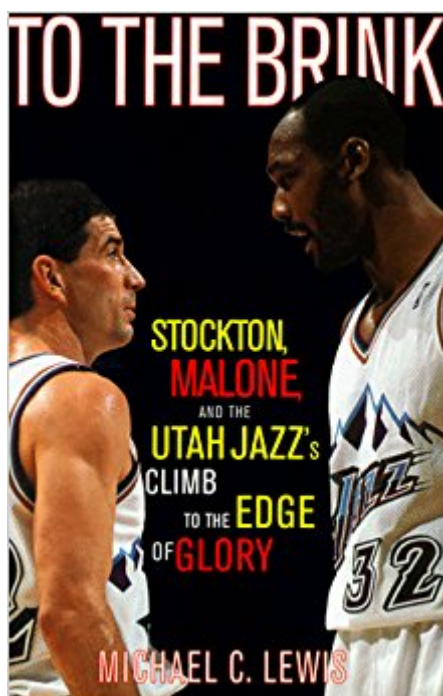


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To The Brink: Stockton Malone And The Utah Jazzs Climb To The Edge Of Glory



Synopsis

"To the Brink" is a no-holds-barred look behind the scenes at the sports world's favorite oxymoron--the Utah Jazz--as they make one final fight for that elusive championship ring in the 1997-98 season. 8-page photo insert.

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What separates To the Brink from most annals of a team's season is the ending: the Jazz ultimately failed. All the tumult, anxiety, and excitement that led to this failure make Brink a far more textured tale than the one that would have been written had they prevailed over the Bulls in the 1998 NBA championships. Lewis naturally centers on the often brilliant play and moody personalities of future Hall of Famers John Stockton and Karl Malone, but he works all sides of the court here, and good stories emerge, from Coach Jerry Sloan's metamorphosis in the face of his wife's cancer to the tense bickering over Greg Ostertag's inflated salary and deflated performance. Regularly counted out and always underestimated, the Jazz surprised the NBA by doing what they do best: playing solid ball and prevailing in the West on what often seemed like a triumvirate of heart, perseverance, and Malone's charismatically gargantuan will. They shocked the talented Lakers, sweeping them in the conference finals 4-0 to earn a return trip to face the Bulls in the title round, where they succumbed, a game too soon, to one of Michael Jordan's more sublime moments. That the loss is preordained riffs; like a bad date with destiny, you keep hoping for the best, but a sad air of resignation prevails. --Jeff Silverman

Mike Lewis' daily Jazz coverage made The Salt Lake Tribune worth its price back in the Stockton-Malone glory days. He was one helluva reporter, and it's no coincidence that the paper's circulation began its precipitous crash soon after the bonehead-in-chief moved him off the beat. His solid reporting, combined with an entertaining writing style, illuminates the Utah Jazz's soap opera '97-'98 season. It's a nice addition to the library of any NBA fan, and a must for Jazz fans.

I bought this solely to write a book report for my Sports psychology class and it was an amazing read. The book was about 1 dollar, and it got home before other things I bought the day before I bought this book. It doesn't get better than this.

It is a good book and well written. I just wish it had a different ending, as in MJ didn't pick the Mailman's pocket...

I bought this book recently and I must say that I love it! The author is honest about the team, writing about the good times, bad times and how players react to all kind of distraction. I strongly recommend this book for all the Jazz fans out there. This is a well written book which allows the reader to travel with the team, hear what they have to say and see how they react to reporters for example. Just buy it.

Moneyball is what Lewis will be remembered for, but this book is well written and informative about one of the best seasons for one of the great duos in NBA history.

Not only does this book give a remarkable description of the 97'/98' season but also a in depth look at the previous seasons and how the Jazz came to be in Utah. It is the best written Jazz book I have ever read and I will read it over and over. Michael Lewis as wrote the book in away that all the memorable moments come rushing back to you as if you were still in front of the T.V. celebrating with your friends. It brings it back to life.

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This book is a summary of the 97-98 Utah Jazz season; and even as a diehard Jazz fan, I didn't know of some of the sticky situations that went on in their season and what a miracle it was that they made the finals. The whole state of Utah (they're all Jazz fans, right?) needs to read this book; along with any other Jazz fan.

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