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Inside the NBA presents fast break Jun 20 2020

LeBron James vs. the NBA Nov 06 2021 Showcasing one of professional basketball's best players, this book spotlights the life and career of hardcourt superstar LeBron James. More than just a biography, it relates James' story while also establishing his prominent place in NBA history. By examining his skills and statistics in a variety of categories and comparing him to other NBA legends—including Magic Johnson, Bill Russell, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan, and more—the guide makes a strong case for James as basketball's greatest. Along the way, his best and most memorable moments are revisited, from his days as a high school stand-out in Akron, to his first stint with the Cavaliers, to "The Decision" to join the Miami Heat, and the show-stopping performance in the 2016 Finals to bring an NBA title back to Cleveland. LeBron James vs. The NBA is certain to stir up lively debate and is a must-have for Cavs fans and basketball buffs alike.

Inside the NBA Jan 28 2021

Game 7 Apr 30 2021

Phoenix Suns Sep 16 2022 The Inside the NBA series gives readers an inside look at the basketball teams that make up the National Basketball Association. Each team's history, uniforms, accomplishments, equipment, key players, coaches, and much more are covered in detail in this exciting series. Sports fans will love the brilliant photographs and fun facts of the Inside the NBA series. Each AV2 media enhanced book is a unique combination of a printed book and exciting online content that brings the book to life. Readers can access embedded weblinks, audio and video clips, activities, and other features, such as a slide show, matching word activity, and quiz.

Keepin' It Real: Dec 15 2019 The Jordan Era is all but over, and for the first time in decades the NBA finds itself deeply troubled. The powers-that-be see a new generation of gangsta players tearing up the hardwood and tearing down the most honored NBA traditions: hard work, teamwork, and respect for the game. Bloodied veterans have to struggle twice as hard to keep up with even younger, ever swifter opponents. And the headlines touting exploits on the court are slowly being boxed out by headlines condemning exploits off the court: drug busts, sex abuse charges, back room manipulations and organizations out of control. This is the NBA today, a league in search of a savior, a league at war with itself -- a league where only the strong survive. But can the NBA itself survive? Larry Platt answers this and many other questions about the state of the NBA as he recounts from behind-the-scenes the remarkable 1997-98 season through the trials and triumphs of five high-profile players. There's Charles Barkley, bad boy turned old-guard statesman who wants one last shot at the ring. There's Chris Webber, the immensely talented superstar-to-be, who has spent four years fighting his reputation as a prima donna. Matt Maloney is the throwback; Jerry Stackhouse, the crossover star: each will go through a lifetime's worth of changes, betrayals and morale checks for who they are and the choices they've made. Finally, there's Vernon Maxwell, the original GANGSTA hoopster, who can ball up as well as anyone, but whose career is threatened by his impulse to court danger. An extraordinary look deep inside the game, *Keepin' It Real* is also a very American story of ability, achievement, and destructive temptation, a portrait of five athletes who compete mightily with all their heart and soul, not just for minutes and a multimillion-dollar payday, but for dignity and pride, and a lasting place in a brutal league that has offered them the world-at a price that just might destroy them and the league itself.

Bubbleball Feb 21 2023 A captivating account of the NBA's strangest season ever, from shutdown to championship, from a prominent national basketball writer living inside the bubble When NBA player Rudy Gobert tested positive for COVID-19 in March 2020, the league shut down immediately, bringing a shocking, sudden pause to the season. As the pandemic raged, it looked as if it might be the first year in league history with no champion. But four months later, after meticulous planning, twenty-two teams resumed play in a "bubble" at Disney World—a restricted, single-site locale cut off from the outside world. Due to health concerns, the league invited only a handful of reporters, who were required to sacrifice medical privacy, live in a hotel room for more than three months, and submit to daily coronavirus testing in hopes of keeping the bubble from bursting. In exchange for the constant monitoring and restricted movement, they were allowed into a basketball fan's dream,

with a courtside seat at dozens of games in nearly empty arenas. Ben Golliver, the national NBA writer for the *The Washington Post*, was one of those allowed access. *Bubbleball* is his account of the season and life inside, telling the story of how basketball bounced back from its shutdown, how players staged headline-grabbing social justice protests, and how Lakers star LeBron James chased his fourth ring in unconventional and unforgettable circumstances. Based on months of reporting in the exclusive, confined environment, this is an entertaining record of an extraordinary season.

Los Angeles Clippers May 20 2020 *Los Angeles Clippers* is a beginner's history of the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers. Beginning with the franchise's early years, readers will experience the team's highest and lowest moments, meet the team's best players and managers, and gain the inside track on information that completes the team's story. Mini-biographies, fun facts, anecdotes, fantastic quotes, and sidebars combine with full-color, action-packed photographs to round out the story of the Clippers, allowing your readers

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Playing Basketball Oct 13 2019 Whether watching from a courtside seat or from the luxury of a living room couch, sports fans want to know exactly what's going on in between those two hoops—from what the players are thinking, to why fouls are called, to anticipating what the players are going to do before they actually do it. And there is no better man to explain the ins and outs of America's hottest sport than the Knicks' former star guard, Walt Frazier. In his inimitable voice and style, "Clyde" turns it on as he describes the basics of basketball in simple terms anyone can understand, and clues readers into what makes stars such as Michael Jordan so invincible. Includes exciting action photos and a wealth of "Clyde's Chalk Talk," "Clyde's Record Book," and "Clyde's Tips" sidebars.

Are You Entertained? Jul 02 2021 The advent of the internet and the availability of social media and digital downloads have expanded the creation, distribution, and consumption of Black cultural production as never before. At the same time, a new generation of Black public intellectuals who speak to the relationship between race, politics, and popular culture has come into national prominence. The contributors to *Are You Entertained?* address these trends to consider what culture and blackness mean in the twenty-first century's digital consumer economy. In this collection of essays, interviews, visual art, and an artist statement the contributors examine a range of topics and issues, from music, white consumerism, cartoons, and the rise of Black Twitter to the NBA's dress code, dance, and *Moonlight*. Analyzing the myriad ways in which people perform, avow, politicize, own, and love blackness, this volume charts the shifting debates in Black popular culture scholarship over the past quarter century while offering new avenues for future scholarship. Contributors: Takiyah Nur Amin, Patricia Hill Collins, Kelly Jo Fulkerson-Dikuua, Simone C. Drake, Dwan K. Henderson, Imani Kai Johnson, Ralina L. Joseph, David J. Leonard, Emily J. Lordi, Nina Angela Mercer, Mark Anthony Neal, H. Ike Okafor-Newsum, Kinohi Nishikawa, Eric Darnell Pritchard, Richard Schur, Tracy Sharpley-Whiting, Vincent Stephens, Lisa B. Thompson, Sheneese Thompson

Sports and Labor in the United States Apr 18 2020 Overview and analysis of labor relations in the big four American sports. Longlisted for the 2016 PEN/ESPN Award for Literary Sports Writing presented by PEN American Center Are today's professional athletes nothing more than selfish, greedy millionaires with no idea how ordinary people live? The common perception of today's professional baseball, basketball, football, and hockey players is of individuals always wanting more money and better working conditions. When it comes to labor issues in sports, the usual media spin portrays topics such as strikes by players and lockouts by owners as millionaires in dispute with billionaires; each group as self-interested as the other. However, as is often the case, the truth is vastly different. *Sports and Labor in the United States* demonstrates that players are often exploited by ownership and fight for matters of principle, not simply material gain. In accessible, nontechnical language, Michael Schiavone presents a comprehensive examination of labor relations in American professional sports and how they have evolved over time. Separate chapters on MLB, the NFL, the NBA, and the NHL provide an overview and analysis of each sport from their organized beginnings up to the present day. Like no other work before it, *Sports and Labor in the United States* provides a comprehensive and detailed understanding of labor relations in American sports for scholars, those interested in labor issues, and sports fans. Michael Schiavone is the author of *Unions in Crisis? The Future of Organized Labor in America*.

Phoenix Suns May 12 2022 *Phoenix Suns* is a beginner's history of the NBA's Phoenix Suns. Beginning with the franchise's early years, readers will experience the team's highest and lowest moments, meet the team's best players and managers, and gain the inside track on information that completes the team's story. Mini-biographies, fun facts, anecdotes, fantastic quotes, and sidebars combine with full-color, action-packed photographs to round out the story of the Suns, allowing your readers

Talk of Champions Dec 19 2022 A poignant, humorous, behind-the-scenes memoir from Kenny "The Jet" Smith—superstar basketball commentator, host of top-rated *Inside the NBA*, and two-time NBA champion. Smith reveals memorable inside stories of his playing and broadcasting careers, focusing on the star players, coaches, and mentors who inspired him along the way. Kenny Smith was a star at the University of North Carolina before his storied NBA run, in which he won two championships with the Houston Rockets. His tremendous popularity skyrocketed when he joined TNT's new show, *Inside the NBA*, which has thrived for twenty-four years and won multiple Emmy awards, receiving enormous acclaim for the insight, humor, social commentary, and unrivaled basketball coverage from Kenny Smith, Charles Barkley, Shaquille

O'Neal, and Ernie Johnson, Jr. Kenny is known to fans for his laser-sharp analysis and eloquent observations of the basketball scene and culture. In this honest and deep memoir, Kenny writes chapters about each of the extraordinary people who taught him invaluable life lessons. He illuminates the personalities, affections and quirks of friends such as Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Charles Barkley and Kobe Bryant, among others, and what he learned from each of them. He writes about his legendary UNC coach, Dean Smith, and other indelible role models through his career. And he interweaves poignant material about his upbringing in Queens, NY, his parents, his children, and his marriage, explaining the rich knowledge he obtained from the important figures around him. Kenny is also a strong, intelligent voice on race, as his fans and TV viewers will know. Ultimately this is a revealing, humorous, powerful memoir, offering a candid glimpse inside the rarified world of elite sports and broadcasting, with inspiring takeaways.

Who's Afraid of a Large Black Man? Mar 10 2022 Citing the obstacles to harmonious race relations in the United States, an analysis of the nation's growing racial segregation describes the author's experiences of talking about race with interviewees ranging from students to KKK members.

Inside the NBA (Set) Apr 11 2022 From humble beginnings to one of the world's most popular sports leagues, the NBA has provided thrills to millions of fans since the 1940s. Inside the NBA tells the story of each NBA team, its origins, its successes and failures, and its all-star players and most popular coaches. This NBA series will get you up to speed on your favorite team with fascinating facts and stats, exciting photographs, and much more.

Feeding the Dragon Feb 26 2021 "Paced like a thriller, with comparable doses of international intrigue and conflict, Chris Fenton's bracingly candid business memoir Feeding the Dragon takes readers deep behind the scenes of Hollywood's shaky foothold in China. Dealing at the highest levels with Chinese government officials and major American brands like Disney, Marvel, and the NBA, the former Olive Garden waiter-turned-entertainment-industry-power-broker disarmed and defied authorities on both sides of the superpower divide to make billions—and history. Thanks to a brisk, page-turning storytelling style and an evenhanded, insider-level perspective decades in the making, Feeding the Dragon manages to be both timeless and timely. Captivating details on Robert Downey Jr., LeBron James, Kurt Cobain, Michael Phelps, and Marvel Universe creative mastermind Kevin Feige (among others) will enthrall average fans and aspiring moguls alike. But the beating narrative heart remains Fenton's down-to-earth recounting of a headline-making journey. Ultimately, the intrepid exec builds a compelling case for the power of "cultural diplomacy": mutually-beneficial, soft power-sharing exchanges as a better way forward than the hardliner battle lines being drawn across Beijing, Washington, and Los Angeles. Teeming with urgent insights about unlikely alliances and dangerous misperceptions, Feeding the Dragon is a must-read for anyone interested in the future of the US-China relationship and the bottom-line realities of show business and professional sports today. Even better, it's a supremely entertaining ride for anyone who simply loves a great story.... Chris often told me about projects and plans off-the-record that I wouldn't have reported on anyway, because they all seemed wildly improbable. Every single one came true. And now they're all down on the page." —Jamie Bryan, Fast Company contributor

Inside the Cage Jul 22 2020 The most popular outdoor basketball court in New York City is half the regulation size, offers no seating, and has sidelines bounded by a chain-link fence.

Inside the NBA Shootout Oct 25 2020

Inside the NBA Dec 07 2021

The Inside Game Oct 17 2022 In the fall of 1999, Wayne Embry was so highly thought of by his peers that he was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame as a contributor to the game. In the summer of 1999, the Cleveland Cavaliers thought so little of him that they replaced him as general manager. Now in his new autobiography, The Inside Game, Embry, who was once sent home from a game when a bullet was found on his seat, tells the inside story of his fall from grace and the part he believes racism played in it. He deals with the unsavory dealings that led to his departure from the Cavs and introduces startling information about one of the most highly regarded coaches in the league. He discusses the social and economic changes affecting the league and other problems threatening to destroy it. His book is part historical perspective, part inside look behind the scenes, part business strategy and part social commentary

COVID-19 and a World of Ad Hoc Geographies Sep 04 2021 This book provides an interdisciplinary overview of the causes and impacts of COVID-19 on populations, economies, politics, institutions and environments from all world regions. The book maps the causes, effects and impacts of the virus and describes the impact of the virus on among others health care, teaching and learning, travel, tourism, daily life, local and regional economies, media impacts, elections, and indigenous populations and much more. Contributions to this book come from the humanities, social and policy science disciplines as well as from emerging transdisciplinary fields including climate change, sustainability, health care and epidemiology, security, art, visualization, economic and social well-being, law and borderland studies. As such, this book will be a rich source of information to all those geographers, social scientists and urban and regional planners working in this field.

The Sixth Man Jul 14 2022 In this astonishingly intimate portrait of the 2004-2005 NBA season, ESPN The Magazine's Chris Palmer steps inside the closely guarded inner circles of five NBA stars to reveal the soul of the modern athlete. Like a teammate without a jersey, he sets off on the ultimate road trip, exploring the spoils of wealth and fame with flashy champion

Rip Hamilton of the Detroit Pistons, uncrowned superstar Tracy McGrady of the Houston Rockets, starry-eyed rookie Luol Deng of the Chicago Bulls, charismatic utility man Damon Jones of the Miami Heat, and straight-laced veteran Elton Brand of the Los Angeles Clippers. By examining their lives on and off the court, Palmer reveals not only the private sides of the gods of the game -- Shaq, LeBron, Kobe -- but also the joys and fears, triumphs and failures inherent to anyone with the talent to play in "The League." Filled with uncommon insight and light-hearted humor, *The Sixth Man* is a groundbreaking work of sports journalism, heralding the arrival of a sharp new writing talent.

Narrating the NBA Jan 08 2022 Muniowski analyzes the career narratives of eight selected NBA players who rose to prominence after Michael Jordan's second retirement in 1999. Combining a variety of approaches and perspectives, the author highlights how well-known archetypes influence modern-day forms of sports storytelling.

Atlanta Nov 25 2020 Atlanta magazine's editorial mission is to engage our community through provocative writing, authoritative reporting, and superlative design that illuminate the people, the issues, the trends, and the events that define our city. The magazine informs, challenges, and entertains our readers each month while helping them make intelligent choices, not only about what they do and where they go, but what they think about matters of importance to the community and the region. Atlanta magazine's editorial mission is to engage our community through provocative writing, authoritative reporting, and superlative design that illuminate the people, the issues, the trends, and the events that define our city. The magazine informs, challenges, and entertains our readers each month while helping them make intelligent choices, not only about what they do and where they go, but what they think about matters of importance to the community and the region.

Out of Bounds Jun 13 2022 The top national expert on athletes and crime and the author of *Pros and Cons* brings us a controversial in-depth look at criminals in the NBA. The Kobe Bryant rape case and the arrest of Baylor basketball player Carlton Dotson for allegedly murdering teammate Patrick Dennehy, has galvanized the attention of the public and the press on athletes and crime. Jeff Benedict, with his background in research regarding professional athletes and crime, uses these cases as a springboard into an unprecedented look at criminals who play professional basketball. In this raw exposé, Benedict evaluates every single current player in the NBA and his criminal history, revealing new and startling information about NBA players, the crimes they commit, the league's tolerance and complacency in these instances, as well as the manner in which these cases are handled or disposed of in the justice system.

Inside the NBA Finals Nov 18 2022 Through narrative nonfiction text, readers learn about the excitement and drama of playing for, coaching, and cheering on teams in basketball's exhilarating championship series. Additional features to aid comprehension include a table of contents, a fast-fact section, fact-filled captions and callouts, a glossary, sources for further research, an introduction to the authors, and a listing of source notes.

Inside the NBA Jun 01 2021 These in-depth books trace the history, coaching, and star players of each team in the NBA. With year-by-year details and statistics, this series provides readers with a close look at the elements that make professional basketball so much fun. -- Sports format captures the reluctant reader -- Vivid, full-color photos from yesterday and today -- Detailed history, including timeline and index

Inside the NBA Feb 09 2022 From deep in the paint to the top of the key and beyond the arc, *Inside the NBA* profiles each of the 30 franchises in the National Basketball Association. Each book uses chronological narratives to detail a franchise's early history, illuminate the team's highest and lowest moments, introduce the best players and coaches, and share the inside information that rounds out the club's history. Mini-biographies, fun facts, anecdotes, fantastic quotes, and sidebars combine with full-color, action-packed photographs to enhance the story of each club, allowing your readers *Inside the NBA!*

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Unscripted Jan 20 2023 Ernie Johnson Jr. has been in the game a long time. With one of the most recognized voices in sports broadcasting, he is a tireless perfectionist when it comes to preparing and delivering his commentary. Yet he knows that some of sports' greatest triumphs--and life's greatest rewards--come from those unscripted moments you never anticipated. In this heartfelt, gripping autobiography, the three-time Sports Emmy Award-winner and popular host of TNT's *Inside the NBA* provides a remarkably candid look at his life both on and off the screen. From his relationship with his sportscaster father to his own rise to the top of sports broadcasting, from battling cancer to raising six children with his wife, Cheryl, including a special needs child adopted from Romania, Ernie has taken the important lessons he learned from his father and passed them on to his own children. This is the untold story, the one Ernie has lived after the lights are turned off and the cameras stop rolling. Sports fans, cancer survivors, fathers and sons, adoptive parents, those whose lives have been touched by a person with special needs, anyone who loves stories about handling life's surprises with grace--*Unscripted* is for all of these.

Money Players Aug 15 2022 Includes a new chapter exclusive to the paperback edition! Three of America's top sports journalists have teamed up to investigate the politics of the National Basketball Association. This work chronicles one season in the NBA and shows the systematic cover-up of corruption over the years--including scandals involving some of the biggest names in the sport today. 16-page photo insert.

Barkley Mar 30 2021 The definitive biography of Charles Barkley, exploring his early childhood, his storied NBA career, and his enduring legacy as a provocative voice in American pop culture He's one of the most interesting American athletes in

the past fifty years. Passionate, candid, iconoclastic, and gifted both on and off the court, Charles Barkley has made a lasting impact on not only the world of basketball but pop culture at large. Yet few people know the real Charles. Raised by his mother and grandmother in Leeds, Alabama, he struggled in his early years to fit in until he found a sense of community and purpose in basketball. In the NBA he went toe-to-toe with the biggest legends in the game, from Magic to Michael to Hakeem to Shaq. But in the years since, he has become a bold agitator for social change, unafraid to grapple, often brashly, with even the thorniest of cultural issues facing our nation today. Informed by over 370 original interviews and painstaking research, Timothy Bella's *Barkley* is the most comprehensive biography to date of one of the most talked-about icons in the world of sports.

Brave Dragons Jan 16 2020 The wonderfully original story of a struggling Chinese basketball team and its quixotic, often comical attempt to right its fortunes by copying the American stars of the NBA—a season of cultural misunderstanding that transcends sports and reveals China's ambivalent relationship with the West. When the Shanxi Brave Dragons, one of China's worst professional basketball teams, hired former NBA coach Bob Weiss, the team's owner, Boss Wang, promised that Weiss would be allowed to Americanize his players by teaching them "advanced basketball culture." That promise would be broken from the moment Weiss landed in China. Desperate for his team to play like Americans, Wang—a peasant turned steel tycoon—nevertheless refused to allow his players the freedom and individual expression necessary to truly change their games. Former New York Times Beijing bureau chief Jim Yardley tells the story of the resulting culture clash with sensitivity and a keen comic sensibility. Readers meet the Brave Dragons, a cast of colorful, sometimes heartbreaking oddballs from around the world: the ambitious Chinese assistant coach, Liu Tie, who believes that Chinese players are genetically inferior and can improve only through the repetitious drilling once advocated by ancient kung fu masters; the moody and selfish American import, Bonzi Wells, a former NBA star so unnerved by China that initially he locks himself in his apartment; the Taiwanese point guard, Little Sun, who is demonized by his mainland Chinese coaches; and the other Chinese players, whose lives sometimes seem little different from those of factory workers. As readers follow the team on a fascinating road trip through modern China—from glamorous Shanghai and bureaucratic Beijing to the booming port city Tianjin and the polluted coal capital of Taiyuan—we see Weiss learn firsthand what so many other foreigners in China have discovered: China changes only when and how it wants to change.

UNC VS DUKE The Rivalry Nov 13 2019

[The Justice League Goes Inside the NBA](#) Oct 05 2021

Inside the NBA Dec 27 2020

The Isiah Thomas Story Feb 15 2020 This revised edition of a landmark biography follows the life of basketball star Isiah Thomas from his childhood on Chicago's South Side to his current position as president of the New York Knicks. His entire professional and athletic career is covered, including his successful collegiate career with Indiana University and his role in turning the Detroit Pistons' squad from one of the league's laughingstocks to an NBA powerhouse. All aspects of Thomas's contributions are examined to reveal how he revolutionized the game with his energy and skill, introduced professional basketball to Canada, and transitioned to his controversial roles off the court as coach and executive.

Inside the Cage Aug 23 2020 The most popular outdoor basketball court in New York City is half the regulation size, offers no seating, and has sidelines bounded by a chain-link fence. But the summer league on West 4th Street in Greenwich Village has developed its share of stars and has become known throughout the world for another reason: Here the only thing that matters is the game. *Inside the Cage* follows the West 4th Street's summer league through a single season, chronicling its legendary history along the way. From 1970s playground legend Fly Williams to NBA veteran Anthony Mason and L.A. Lakers guard Smush Parker, three generations of players have mastered their game at West 4th Street. And the Cage itself -- located in one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in America and frequented by men from the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Harlem -- proves that talent can flourish even in the most unlikely places.

After Artest Mar 18 2020 Explores how the NBA moved to govern black players and the expression of blackness after the "Palace Brawl" of 2004.

[Philadelphia 76ers](#) Aug 03 2021 This title introduces basketball fans to the history of the Philadelphia 76ers NBA franchise. The title features informative sidebars, exciting photos, a timeline, team facts, trivia, a glossary, and an index. SportsZone is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

[The NBA in Black and White](#) Sep 23 2020 A memoir of hard lessons learned in the racially segregated and sometimes outright racist NBA of the early '60s by celebrated NBA player and the first Black Coach of the Year, Ray Scott. Introduced by Earl "the Pearl" Monroe. "There's a basic insecurity with Black guys my size," Scott writes. "We can't hide and everybody turns to stare when we walk down the street. ... Whites believe that their culture is superior to African-American culture. ... We don't accept many of [their] answers, but we have to live with them." Ray Scott was part of the early wave of Black NBA players like Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, and later Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who literally changed how the game of professional basketball is played—leading to the tremendously popular financial blockbuster the NBA is today. Scott was a celebrated 6'9" forward/center after being chosen by the Detroit Pistons as the #4 pick of the 1961 NBA draft, and then again

after he was named head coach of the Pistons in October 1972, winning Coach of the Year in the spring of 1974—the first black man ever to capture that honor. Scott’s is a story of quiet persistence, hard work, and, most of all, respect. He credits the mentorship of NBA player and coach Earl Lloyd, and talks about fellow Philly native Wilt Chamberlain and friends Muhammad Ali and Aretha Franklin, among many others. Ray has lived through one of the most turbulent times in our nation’s history, especially the time of assassinations of so many Black leaders at the end of the 1960s. Through it all, his voice remains quiet and measured, transcending all the sorrows with his steadiness and positive attitude. This is his story, told in collaboration with the great basketball writer, former college player and CBA coach Charley Rosen.

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