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## Learn the Incredible Story of Basketball Superstar Chris Paul!

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In *Chris Paul: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Point Guards*, you'll read about the inspirational story of basketball's premier point guard, Chris Paul. Chris Paul has remained a top point guard in the NBA amongst the likes of Stephen Curry, Derrick Rose, Steve Nash, Russell Westbrook, and Rajan Rondo. From once struggling to make the varsity team of his high school team, Chris Paul has come a long way since being drafted as the fourth overall pick in the 2005 NBA Draft. The rest is history as the Los Angeles Clippers have emerged to become one of the most consistent elite teams in the West. In the 2014 NBA Playoffs, the Clippers defeated the Golden State Warriors in seven games. While their success in the regular season has yet to materialize into an NBA Championship as of late, the Clippers' consistency behind the helm of Coach Doc Rivers and the leadership of Chris Paul is truly impressive.

Chris Paul is easily one of the most dynamic point guards to play the game of basketball. From flashy crossovers to speedy races down the court on the fastbreak to lobs to Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan, John Wall has had an illustrious basketball career.

It will be exciting to see how Chris Paul and the Clippers perform this season.

#### Here is a preview of what is inside this book:

- Early Life and Childhood
- College Years at Wake Forest
- Chris Paul's NBA Career
- CP3's Personal Life
- Paul's Impact on Basketball and Beyond
- Chris Paul's Legacy

#### An excerpt from the book:

What if Chris Paul is the greatest point guard in NBA history? Such an assertion seems completely and totally absurd. Magic Johnson won 5 NBA championships and 3 MVPs. He revitalized the NBA with the Showtime Lakers, and had one of the great sports rivalries with Larry Bird. Even ignoring Magic, Oscar Robertson averaged a triple double, John Stockton leads all NBA players in assists by a ludicrous margin, Gary Payton came as close as any individual player to stopping Michael Jordan in the 1996 NBA Finals, and even Steve Nash has led some of the greatest offenses in NBA history. How could anyone assert that Chris Paul, a point guard who has never been past the second round of the NBA playoffs and has never won a MVP, is the greatest point guard in NBA history?

However, among basketball analysts who are fans of newer forms of statistical analysis beyond the traditional box score, there are those who believe such a bold statement. Tom Haberstroh, an ESPN insider

who handles said newer "advanced" statistics such as Player Efficiency Rating (PER) or Win Shares, has observed that Paul's numbers are higher than Magic. For example, Paul's career average PER, 25.59, is the 6th highest in NBA history and surpasses Magic's average of 24.11. He has accumulated 115 Win Shares over his first nine seasons, while Magic had only 104 over his first nine. Haberstroh argues that these numbers show that Paul is in fact a better point guard than Magic. While Magic does have more rings and MVPs, Haberstroh argues that this is because Magic got to play with Hall of Fame players like James Worthy and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar unlike Paul. It is possible that Haberstroh is just a journalist seeking attention with a controversial headline. However, Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey, one of the leaders in the NBA advanced statistical revolution, has also stated that he believes Paul to be greater than Magic Johnson.



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