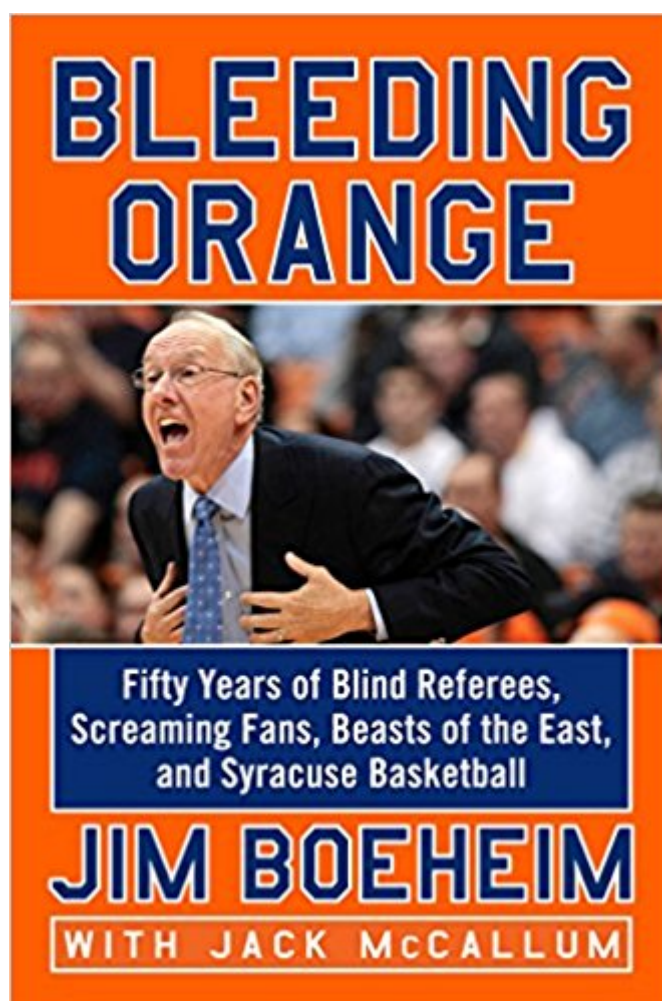


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Bleeding Orange: Fifty Years Of Blind Referees, Screaming Fans, Beasts Of The East, And Syracuse Basketball



Synopsis

In this candid autobiography, Syracuse head coach and long time college basketball fixture Jim Boeheim reflects on his life, his teachers, and the game he loves. Jim Boeheim walked onto the Syracuse campus as a freshman in 1963 . . . and never walked off. A man who has been written off at various stages of his career and criticized for being disagreeable, Boeheim has experienced it all—triumph, despair, redemption; controversy, heartbreak, and scandal; championships, epic disappointments, colorful personalities, NCAA investigations. His combative personality helped ignite what was arguably the most competitive college basketball conference ever: the Big East of the 1980s, when he and Syracuse battled with Big John Thompson of Georgetown, roly-poly Rollie Massimino of Villanova, feisty Jim Calhoun of Connecticut, and beloved Looie Carnesecca of St. John's, turning the Big East into a Coaches Conference and the Best Show in College Basketball. Boeheim talks about those days and the coming battles with powerhouses North Carolina and Duke, now that Syracuse has joined the Atlantic Coast Conference. From his association with Syracuse greats Dave Bing (a college teammate), Pearl Washington, and Derrick Coleman, to the Olympics—where he coached players such as LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, and Kevin Durant—Boeheim has learned many lessons that have helped his team and continue to encourage him now as he nears seventy. His unprecedented fifty-year career as a player, assistant, head coach and icon has given him unique insight into coaching and the college game, knowledge he now shares.

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Customer Reviews

Jim Boeheim walked onto the Syracuse campus as just another non-scholarship guard on the freshman basketball team in 1962 . . . and he still hasn't walked off. In six decades as a player, assistant coach and the head man on the bench for Syracuse University's basketball program, Boeheim is synonymous with the blood and thunder of East Coast hoops. In *Bleeding Orange*, Boeheim recounts for the first time all of the pleasures and perils of a career spent battling "The Beasts of the Big East," the NCAA and his own fear of failure. The son of a funeral director, Coach Boeheim has always been full of life, and his combative nature helped ignite what was arguably the most fascinating and competitive college basketball conference ever—the Big East of the 1980s. Boeheim's battles with fellow coaches Big John Thompson of Georgetown, roly-poly Rollie Massimino of Villanova, feisty Jim Calhoun of Connecticut and beloved Louie Carnesecca of St. John's turned the Big East into the best show in college basketball. Combining a real time, inside-the-program account of the 2013–14 season—Syracuse's first in the ACC—with a narrative of his most cherished memories of coming-of-age on the Syracuse campus and of coaching two Olympic gold medal-winning teams, *Bleeding Orange* is a must-read both for Syracuse fans and anyone who calls himself or herself an aficionado of college basketball history.

Jim Boeheim is the second-winningest coach in college basketball history behind Mike Krzyzewski. He has been elected to the coaches wing of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and has been the head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen for nearly forty years. Jack McCallum is the author of ten books, including the New York Times bestseller *Dream Team*. He is a recipient of the Curt Gowdy Media Award from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for excellence in basketball writing.

Jim Boeheim has been telling it like it is for 40 or so years and he continues to do so in this book. His unique perspective as perhaps one of the most, if not the most, loyal guys in sports, is not only entertaining but informative as well. The coach provides a very interesting look at not only his life as a player and coach at SU, but his insights into sports, particularly college sports, the Olympics, education and teaching kids. If you're a fan of SU, a fan of college basketball, a fan of college sports, a fan of sports, or just a fan of a guy who, for all his life, has not only talked the talk but more importantly walked the walk you'll enjoy this book.

To read the behind the scenes stories of games and seasons you have watched and digested with complete fervor is a real treat. Coach Boeheim has emotionally and effectively pulled back the

curtain just enough to give the armchair coach/lunatic Syracuse fans a look at all of the blood, sweat, and fears (that one's for you, coach) that a top tier College basketball program endures from season to season. The Big East stories were riveting, and the comparison to the ACC 'Gentleman's Club' seemed spot on. I am Syracuse class of '82, and my wife and I have been die hard SU fans before we met, and ever since. We watch every game, and read every story if it involves the Orange. We BLEED Orange, and always will. We wish the Coach continued amazing success, and will shed more than a tear when his final game is coached. Syracuse will be in excellent hands if Hop is selected next.

I couldn't wait for Jim Boeheim to release this memoir. Finally, basketball in his own words. Jim is not only an amazing coach, but a former player and a man. who lives and breathes the sport. Coaches always say that every moment he is not coaching, Jim Boeheim is watching a game. He loves the sport, and it shows in this book. I loved reading his stories about his former players, the rivalry between SU and Georgetown, and the dedication of Jim Boeheim Court. The only thing I felt was left out were details pertaining to his personal life. Of course, this book was meant to be about basketball, but I still wish there were more personal details. I would have loved to have read more about his children, as well as his relationships with the other coaches. There were a few stories, but I wish that there were more. However, overall the book was a great read, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The only sad part is knowing that retirement may be looming. Like so many fans, I don't want to think about Syracuse Basketball without Jim Boeheim...

Such great insight into a wonderful coach. This autobiography really brings to light the behind the scenes when it comes to coaching college basketball as well as showcases Boeheim's sense of humor. Loved every page.

My wife bought it for me and we both read it. We both went to college w/Jim Boeheim and watch every Syracuse basketball game together, "bleeding Orange" all the way. I'm sure I'll read it again within a year. This year Nancy also bought me AMERICAN SNIPER (Memorial Edition), and last year I AM SPARTACUS - Making a film and breaking the blacklist, By Kirk Douglas, which I read twice, and may read again someday.

You don't have to be an Orange fan to enjoy this book. Boeheim's wit and insights into the game make it a good read. And if you're a BiG East fan, you'll enjoy the stories about the players and the

coaches who carried the league through its heyday. And this is submitted by a Villanova alum!

I was more than pleased with this book, and it went well beyond my expectations. Coach Boeheim is quite a good writer. He tells a very engaging story, and tells it with humorous asides too. I highly recommend this for any Orange basketball fan! If you just like college basketball, you'll enjoy it too!

Any fan of Syracuse basketball should read this book. If you've been along for the entire ride with Coach Boeheim, you will thoroughly enjoy it. The stories of the early years of the greatest basketball conference, the Big East, were particularly entertaining. The aftermath of the sport coat game at Cameron were great, and the Orange faithful all know that it was a BLOCK!

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