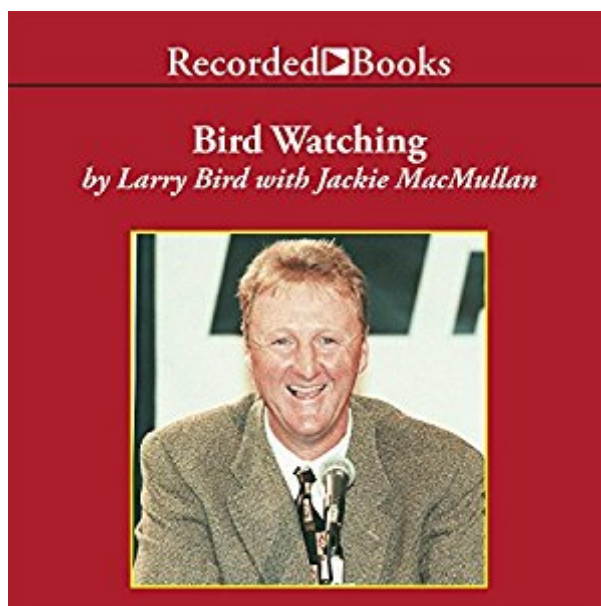


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# Bird Watching: On Playing And Coaching The Game I Love



## Synopsis

Even if you thought you knew everything about basketball legend Larry Bird, this audiobook is full of surprises. Bird speaks with amazing candor, offering a personal and honest look at his career with the Celtics, his experience with the '92 Olympics Dream Team, and his transition from superstar player to respected coach. Bird offers striking revelations about his health problems and how they shaped the man and his game. He shows how the things he learned as a player formed his thinking as a coach. He also shares his insight into the Pacers' disastrous 1999 playoff loss. Fans will be thrilled with the game talk, intimate anecdotes, and reminiscences with which Bird colors his stirring story. Overall, this is a compelling self-portrait of an uncomplicated man of humble beginnings who has achieved a great deal through hard work and integrity. Narrator Tom Stechschulte lends a strong, rich voice to Bird's revealing memoir. His perfectly paced delivery enhances the sense of play-by-play action and the feeling that the Bird Man himself is telling you his personal story.

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## Customer Reviews

Loved this book it taught me more about the NBA and the mind of a great but simple basketball player and changed the way I approach the game.

Great book very well written. Bird is very honest on his thoughts on the NBA. I would suggest this book to any NBA fanatic.

Really enjoyed hearing a legends take on the game. Larry Bird a great player and a great coach. There is quite a bit to take away from this book.

Good behind the scenes insights on Larry Bird. Easy read. Well worth your time and money. Lots of laughs, too.

I bought this book, which was written with Jackie MacMullan because I really liked the book *When the Game Was Ours*, by Bird and Magic Johnson "with Jackie MacMullan." I gave up on *Bird Watching* after about 40 pages. Much of what I read seemed to be direct quotes from Bird. Bird's speaking style was not that enjoyable for me to read and much of the same material was covered in *When the Game Was Ours* and was, to me, much more readable in that particular book. I highly recommend *When the Game Was Ours*.

First of all I used to love Larry Bird. Then I read the book called, "When The Game Was Ours" about him and Magic Johnson and I loved that book so much. Now I read this one that Larry wrote and I guess he thinks it's wonderful to be a jerk and act like a large A-hole all his life and spend his entire career telling everyone how much he hates the lime-light. He makes millions of bucks and then takes 5 pairs of free jeans home from a commercial like the old fogies on Miami Beach while others could have used them far more than this selfish prima-donna. He won't give in on anything he thinks or likes and the words negotiate never occur to him I guess just like the words, "Hey good job or nice effort" never seem to cross his lips either. He spends his life telling everyone how things are going to be. He's a total cold fish and all about me in life and basically has no feelings for anyone, or if he does he's the kind that NEVER is strong enough to say it to them so what good is it. He talks about his mom passing as if he's ordering a cheeseburger at Denny's with no emotion at all as usual so....I'm done with this guy. I would never want to be like Mr. Bird no matter how much money I could make. If you like good books, get the one about him and Johnson but not this one. This one leaves me cold this time with a guy who's whole life is how everything he feels is right on the money, but what others feel is totally wrong and out of bounds. The world is full of guys like this and it's what makes us all crazy to get away from them. And yeah as I said...He used to be one of my favorite athletes until I get a sample of knowing him.

*Bird Watching* (by Larry Bird) Reviewer: Known as one the of the best basketball players to have ever stepped foot onto a NBA court, Larry Bird's book will teach you many things about himself as

well as the game. Larry brings the reader into some of his most personal things that he has never shared with anyone. He gives you a first class view on all of his experiences of playing professional basketball in the NBA. He shows you the downsides, positives, but most of all the victories. You'll find out first hand all of the injuries Larry has encountered that until now he has kept as a secret. Through this book Larry will share with you information of his hometown, French Lick, Indiana. You'll learn about his family, about his fathers' death and the way up to his mothers' death. Larry talks about more than just his parents he introduces you to his wife, Dinah and his two children, Conner and Mariah. Larry will walk you through his entire career. All the way from his high school career, where one of his favorite coaches, Jim Jones coached him. Jim Jones was the coach who really taught Larry all of the fundamentals of the game. Larry didn't seem to have that many coaches that he didn't care for. Larry is also a very hard worker, he really appreciated it when coaches made him run hard. He believed that every basketball player should be conditioned to play the game. Then later on in his career when he ends up becoming a coach he incorporates all of the coaching skills that he has gathered from his previous coaches and uses them on his players. He brings you through some of his most exciting journeys and some of his most famous friends and players. Just about everything in this book flows together. Larry explains everything that you know about him and a lot of things that you have no idea of. The only thing that I disliked about the book is that none of it was put in order from the beginning of his life to the end of his career, it seemed to jump around a lot. Another big thing was that each chapter was long in itself, but it seemed to talk about the same thing and just ramble on and on. For example one of Larry's biggest problems was his back and he talked about it for a whole chapter then he talked about it more in a few different chapters. Although there some very good and interesting chapters in the book that taught me many things about Larry Bird. Overall I thought the book was very good, but somewhat long for me, but if you read often then it will be just fine. I would recommend this to anyone who has a great liking of either Larry Bird or basketball. You also need to have a pretty good understanding of basketball to be able to understand some of the topics Larry teaches you.

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