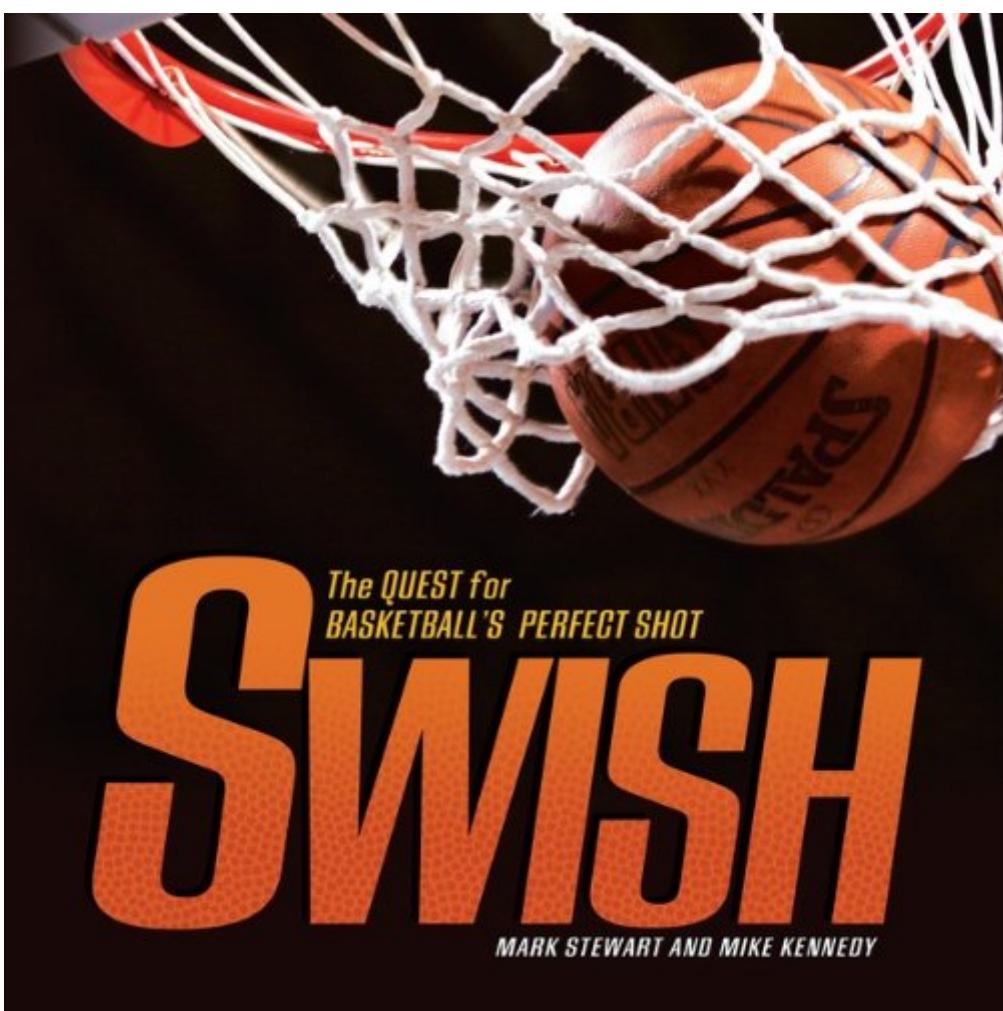


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# Swish: The Quest For Basketball's Perfect Shot (Spectacular Sports)



## **Synopsis**

From three-pointers to slam dunks, *Swish: The Quest for Basketball's Perfect Shot* goes beyond the record books and explores all aspects of making a basket. This book features amazing shots, player profiles, and tons of trivia. Authors Mark Stewart and Mike Kennedy cover basketball from the late 1800s to modern times, showcasing top male and female players both at the college level and in the pros.

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In 1891 the kids at the YMCA Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts, were about to be introduced to a game that would save them from a lot of the same old dreary exercises they always were stuck with during the winter. Dr. James Naismith may have thought long and hard about his new creation, basket-ball, or it may have come quickly to him. He thought up thirteen rules, Pop Stebbens offered up two peach baskets and the game was an instant and long-lasting success. In the "1930s and 1940s, the game 'took off.'" It was hot and the makings of the modern game had begun. The game was maturing and a more strategic game was emerging. During this time there "were enough good players and enough fans for new professional leagues to start." In this book you'll get to take a look at most of the best players, men and women alike, to ever come out of the

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