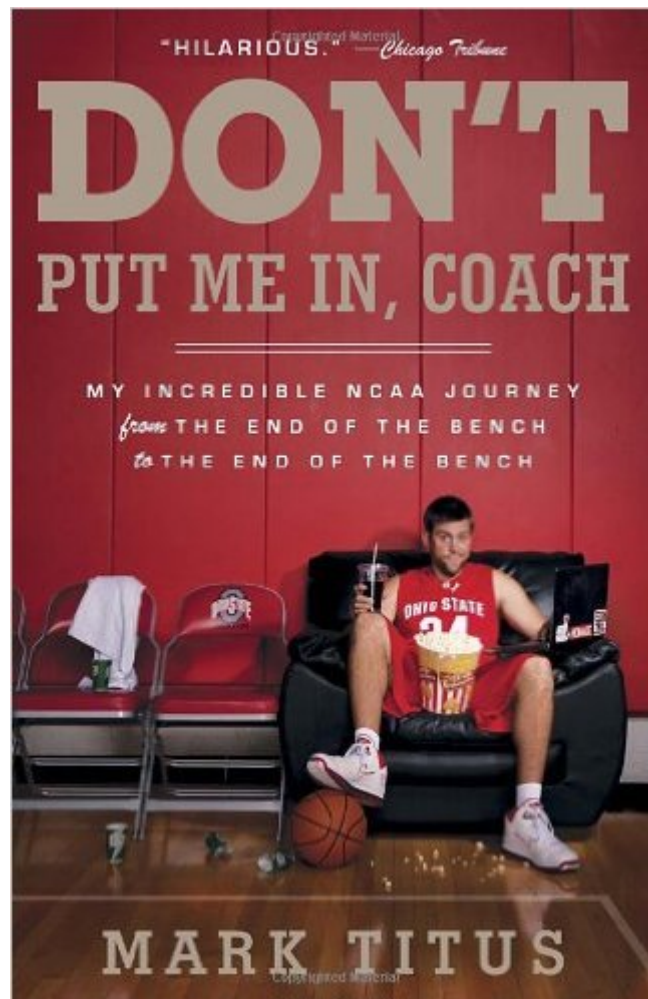


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# Don't Put Me In, Coach: My Incredible NCAA Journey From The End Of The Bench To The End Of The Bench



## Synopsis

An irreverent, hilarious insider's look at big-time NCAA basketball, through the eyes of the nation's most famous benchwarmer and author of the popular blog ClubTrillion.com (3.6m visits!). Mark Titus holds the Ohio State record for career wins, and made it to the 2007 national championship game. You would think Titus would be all over the highlight reels. You'd be wrong. In 2006, Mark Titus arrived on Ohio State's campus as a former high school basketball player who aspired to be an orthopedic surgeon. Somehow, he was added to the elite Buckeye basketball team, given a scholarship, and played alongside seven future NBA players on his way to setting the record for most individual career wins in Ohio State history. Think that's impressive? In four years, he scored a grand total of nine "yes, nine" points. This book will give readers an uncensored and uproarious look inside an elite NCAA basketball program from Titus's unique perspective. In his four years at the end of the bench, Mark founded his wildly popular blog Club Trillion, became a hero to all guys picked last, and even got scouted by the Harlem Globetrotters. Mark Titus is not your average basketball star. This is a wild and completely true story of the most unlikely career in college basketball. A must-read for all fans of March Madness and college sports!

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## Customer Reviews

DON'T PUT ME IN, COACH is a surprisingly engaging read. I should start by noting that I am not in any of the obvious target audiences for this book. I am not an Ohio Buckeyes fan, or even an NCAA basketball fan. I am a suburban mom, and an alum of a school that celebrated engineering rather than athletics. I think I had heard the author's name, but could not have told you anything at all

about him. And yet, I read this book in just a couple of days. I was initially repelled, but found myself pulled in to the story, meandering, pointless and off-color though it is. Just to be clear -- DON'T PUT ME IN, COACH, were it a film, would be rated R for "pervasive language" and some sexual content. You likely do not want to buy this book as a gift for the evangelicals on your holiday list. I don't usually go for that kind of thing, but Titus really can write. DON'T PUT ME IN, COACH is organized around his basketball career from 7th grade or so through his senior year at Ohio State, ending with his brief stint as a Harlem Globetrotter recruit. Since the book cover talks about his career being "from the end of the bench to the end of the bench," you already know how the story goes for him. And you immediately gather that this won't turn out to be a riff on Rudy. Instead you find yourself reading about fistfights and poop accidents among the athletic elite, from someone who clearly loves basketball and who has a talent for 18-34 year old guy in a locker room humor. Titus never takes himself too seriously. Early on, he comments that he is "one of the most famous walk-ons of all time (which let's be honest, is like being the smartest Kardashian)." If that makes you laugh (I admit it, I did), then you'll likely find yourself pulled along for this lightweight, enjoyable ride.

I randomly picked up this book at the library. I am a forty three year old woman who knows nothing about basketball and has not been to an organized sports event since High School. However, I found this to be one of the funniest books I have read in a long time.

Great insight and funny writing from Titus. An extension from his blog. Exactly what I hoped for and was expecting.

Titus was a bench warmer on the Ohio State basketball teams of the Greg Oden and Evan Turner eras. He provides an inside-the-locker-room perspective on those teams and the experience of being a collegiate athlete. It is a hilarious read and somewhat eye-opening, but probably what you would expect from a bunch of college-aged athletes. I am guessing that he was a more serious athlete and student than he portrays. No great insights provided, but that was not his intent. Titus is now a columnist for Grantland, so the writing is far superior to what one would expect from the "dumb jock" he claims to have been.

A lighthearted yet true story of life in the competitive world of basketball. It is a human story not necessarily one of solely basketball. Worth a read for anyone interested in how someone deals with the challenges of being an athlete at a big time school. Again, it's a comical look at life and not only

about sports.

I'm a huge college basketball fan and Titus offers a great insider's look into the game, the atmosphere, and the team. Some will be turned off by the sophomoric humor but if nothing else it feels honest. It's a quick read without just skimming details. I would definitely recommend to anyone who enjoys college basketball.

Loved the book. As a long-time high school, college, and service team athlete, I could identify with all of it. There is so much politics and phoniness in who plays and who doesn't, it should be examined and made fun of. Mark Titus was honest throughout and didn't pull any punches. Very accurate in all respects. Recommend you buy it and read it thoroughly.

Wasn't too familiar with Mark or Club Trillion when I purchased this book, and I'm far from an Ohio State fan. But I found Mark's stories to be funny and well told and I was able to plow through this book in a few hours. Easy and enjoyable and recommended to anyone who likes sports and humor.

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