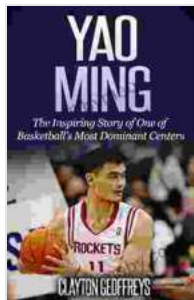


# The Inspiring Story Of One Of Basketball Most Dominant Centers



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Shaquille O'Neal is one of the most dominant basketball players in NBA history. He was a 7-foot-1, 325-pound center who could score, rebound, and defend with the best of them. O'Neal led the Los Angeles Lakers to three NBA championships and was named the NBA Finals MVP three times. He was also a 15-time NBA All-Star and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016.

O'Neal's journey to the NBA was not easy. He grew up in a poor family in Newark, New Jersey. His father left the family when O'Neal was young, and his mother worked long hours to support her children. O'Neal was often bullied by other children because of his size. But he never gave up on his dream of playing basketball.

O'Neal attended Louisiana State University, where he quickly became one of the best players in the country. He led the Tigers to the 1991 Final Four and was named the NCAA Player of the Year. O'Neal was drafted by the Orlando Magic with the first overall pick in the 1992 NBA Draft.

O'Neal quickly became a star in the NBA. He averaged 23.4 points and 13.9 rebounds per game in his rookie season and was named the NBA Rookie of the Year. O'Neal helped the Magic reach the NBA Finals in 1995, but they lost to the Houston Rockets in four games.

In 1996, O'Neal signed a free agent contract with the Los Angeles Lakers. He joined forces with Kobe Bryant, and the two formed one of the most dominant duos in NBA history. The Lakers won three consecutive NBA championships from 2000 to 2002. O'Neal was named the NBA Finals MVP in all three series.

O'Neal continued to play at a high level for several more seasons. He helped the Miami Heat win the NBA championship in 2006. He also played for the Phoenix Suns, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Boston Celtics before retiring in 2011.

O'Neal is considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time. He is a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the FIBA Hall of Fame, and the Olympic Hall of Fame. O'Neal is also a successful businessman and has his own line of clothing, shoes, and video games.

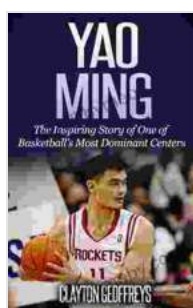
O'Neal's story is an inspiration to anyone who has ever been told that they can't achieve their dreams. He never gave up on his dream of playing basketball, even when the odds were stacked against him. O'Neal's story is a reminder that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

Here are some of O'Neal's most memorable quotes:

- "I'm not the most athletic guy in the world, but I'm the most dominant."
- "I'm a winner, and I'm not afraid to say it."
- "I'm not here to play games. I'm here to win championships."
- "I'm not going to let anyone tell me what I can't do."
- "I'm going to keep fighting until I reach my goals."

O'Neal's story is an inspiration to us all. He reminds us that anything is possible if we set our minds to it. Never give up on your dreams, no matter what obstacles you may face.

**To learn more about Shaquille O'Neal, read his autobiography, *Shaq Uncut: My Story*.**



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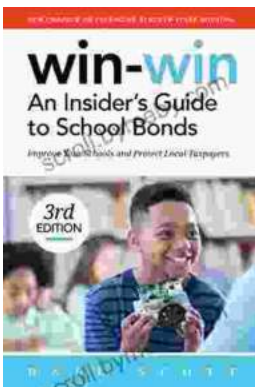
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