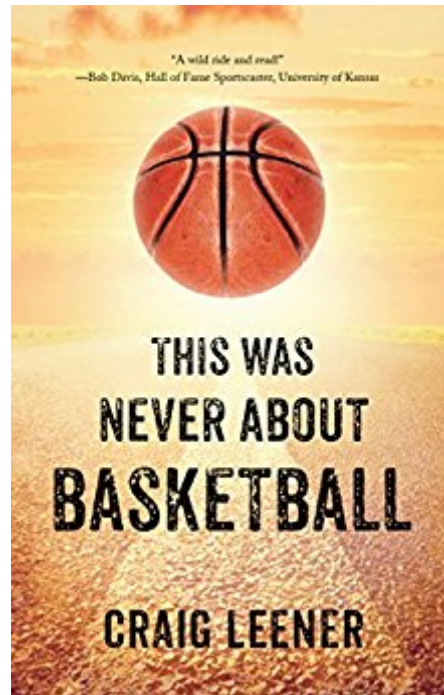




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In this coming-of-age novel, seventeen-year-old high school basketball star Ezekiel "Zeke" Archer has it all: a sweet jump shot, a full-ride scholarship to a Midwestern basketball powerhouse, and the brightest future. But when Zeke's temper gets the better of him in the city championship, he is expelled from school, has to forfeit his scholarship, and is left to ponder his once-hopeful future... While finishing his final high school days in the California educational system's version of purgatory, Zeke makes a stunning discovery. With the help of a young autistic classmate Zeke befriends, he learns that the mysterious 7th Dimension, which brought basketball to Earth more than a century ago, has decided to take the game away for good – all because of the ugly event Zeke set into motion in his final game! As he embarks on the ultimate cross-country road trip to save basketball, Zeke must confront his unsettled past – including a father he's not heard from in years and a brother fighting in a war half a world away – in order to set his life on the right path and rescue the game he loves.

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Wow Craig, great book, keep it up, proud of you

What a great read! From beginning to end this book teaches you much more than just the game of basketball. Such an emotionally rewarding and uplifting story that holds the readers attention from the first page. Highly recommend. Excellent book!

Greg & Denise. What a crazy wild well structured whirlwind of a novel. This story of youth-sports resonated highly with us because of our competitive upbringing we're accustom to. This book has more twists and turns than Mulholland Drive on a rainy day in a Ferrari! If family, love, competition, drama, maybe basketball, and sportsmanship is in your court, this book is a must-read for young and old alike. We're thinking about either the next in the series or a movie.

Once I committed to the book, I couldn't put it down! Craig Leener is gifted in many ways. He has a great sense of humor, a fresh feel and a wonderful outlook on life. His vibrant personality certainly shined through his book. The characters really supported the storyline, and throughout time you grew to care for them as if you knew them. The descriptive and creative edge really gets you hooked! Read this book or you'll be missing out!!

This book is a delightful coming of age story. It has all the elements of a great read; warmth, humor, suspense, a touch of mysticism, and lessons learned. Loved the Lawrence character and the road trip. Can't wait to read more enjoyable storytelling from this new author. Well done Mr. Leener!

My son Oliver LOVED this book! To quote him: "This book was really good. I liked it so much that I read the whole thing in a few days. The book has a lot of action and interesting characters and events. Basketball is my favorite sport and I liked that this was a theme in the book."

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