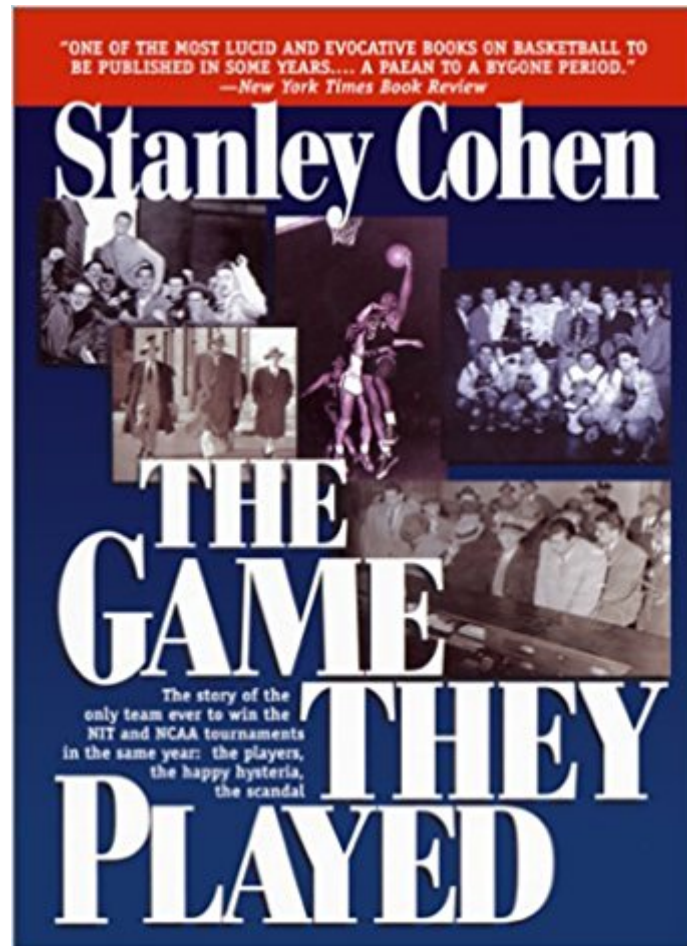




The book was found

The Game They Played



Synopsis

It happened in the 1949-50 college basketball season. The unranked City College team ("five street kids from the City of New York; three Jews and two blacks") outstripped the competition from the Midwest to take the titles in both the NCAA championship and National Invitation Tournament. The feat was unprecedented, and never again duplicated. Sadly, the scandal that followed it; and ended with the indictment of twenty players (for shaving points) as well as fourteen fixers; left New York bereft of big-time college basketball. Cited by Sports Illustrated as one the twenty-five best literary sports books ever published and the basis for the award-winning HBO documentary City Dump, which has been optioned for a major film, *The Game They Played* comprises both a history of the fixed and dumped college basketball games from the late 1940s to the early 1960s and a morality tale that contemplates the nature of justice in America. It poignantly tells the story, too, of dreams that were lost, illusions broken, and kids betrayed by the sad truths of greed and corruption.

Book Information

Paperback: 256 pages

Publisher: Da Capo Press (February 27, 2001)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0786708212

ISBN-13: 978-0786708215

Product Dimensions: 8.2 x 5.5 x 0.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 12.6 ounces

Average Customer Review: 3.1 out of 5 stars 4 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #494,945 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #8 in [Books > Sports & Outdoors > Basketball > College & University](#) #791 in [Books > Sports & Outdoors > Miscellaneous > History of Sports](#)

Customer Reviews

Why would anyone betray and corrupt something they loved more than anything? That's exactly what happened in the early 1950s when dozens of college basketball players fixed games for the benefit of sleazy gamblers who tossed them a few bucks for their efforts. Many of the players were arrested, scandal followed and college basketball was almost reduced to the level of artificial sports like roller derby. In *THE GAME THEY PLAYED*, one of the earliest and best books about the point shaving scandal of the early fifties, Stanley Cohen details how the gamblers got to the players and

how the players fixed numerous games. Focusing on the Beavers of CCNY, the only team in history to win both the NIT and the NCAA championships in a single season, Cohen discusses, not just the nuts and bolts of the fixes, but also the broader implications of the scandals in American life and how much the scandal ruined college basketball in New York for a generation. Having researched and written a lot about sports in the 1950s (HOOP CRAZY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL IN THE 1950S), I found this book to be an excellent, enjoyable read on a dark subject.

A treat for baseball fans who still follow their teams and involve their families. His personal experiences bring back memories for us all.

Lived through this era. Familiar with players & big bb fan. Was Looking for accurate details--this book provided them

So so...too long actually for the story that was being told

[Download to continue reading...](#)

From Zero to Sixty on Hedge Funds and Private Equity: What They Do, How They Do It, and Why They Do The Mysterious Things They Do They Hurt, They Scar, They Shoot, They Kill: Toxic Characters in Young Adult Fiction (Studies in Young Adult Literature) The Game They Played Game of Thrones: 100 Question Trivia Game For True Fans (Epic Fantasy Series, Game of Thrones Books, Game of Thrones, Fantasy Books) (Epic Fantasy, Fantasy ... TV, TV Guide, Game of Thrones Book) Understanding Girls with ADHD, Updated and Revised: How They Feel and Why They Do What They Do Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do The Employee Experience Advantage: How to Win the War for Talent by Giving Employees the Workspaces they Want, the Tools they Need, and a Culture They Can Celebrate Defeating ISIS: Who They Are, How They Fight, What They Believe The 100 Best Business Books of All Time: What They Say, Why They Matter, and How They Can Help You Miracles: What They Are, Why They Happen, and How They Can Change Your Life Queens of the Ice: They were fast, they were fierce, they were teenage girls (Lorimer Recordbooks) Deus Ex Machina - The Best Game You Never Played in Your Life Hardball: How Politics Is Played, Told by One Who Knows the Game The Game You Played: A Chilling Psychological Thriller Game Feel: A Game Designer's Guide to Virtual Sensation (Morgan Kaufmann Game Design Books) Game Of Thrones: 101 Facts You Didn't Know About Game Of Thrones, The Complete Unofficial Guide! (game of thrones book 6 release date, 101 facts, TV, Movie, ... Adaptations, Trivia & Fun

Facts, Trivia) Game Of Thrones: 10 Most Memorable moments from Game of thrones & 23 Facts about GOT you should Know, 26 Jokes only people who've finished GOT Season 5 Will understand (Game of Thrones Secrets) Phaser.js Game Design Workbook: Game development guide using Phaser JavaScript Game Framework Scorecasting: The Hidden Influences Behind How Sports Are Played and Games Are Won Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)