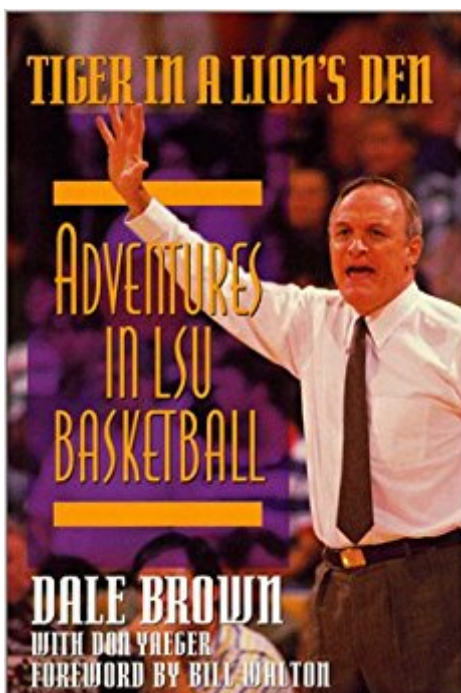


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This unusual sports book is less about Brown's 22 years as head basketball coach at Louisiana State than about his philosophy of life. Assisted by Yaeger (Under the Tarnished Dome), he expounds that being an undeviatingly straight arrow is the only way to find self-esteem. He developed this attitude as a youth whose father deserted his mother two days before he was born, their third child and only son. That attitude was strengthened as the family lived on welfare in North Dakota, and Brown worked his way through college. In his career, he has lambasted the NCAA, referees intimidated by big-name coaches, and the media, which he criticizes for its "negativism, sensationalism, and cynicism." These stances, plus his quick temper, have engendered controversy, but in this candid, highly readable autobiography, Brown is unrepentant. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

College basketball enthusiasts will relish this biographical review of Brown's 23-year career as coach of the Louisiana State Tigers. Considering that longevity often equals winning in the fickle world of sports, Brown's time with Louisiana State University is impressive. Writing with the assistance of author/journalist Yaeger, Brown takes the reader behind the scenes of a major college athletic program. He documents the glorious moments as well as the difficult ones, including feuds with rival coaches and battles with the bureaucracy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Although he is known for his outspoken, often controversial nature, Brown waxes philosophical by reminding readers that life is too precious to waste on trivial matters. Recommended for regional collections and wherever demand warrants. L.R. Little, Penticton P.L., British Columbia Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

WOW! Great, fast, informative and fun. Dale Brown beats to a different drummer and this book lets you see the world from his perspective. My respect for him goes up immensely. But the highlight of the book is the basketball stories. My favorite subjects were 1. his relationship with John Wooden, 2. recruiting top-notch players, 3. Shaq and how he met him, 4. dirty recruiting, 5. why he hates the NCAA, 6. the role of media and fans and 7. Bobby Knight and their feud. Dale admits his faults and explains his logic. He never bent his principals and I respect him for that. A 200 page, quick read and worth every minute. Whether you like Dale or not, read this book and you will have more respect for him and enjoy yourself along the way.

Watching Coach Brown from the stands as a fan of another SEC school I never knew the "real" Dale Brown. After reading his book I have a newfound respect for Dale Brown the man. The emphasis on his humble upbringing gives insight into the character of one of college basketball's greatest coaches. It was easy to dislike him when his teams were winning in the SEC, but this book strips away the game face to reveal a true gentleman and warrior. Fans of basketball should read this book.

I loved this book. I knew Dale Brown as a friend of my family for as long as I can remember. In this book it shows everybody what Dale is really about. He is a person who is strong on his morals, a loving family member, and will do anything for anybody. I wish everybody had a little bit of Dale Brown in them it would make this world a better place.

This is a very good book about the man who put LSU basketball on the map. (excluding Pistol Pete) Coach Brown is very straightforward about every aspect of his coaching and the players he coached. This is an excellent book for young coaches.

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