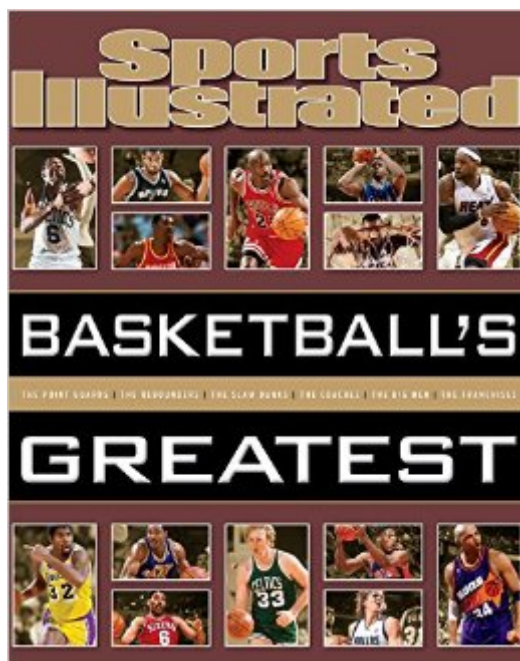


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# Sports Illustrated Basketball's Greatest



## Synopsis

Who's the greatest center of all time, Wilt Chamberlain or Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? Where does Shaquille O'Neal land in the rankings? Would you pick Tim Duncan or Charles Barkley as the better power forward? Who's your best Sixth Man? Where does LeBron James rank among small forwards? Sports Illustrated has polled its basketball experts, including Jack McCallum, Chris Ballard, Alexander Wolff, Lee Jenkins, Ian Thomsen, Chris Mannix, and Mark Bechtel, to determine the Top 10 in more than 20 categories. The rankings appear alongside stunning photography and classic stories from SI's archives. This is the best of the best in the NBA, or, more simply, Basketball's Greatest.

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This book is very impressive. Visually probably the best collection of basketball pictures I've ever put my eyes on. Some of the pictures you either will say "I remember that game" or "I feel like I'm right there". People say pictures say a thousand words, and in this case that statement could be true. Sports Illustrated could have just made a picture book out from the photography and the book could have been just as powerful. Took me back to when I was a teenager putting posters on my wall, admiring the great dunks and marquee shots. As a fan that follows basketball, I've seen a lot of really good to great basketball players play in the NBA (I've only watched basketball for about 28 years) and listened to a lot of the talk about "The Greats" and how great players were from different eras and it's all great conversation, but there's always a bias when talking great NBA players. Just by reading this book (and I first heard about the book watching Open Court on NBATV) I knew that

the criteria for being on this list had to be championships. Which should be part of it, but when talking about just playing basketball there's a lot of players that got left off. Throughout the history of the NBA even as recent as today, there are a lot of players that should at least be considered for listing or at least being mentioned in the book. The fact that a player of Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway, once considered by Michael Jordan himself to be one of only two players he would pay to watch during the 1990's (the other at the time was Grant Hill) doesn't get mentioned in this book shows how much favoritism the panelist have for the players mentioned in this book, and may show their age a little.

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