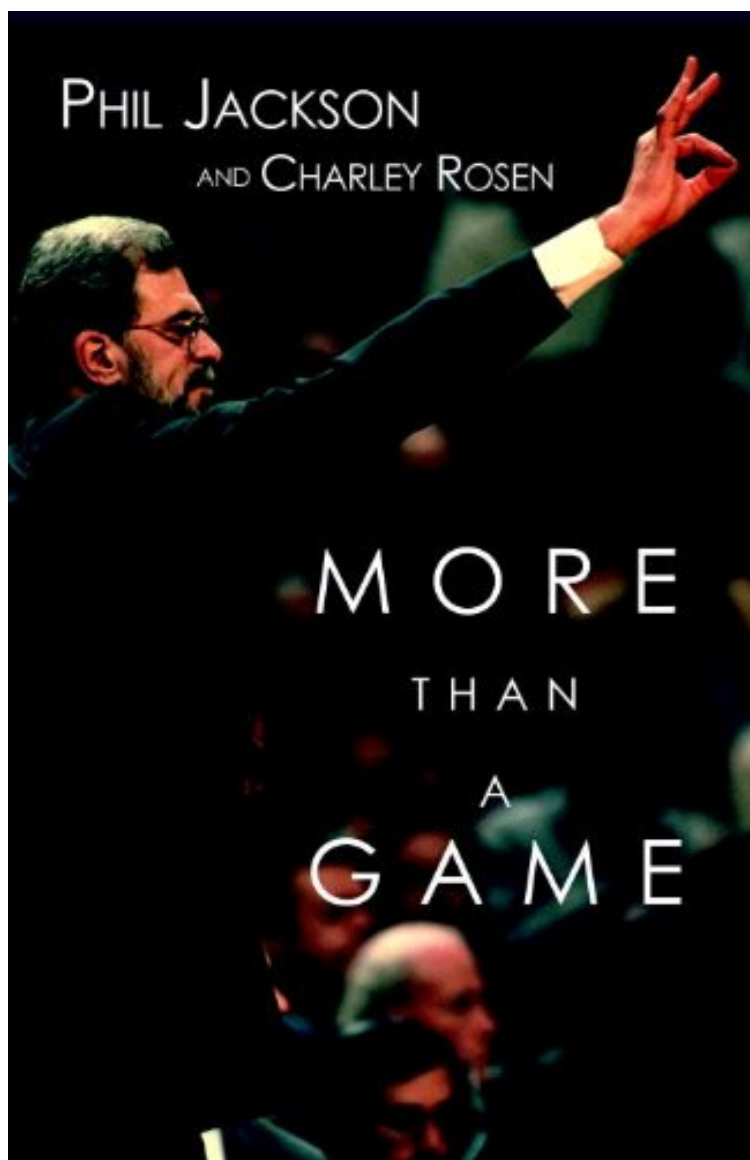


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Description : Description du produitThroughout the 19992000 season, Phil Jackson and Charley Rosen got together frequently to tape conversations about Jacksons latest challenge: teaching the rigorous power triangle to an undisciplined Lakers team. Jackson documented the teams game-by-game progress and his impressions of the state of the league. Rosen added novelistic impressions of the L.A. scene. The result of their collaboration is More Than a Game, an insiders account of the bumpy ride of the Lakers most recent championship season. Along the way, the reader accompanies Jackson and Rosen on their separate journeys that have resulted in a friendship forged in the sacred brotherhood of the hoop.

Prsentation de l'diteurMore than a Game is the odyssey of Jackson's journeyfrom New York Knick and world champion, to CBA coach, to six-time Chicago Bulls world champion, to this year's L.A. Lakers world

champion and the lessons in leadership he learned each step of the way. It is the tale of Rosen's journey as well, carrying the torch for the game of basketball through careers as star college player, CBA coach, and preeminent novelist of the game. It is also the story of the system Jackson coaches, the power triangle, as put forth by Lakers assistant coach Tex Winter. The triangle can be understood as a philosophy of basketball and life one that values role players almost as much as star players, and where fundamentals rule. More Than a Game is also a story of the friendship between Jackson and Rosen, forged in the sacred brotherhood of the hoop. From Publishers Weekly

At first glance, this book is a strained synthesis. During the first half, storied NBA coach Jackson and CBA coach-turned-writer Rosen alternate chapters. Each details his upbringing, life in basketball and friendship with the other. Even though Jackson is the star here, he gives little attention to his years with the Bulls (covered in his earlier book *Sacred Hoops*). Later in the book, Jackson recounts, game by game, his championship first season with the previously undisciplined Lakers. It seems a somewhat perfunctory treatment of a surprising season, until the book's true (and higher) purpose slowly becomes clear: it is a magnificent tribute to Tex Winter's triangle offense, the perfect scheme. In describing their attempts to implement the triangle in the CBA, the authors illustrate its effectiveness, even its necessity. Jackson and Rosen depict the Lakers learning to make the offense work, finally suggesting that the triangle could work for any team that Michael Jordan wasn't the only reason Chicago won six rings under Jackson. And through it all, they show that the only thing standing in the way of many teams adopting the triangle, just as many NFL teams have taken up the West Coast offense, is player ego. For the heart of the scheme is the individual's sacrifice of status and spotlight for the greater success of the team. The technical details in this wonderful book will give any fan a better appreciation of the game. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

From *Library Journal* Jackson is becoming a prolific chronicler of his life in basketball. *Maverick* (1975), also written with Rosen (*Scandals of '51*), covered his offbeat life as a player with the two-time champion New York Knicks, while *Sacred Hoops* (1999) focused on how he used his Triangle offense and personal "Zen Christian" beliefs in coaching the Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships during the 1990s. This latest work brings Jackson's journey two years forward as he brings the Triangle and his hardwood soul-searching to Los Angeles, leading the Lakers to yet another championship. Chapters alternate between Jackson and Rosen as the two trade tales and insights. The primary voice is Jackson's, however, and the major interest to most readers will be his behind-the-scenes account of the Lakers' successful season and the tenuous teaming of stars Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant. An unusual amalgam of biography, spiritualism, basketball technique, and journalism, this will be of strong interest for all basketball collections.

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