways to embark on a more inspiring and rewarding journey, Coach Dru offers an accessible and relatable roadmap for personal evolution.

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Customer Reviews

Such a lovely book from an equally lovely man. I was so happy to read this book by Coach Dru, as it provides a very open account of a life well lived (and sometimes not so well!) and lessons learned along the way. While many readers may pick up this book to learn the secret of his coaching success, they should be advised that Dru's success as a coach is an amazing by-product of the life he has lived, the commitments he has made to his family, his community, and the many children and young men he has mentored through the years. There are probably things in it that other coaches may learn about technically, I don't know, I'm not a coach. The lessons he offers to other coaches and middle aged housewives alike are so much more than a basketball playbook. LeBron James provides the forward for the book, and there is no doubt that LeBron learned a lot from from this thoughtful, gentle man. I don't read sports books. Ever. But having met Coach Dru over the years, and watching some of the kids he's coached become strong, committed, successful men, I knew this would be a fascinating book, and I was not disappointed. In these days of spoiled, self-centered athletes and untethered young people struggling to find a place in the world, it is a restoration of faith in humanity to know that there are people like this in it, and are helping to encourage more of them! Congratulations on a remarkable book, Coach!

I DID NOT receive this book for the purpose of reviewing it. I bought it because I was intrigued by Coach Joyce's life and I have not been disappointed. In fact I've bought three of the regular edition and two of the teen edition to give as gifts to men and teenagers that I felt would benefit. This book NEEDS to be blasted out there to coaches, mentors, leaders in our communities and to so many young people. No more need be said. I need to embrace the discipline Coach Joyce encourages and keep focused on the prizes that have been laid in front of me for my life and destiny. Prizes that the principles in this book can help anyone attain.

Very inspiring! The words I would like all my student athletes to read that attend our youth program. Never give up, never quit...be true to you. Most of all - with God reach for what He has inspired you to become.

The author is my cousin and it was better than I expected.

In *Beyond Championships*, Coach Dru Joyce writes about the lessons he has learned, along with the values he has strived to instill in his players, through basketball. To Joyce, coaching and life are both about serving others: "Growing up doesn't mean getting bigger or getting older. It means coming out of the delusion that we are here just for ourselves, just to have our own needs met. It means realizing we were put on this earth to make a difference. It means stepping further and further away from the misconception that we deserve things and more into the idea that we are here to serve." Joyce has been a successful coach in two ways. First, he has had some outstanding players and teams and has won a lot of championships. Second, and more importantly, he has shaped a lot of lives in a positive way. One of the young men who Joyce coached, LeBron James, wrote this in the book's forward: "On the court, the goal will always be to win a title. But off the court, the more important goal remains to shape the lives of young people in the community in the same way that Coach Dru shaped mine. And if I can do that, even just a little bit, then I will have accomplished something that means so much more to me than any championship." I both enjoyed and benefitted from this book, and I recommend it to anyone who works with young people in any way. I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I want my money back! This is not a good back!! At all !

Coaching whether it is a basketball team or a group of scholars is a heavy burden. We have all read the stories about how coaches overstepped their position of trust. We don't hear much about the coaches that go beyond the role of "coach" and make positive changes in their team. In the book, *Beyond Championships*, Coach Dru Joyce writes about the lessons he has learned, along with the values he has worked to instill in his players, through coaching basketball. To Joyce, coaching and life are both about serving others: "Growing up doesn't mean getting bigger or getting older. It means coming out of the delusion that we are here just for ourselves, just to have our own needs met. It means realizing we were put on this earth to make a difference. It means stepping further and further away from the misconception that we deserve things and more into the idea that we are here to serve." Coach Joyce has had a long and successful career in coaching for a couple of reasons. The list of championships that he has led teams to win is certainly impressive. He clearly knows the sport and how to encourage players to achieve the skills necessary to win. But

secondly, and more importantly to me, are the stories his players share about how he has been the most important force in their lives and is the one responsible for helping them to make the needed changes to be successful both on and off the courts. One of the young men who Joyce coached wrote this in the book forward: On the court, the goal will always be to win a title. But off the court, the more important goal remains to shape the lives of young people in the community in the same way that Coach Dru shaped mine. And if I can do that, even just a little bit, then I will have accomplished something that means so much more to me than any championship. While I am not a huge basketball fan, I enjoyed this book. The principles and encouraging work ethic can be applied to any area. It's not all about winning. It's more important to be made of honor and integrity..and to help those around you to reach their potential. Beyond Championships is far more than a book about basketball, it is a outline for anyone looking to make better choices, reach their full potential, and become a winner in life. Promotional or discounted product provided for review.

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