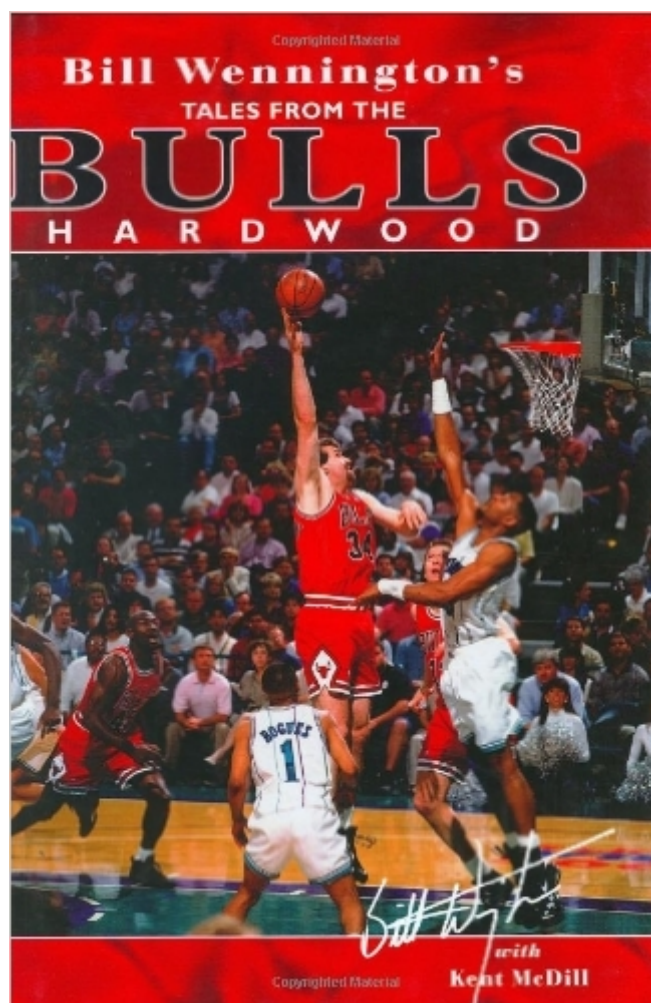


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# Bill Wennington's Tales From The Bulls Hardwood



## Synopsis

Chicago Bulls fans thought they had it so good. From 1991 through 1993 the Bulls won three consecutive NBA titles behind the talents of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. When Jordan retired in the fall of 1993, those fans thought the good times were over. In the fall of 1995, however, Jordan was ready to make a full return to NBA action, Pippen was still the best number two man in basketball, and then bad-boy Dennis Rodman was signed to join the franchise that had grown to hate him. Suddenly, the Bulls had the greatest team in NBA history. Bill Wennington's *Tales from the Bulls Hardwood* tells some of the inside stories from that team, the one that won three more NBA titles from 1996 through 1998. Seen from the eyes of three-time NBA champion center Bill Wennington, the Bulls come to life differently, from an insider's point of view. The 1995-96 Bulls won an NBA record 72 games and became the Beatles of professional sports. Followed everywhere and talked about endlessly, they captured a national and international audience and kept all eyes upon them for three seasons, even though everyone knew they were going to win. Fans will read about some of the most famous names in basketball history. Jordan, the demanding team leader; Pippen, the true teammate; Rodman, the reckless rebounder; Toni Kukoc, the outsider; Ron Harper, the former star turned role player; Luc Longley, the affable Aussie; Steve Kerr, the John Paxson sequel; all playing for Phil Jackson, the Zen master coach. These are stories fans have not heard before, but it's not their fault. They just weren't there the way Bill Wennington was.

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Bill Wennington can be a fairly entertaining broadcaster during Bulls games (as heard in his current role as a radio color commentator for the Bulls). In his book "Bill Wennington's Tales from the Bulls Hardwood" it demonstrates that he has probably experienced some memorable times as a member of the team during the Michael Jordan/Scottie Pippen championship glory years. Unfortunately the writing is terrible and the organization of ideas even worse. The sad thing is that he used a ghost writer to accomplish this (Kent McDill). Ghost writers are supposed to be used (in theory) to translate an athlete's unique experience into a more reader friendly format than they might be able to do on their own. I sincerely doubt that Wennington could have done any worse on his own than ghost writer McDill has done. McDill shows why he is a beat writer for the legendarily bad "Daily Herald" - regarded as the retarded step child of the Chicago newspaper market. Tack on the fact that the already tiny book is backend stuffed with blank pages to try to make it look bigger than it is really makes it an overwhelming disappointment - which is too bad, because I think Wennington has a good book in him, this just isn't it.

"Imagine you're a personal friend of Bill Wennington. You ask him what it was really like to be part of the Bulls' Championship team. You're in luck - his flight is delayed and, since you're a good friend, for the next few hours he's going to give you a look behind the scenes. And he's going to introduce you to everyone involved. Listen up, friend, and enjoy." That's what it seems like as you're reading this book. And that's what I think it should state in the introduction. "Tales from the Bulls Hardwood" is a "must have" for all Bulls fans, basketball fans, and everyone who lives in Chicago. In fact, anyone who followed the Bulls at all during the Championship years will enjoy this book. For the few people out there who don't fall into one of these categories, well... you might want to read the book just so you'll know what everyone else is talking about. The tales are short, easy to read, enjoyable, and entertaining... You'll find yourself reading "just one more tale" before putting the book down... and before you know it, you'll be finished - and looking for more.

Good. Many good, inside stories of the time. Well thought out and written. Looking for memory lane stories and this book produced them.

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