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"This gut-wrenching and inspirational tale of the hoops team at Hope High in Providence is about much more than sports." --*Sports Illustrated*

### About the Author

Bill Reynolds is an award-winning sports columnist for the *Providence Journal*. He is the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Success is a Choice* with Rick Pitino, *Basketball Junkie* with Chris Herren, *Fall River Dreams*, and *Glory Days*. He lives in Rhode Island.

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