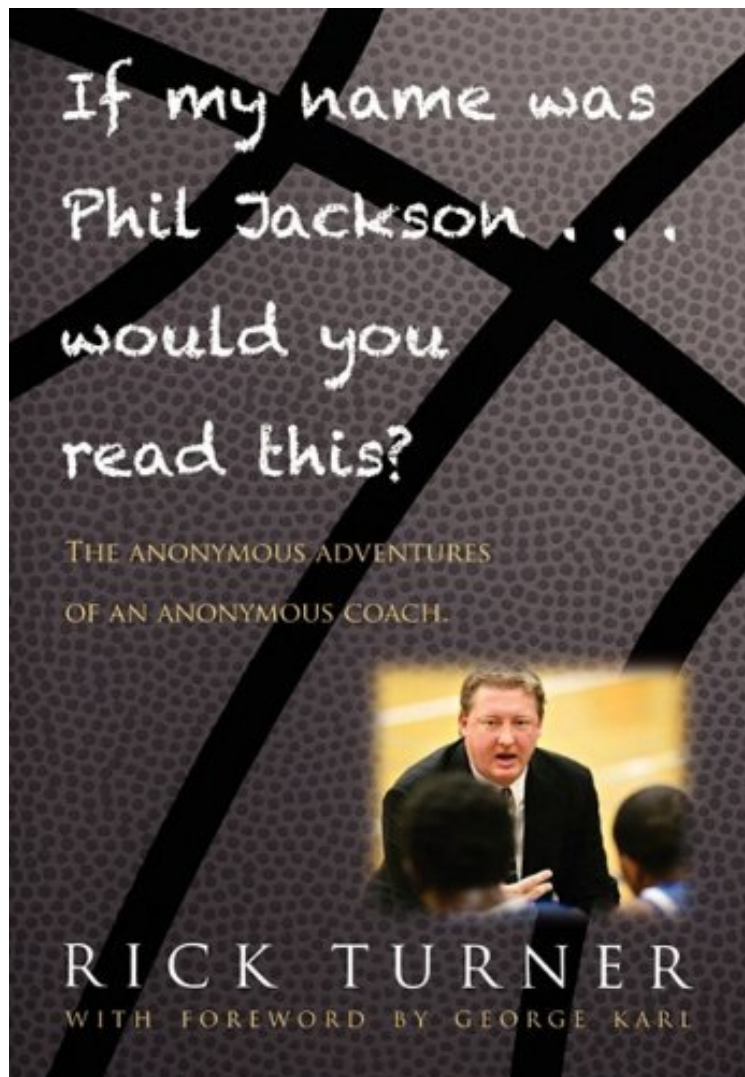


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matters is not the author, but the story. In this book, we read about the mysterious underbelly of semi-professional basketball (i.e., everything outside the NBA). If Rick Turner's goal was to entertain his readers and take us along a wild journey of basketball comedy, then his book is a smashing success. I could not put the book down and came away from it hoping and wishing that someone gives Rick a shot to coach another basketball team, if only so we can get a sequel! If you are a sports fan, or even if you just want to be entertained by some high comedy characters, absolutely do not hesitate and buy this book RIGHT NOW. You'll thank me for the adventure recommendation.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book about basketball and life.By David KimGreat insight into the dreams and hopes we all have and to discover the journey made it all worth the while. Entertaining and funny, it was well written and a joy to read!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. "Locker Room Confidential"By willmThis book reminded me of Anthony Bourdain's "Kitchen Confidential" - a book the now-famous celeb chef and travel guru penned based on his experiences as a line cook well before becoming a wildly successful celeb chef. In the same way, "If My Name Was Phil Jackson..." is an entertaining, insightful, humorous peak behind the scenes into the real world of coaching, a world very different from what is seen if you've only viewed basketball through the lens of NBA and the NCAA tournament. It's inspiring to any real "working" coaches - and those aspiring to become one - to stick with it and, even more importantly, to enjoy the ride.

What do you want to be when you grow up? "You can be anything you want to be" "Do something that you love" "Don't take no for an answer" "Find your passion and pursue it" "You have to be happy in what you do"... These are examples of some of the advice we received growing up, while contemplating our life's pursuits. This book explores one man's journey; as he literally took that advice to heart, left a promising career in radio television, and with no safety net, made a giant leap of faith to become a professional basketball coach. As this coaching neophyte attempts to navigate the scurrilous underbelly of professional basketball, he encounters a number of fascinating characters along the way. Some of whom shape his journey and others who impede it. He becomes a fly on the wall to the swirling world around him and reports his voyage as it takes him from the comfortable suburbs of the Pacific Northwest, across the US and back; from the shanty's of Kingston, Jamaica all the way to the heaving streets of Central China. Is Rick Turner just a gullible and naïve fool, trying to fight against the well established cliché of: it's not what you know but who you know? Or is he a romantic dreamer who, by his pursuit, can possibly inspire others that may be hesitant to chase their own passion and realize that the journey can often be more important than the destination?