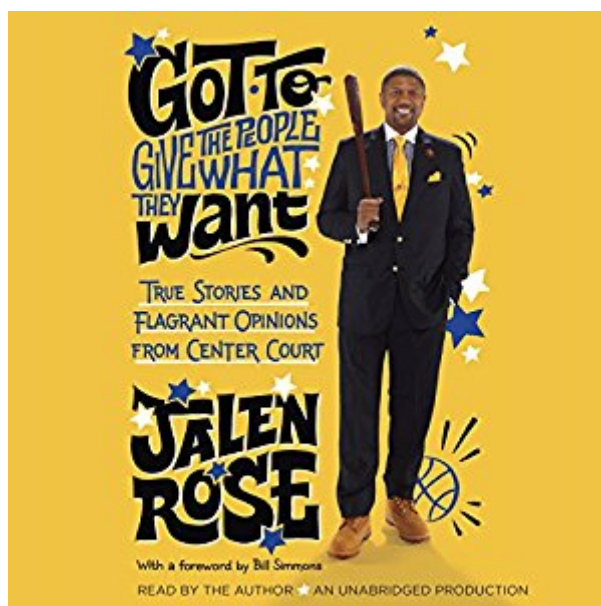


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Got To Give The People What They Want: True Stories And Flagrant Opinions From Center Court



Synopsis

"I want to start conversations and, even better, arguments." (From the Introduction) One of the most outspoken and original voices in sports sounds off while revealing his incredible life story. Jalen Rose has never been quiet. Not as a kid growing up in Detroit in the '70s and '80s. Not as the brash, trash-talking leader of the legendary "Fab Five" at the University of Michigan. Not as the player under the stewardship of Hall of Famers Larry Bird, Isiah Thomas, and others throughout his 13-year NBA career. And certainly not as a commentator and analyst on ABC/ESPN and Grantland. In *Got to Give the People What They Want*, no topic is off limits. Honest, unfiltered, unbiased. Raw, refreshing, real. This colorful collection of stories and opinions about basketball and life gives people the kind of insight and understanding they don't get anywhere else in the sports world.

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Customer Reviews

Jalen Rose is a guy who's been on my radar since about the time he started doing work with Bill Simmons, and then seeing the Fab Five "30 for 30" put a story to a face and name that I knew vaguely from various ESPN platforms as a basketball analyst. Now, in his memoir, he tells some great stories and some harsh truths about his life both on and off the court. "Got to Give the People What They Want" is Rose's story, from growing up in Detroit (and knowing his father was an NBA star player, though not present in his life) to going to college with Chris Webber and the other "Fab Five" members, to his NBA career and efforts to give back to the community that gave him life and the opportunity to do more than many of his peers. It's an honest, moving, funny, and insightful book, at times brutally honest and engaging to even the least-informed basketball fan. Rose

addresses the "controversy" that led to Michigan's self-sanctioning of the titles and records won over the Fab Five's tenure and makes a compelling argument that college athletes should not only be paid but allowed to "major in athletics," because that's the real reason they're there. He writes honestly about his NBA career, which was long in years but short of championships; he credits Larry Bird with helping him learn the skills he'd need to prolong his career past the brief, fiery start a "Fab Five" member might otherwise have had. There are times when I disagree with Rose's assessments, such as his stand by former "Bad Boy" and fellow Detroit legend Isiah Thomas (who was the focus of a sexual harassment suit a few years back). But it's okay to disagree with him, and I still find the book a compelling, enlightening read.

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