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Review

"The master prose stylist portrays parallel basketball worlds in New York City: Madison Square Garden, where the Knicks won the 1969-1970 championship, and the playgrounds of Harlem, where stars such as Earl (the Goat) Manigault burned brightly but too briefly."—*Sports Illustrated*
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"The best description of basketball played in New York City streets during the sixties and seventies."—Bill Bradley, *The New Yorker*
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From the Back Cover

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