# **Apache Rez Ball: The Wild Wind of Basketball**



### Apache ReZ-Ball: "Wild Wind Basketball" by Morgan Wootten

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Apache Rez Ball: The Wild Wind of Basketball is a book that tells the story of the rise of Native American basketball in the United States. The book follows the journey of several Native American players who overcame poverty, discrimination, and prejudice to achieve success on the court. Apache Rez Ball is a moving and inspiring story that celebrates the power of sports to transform lives.

#### The Rise of Native American Basketball

Basketball was first introduced to Native Americans in the late 1800s by missionaries and government agents. The game quickly caught on, and by the early 1900s, Native American teams were competing against white teams throughout the United States. However, Native American teams often faced discrimination and prejudice, and they were often not allowed to compete in major tournaments.

Despite the challenges they faced, Native American teams continued to play basketball, and by the mid-1900s, they had begun to achieve success on the national level. In 1954, the Haskell Indian Nations University men's basketball team won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) championship. This was the first time a Native American team had won a national championship in any sport.

The success of the Haskell team inspired other Native American teams to strive for excellence, and by the 1970s, Native American players were beginning to make a name for themselves in the National Basketball Association (NBA). Some of the most famous Native American NBA players include Jim Thorpe, Billy Mills, and Kevin Durant.

## **The Power of Sports**

Apache Rez Ball is a story about the power of sports to transform lives. The book follows the journey of several Native American players who overcame poverty, discrimination, and prejudice to achieve success on the court. These players are role models for Native American youth, and they show that anything is possible if you have the determination to succeed.

Apache Rez Ball is a moving and inspiring story that celebrates the power of sports to change lives. The book is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Native American history, basketball, or the power of sports to overcome adversity.

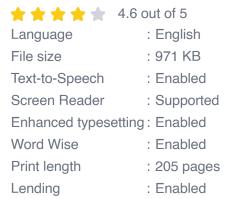
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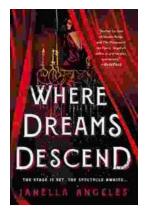
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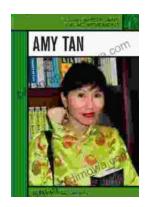






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