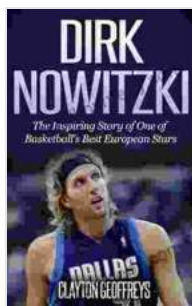


# The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Best European Stars

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Jokić has continued to improve his game in the years since then. In the 2020-2021 season, he averaged 26.4 points, 10.8 rebounds, and 8.3 assists per game. He led the Nuggets to the NBA Finals, where they lost to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Jokić is now considered to be one of the best players in the NBA. He is a two-time MVP, and he has led the Nuggets to the playoffs in each of his seven seasons in the league.

Jokić's story is an inspiration to young basketball players everywhere. He shows that with hard work, dedication, and passion, anything is possible.

## **Early Life and Career**

Nikola Jokić was born on February 19, 1995, in Sombor, Serbia. His father, Branislav, was a professional basketball player, and his mother, Vesna, was a volleyball player. Jokić began playing basketball at a young age, and by the time he was 16 years old, he was already playing for the Serbian national team.

In 2012, Jokić signed with Mega Vizura, a professional basketball club in Serbia. He spent three seasons with Mega Vizura, and during that time he helped the team win the Serbian League championship in 2014.

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## **NBA Career**

Jokić made his NBA debut on October 28, 2015, against the Sacramento Kings. He recorded 8 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 assists in his debut. Jokić quickly became a key player for the Nuggets, and by his third season, he was named an All-Star.

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## **International Career**

Jokić has also represented Serbia in international competition. He helped Serbia win the silver medal at the 2014 FIBA World Cup, and he was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Jokić also helped Serbia win the gold medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics. He was named the MVP of the tournament, and he was also named to the All-Tournament Team.

## Awards and Accomplishments

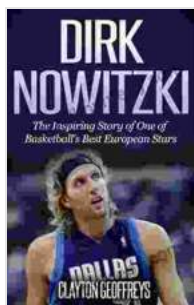
\* 2x NBA MVP (2021, 2022) \* NBA Most Improved Player (2019) \* 4x NBA All-Star (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022) \* 3x All-NBA First Team (2019, 2021, 2022) \* All-NBA Second Team (2020) \* FIBA World Cup silver medalist (2014) \* FIBA Olympic gold medalist (2016) \* FIBA Olympic MVP (2016)

## Legacy

Nikola Jokić is one of the best basketball players in the world. He is a two-time MVP, and he has led the Nuggets to the playoffs in each of his seven seasons in the league.

Jokić is also a role model for young basketball players everywhere. He shows that with hard work, dedication, and passion, anything is possible.

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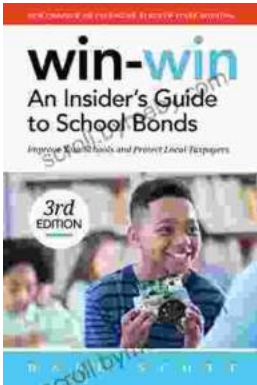
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