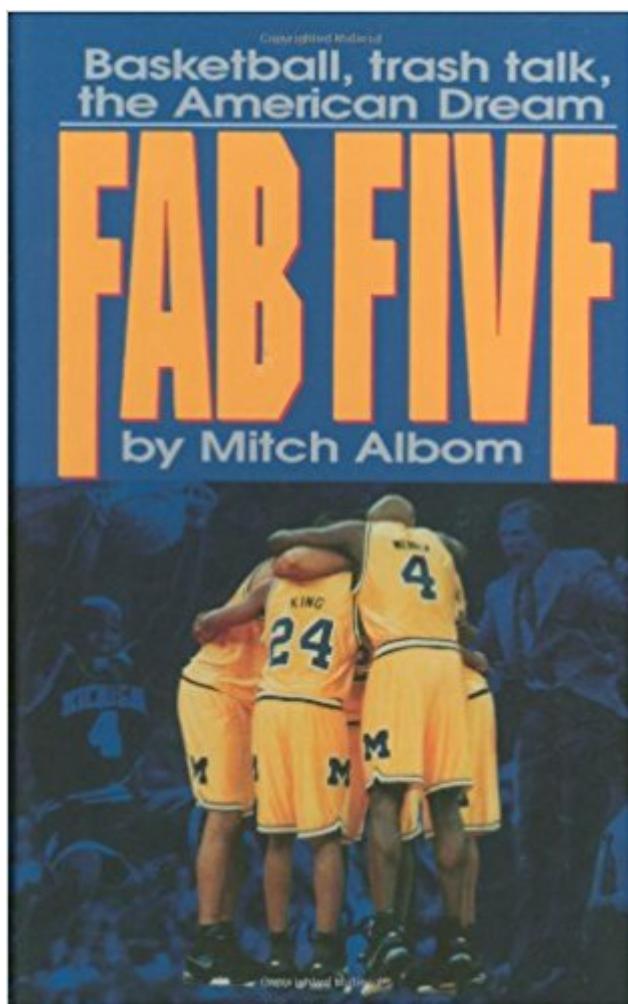


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# The Fab Five: Basketball Trash Talk The American Dream



## **Synopsis**

Recounts the remarkable story of University of Michigan basketball players Chris Webber, Jalen Rose, Juan Howard, Jimmy King, and Ray Jackson, and chronicles their success in the NCAA tournaments of 1992 and 1993.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Mitch Albom is the author of nine books. His first novel, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, is the most successful U.S. hardback first novel ever and has to date sold over 8 million copies worldwide. *Tuesdays With Morrie*, (1997) his chronicle of time spent with a beloved but dying college professor, spent four years on the New York Times bestseller list and is now the most successful memoir ever published. Both books were eventually turned into celebrated TV films. The critically acclaimed *Five People You Meet in Heaven* aired on ABC in winter, 2004. Oprah Winfrey produced the film version of *Tuesdays With Morrie* in December 1999; starring Jack Lemmon and Hank Azaria. The film garnered four Emmy awards, including best TV film, director, actor and supporting actor. An award-winning journalist and radio host, Albom wrote the screenplay for *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, and is an established playwright, having authored numerous pieces for the theater, including the off-Broadway version of *Tuesdays With Morrie* (co-written with Jeffrey Hatcher) which has seen more than 40 productions nationwide, and several recent comedies which have been produced and performed in venues across the country. Albom has founded three charities in the metropolitan Detroit area: "The Dream Fund," established in 1989, allows disadvantaged children to become involved with the arts. "A Time To Help," founded in 1998,

brings volunteers together once a month to tackle various projects in Detroit, including staffing shelters, building homes with Habitat for Humanity, and operating meals on wheels programs for the elderly. *â œS.A.Y Detroit,â • Albomâ*™s most recent effort, is an umbrella program to fund shelters and care for the homeless in his city. He also raises money for literacy projects through a variety of means including his performances with The Rock Bottom Remainders, a band made up of writers which includes Steven King, Dave Barry, Scott Turrow, Amy Tan and Ridley Pearson. Albom serves on the boards of various charities and, in 1999, was named National Hospice Organization's Man of the Year. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

MISLEADING!!! The hardcover is *The Fab Five* by Mitch Albom but the contents are completely a different book. I am so disappointed, I've never been scammed in til now.

Excellent book. Mitch did an outstanding job. *Fab Five* forever! Greatest class ever recruited! Better than the doc if u ask me.

I love the book, which reminds me of when I was little watching the *Fab Five* play. When read right before and after watching the documentary, it makes it even better. The thing that irks me is the tone of the old, white sportswriter (I know, Albom is more than a sportswriter now) portraying inner-city life and in-game trash talk. It makes me cringe and there isn't a page that goes by without that feeling. It made this book very hard to finish, but it's worth powering through.

Mitch Albom does it again! A fantastic insight into the group that changed basketball to what it is today (for good or bad according to some). I have been waiting to read this for nearly 20 years since it came out, and finally got the chance and bought it. No disappointment, and reading this much later, it was a wonderful stroll down memory lane. Mitch paints a picture that allows you to visualize all the details. You always watched them and either loved or hated their brash attitudes, but you cannot deny their impact. Now know what went on behind the scenes. Thanks Mitch, keep up the good work.

One of the best books I've ever read, check out the *ESPN 30 for 30* about the *Fab Five*, this goes more in depth but the documentary is very good as well and features Mitch Albom.

Great book----and I'm not a basketball fan!!!!

As a man who went to college during the fab five era, it was a cool read, and walk down memory lane of a time when I couldn't trade in my basketball short shorts, for a pair of the fab five long baggy shorts fast enough, these 5 kids really did touch and change the worlds of so many people!!! This is a well written book that really engulfs the reader, highly recommended! Especially if you are a Michigan fan!

Any fan of college hoops will love this book. Written in the same era as the "Hoop Dreams" movie, Albom tells the great story of the inside of college basketball's business. These guys changed the world and influenced fashion, music, TV. I just wish one of them had starred for the Pistons during their short success.

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