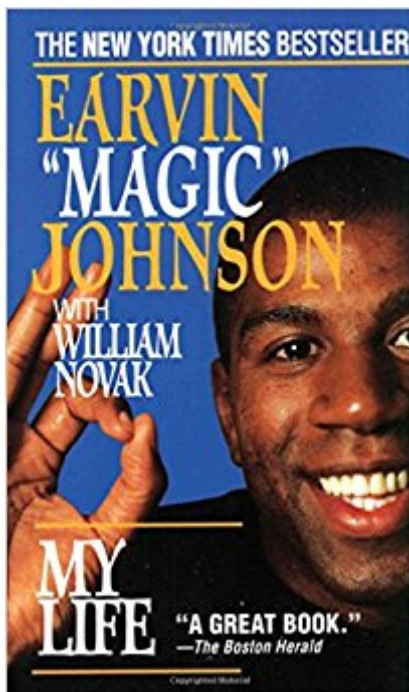


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## Synopsis

"A true emotional phenomenon...Entertaining...Of particular interest to fans will be the evolution of Johnson's relationship with Bird, his great karmic partner in the game."NEW YORK NEWSDAYHe's faced challenges all of his life, but now Magic Johnson faces the biggest challenge of all, his own brave battle with HIV. In this dramatic, exciting, and inspirational autobiography, Magic Johnson allows readers into his life, into his triumphs and tragedies on and off the court. In his own exuberant style, he tells readers of the friends and family who've been constant supporters and the basketball greats he's worked with. It's all here, the glory and the pain the character, charisma, and courage of the hero called Magic.AN ALTERNATE SELECTION OF THE BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUBFrom the Paperback edition. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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Basketball superstar Johnson's straight talk on AIDS gives his autobiography its thrust and power. Born in Lansing, Mich., son of an hardworking auto assembly-line worker and a pious Seventh-Day Adventist, Johnson comes across as a modest, straightforward, upbeat guy in this high-spirited if sanitized self-portrait. Fans will enjoy his replays of key games and seasons, as well as his frank impressions of his former Los Angeles Lakers teammates, coach Pat Riley, the Boston Celtics' Larry Bird and other players. Johnson discusses his on-again, off-again relationship with his wife, Cookie, whom he married just a month before he tested positive for the HIV virus. The strongest sections describe his retirement, his coming to terms with his condition and return to play, his role as an AIDS activist and the birth of his second son earlier this year. An epilogue contains the

rousing speech "A Message for Black Teenagers." Coauthor Novak has collaborated on "autobiographies" with Lee Iacocca and Nancy Reagan. Photos. Author tour. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

This is the latest of several books about Johnson, the Los Angeles Laker star who stunned the entire country last year when he revealed that he had tested positive for HIV. Johnson here recounts his life, culminating with his now well-known participation as a member of the "Dream Team" at the Barcelona Olympics. Since this book was written, Johnson has announced that he will rejoin the Lakers for the 1992-93 season. Not the typical ghetto athlete made good, Johnson comes from comfortable--albeit not luxurious--surroundings and did not have to deal with much tragedy until his HIV diagnosis. Of note in this autobiography is a relatively candid (no names) description of Johnson's involvement with women, which may have led to his infection. This is not a "no holds barred" biography, but it will nevertheless be of interest to public and school library patrons. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 6/1/92.- William O. Scheeren, Hempfield Area H.S. Lib., Greensburg, Pa. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Magic is my favorite basketball player, and I vividly remember his press conference where he revealed his diagnosis. It's a great read for basketball fans young and old. Highly recommend!

It was a good book about the beginning years of Earvin becoming Magic Johnson, playing the game, dating and marrying Cookie, adjusting to life with HIV, and retiring from the game. I really enjoyed it and look forward to reading, Mrs. Cookie Johnson's new book to be released, Sept. 20th, *Believing in Magic*.

I wasn't sure about this book but I am glad I purchased and read it. Very easy to read and a really fun read, Magic is very conversational and gives good insights and honesty. This book was written a while back, but if you are interested in Magic or bball I recommend this one!

A fairly light and easy read, but a really nice summary of Magic. For those of us that loved showtime, just a fun book to learn more about the Magic Man.

Great book. The book was packaged well.

I like the book its great.

I REALLY ENJOYED THIS BOOK. MAGIC HAS A HAD VERY INTERESTING CAREER AND PRIVATE LIFE. HE DOES A GREAT JOB OF DESCRIBING THE NEWS OF HIS HIV VIRUS IN SUCH AS A WAY THAT HE IS HONEST BUT NOT BRUTALLY HONEST. HE SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD GUY. HE DOES A GREAT JOB DESCRIBING HIS CAREER AND HIS LIFE IN DETAIL. I ENJOYED THIS ALOT, SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE HIS RESPECT OF LARRY BIRD, PAT RILEY, AND VARIOUS OTHER PLAYERS AND COACHES. HE ALSO HAS GOOD VALUES AND SEEMS HUMBLE. HE IS VERY HUMAN AND ALSO HAS GREAT CHARISMA. HOPEFULLY MAGIC WILL LIVE A LONG HEALTHY LIFE. THIS BOOK IS VERY RECOMMENDED.

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