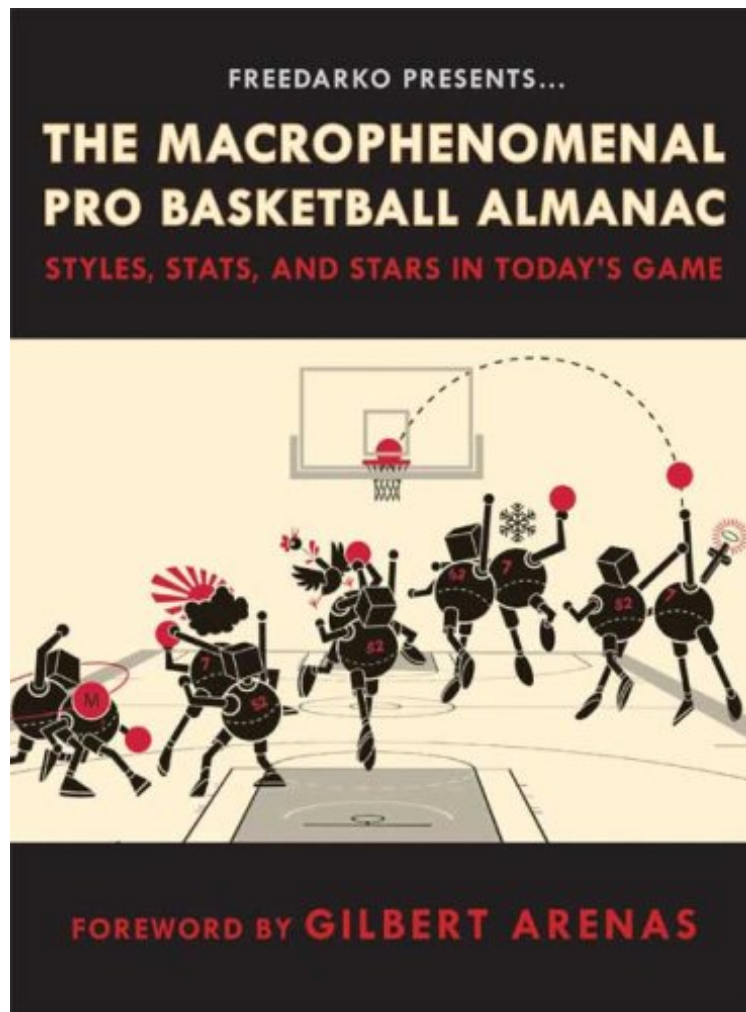


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Aging gracefully, like Darko himselfBy wubhAlready a huge NBA fan and a reader of the FreeDarko blog, I purchased this shortly after its release and devoured every page. And although we're 2.5 years past that initial publication date, this is perhaps my favorite book to pick up and thumb

through and re-read, because the FreeDarko gang brilliantly captured so many of the characters that intrigue us fans. It's a priceless snapshot of the NBA, circa 2008. And while the almanac cemented its content in print, the stories of the players profiled continued. Some prominent dialogues of this past 2010-11 season especially resonated against the narratives spun in the book, including Gilbert Arenas' continuing fall from grace, the deviousness that became LeBron's persona, Amare's desire to finally mold his NBA legacy, the end of Yao, and declines to greats such as Tim Duncan and Kobe Bryant. William Goldman once wrote (to paraphrase): "The greatest struggle an athlete endures is the battle for our memories." The mantle is always passed on from one star to the next, and the league always churns forward (hopefully...). Some stars will remain enduring parts of the game, but the majority will merely fade away into the statistics of actual almanacs. This is a book that will help me to remember the NBA that I loved, love, and will continue to love and the players involved in that drama. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of the best sports books I've ever seen By P. Quadrino I'm two years late to the party on this one but I picked this up recently and was absolutely blown away. This group has shot forward light years ahead of the rest of the sports literature world. I've always been an avid reader of baseball books, especially baseball analysis (Prospectus, Hardball Times, etc), and I've recently been trying to get back into the NBA. Well, this book just blew my mind. Their approach is to appreciate the game's mythology. There is so much style and character in the NBA right now, it is perhaps as great and diverse a game as it's ever been and the Almanac celebrates this wonderfully with richly colored artwork, sleek graphs, creative designs and a style of writing that is simple and serious but contains universal depth and plenty of humor. I cannot recommend this book highly enough to ANY sports fan. Even if you hate basketball, you can't help but appreciate this wonderful book. And if you're an NBA fan? This is a gift from hoops heaven. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Stylish and cool to show off. By BT DUBS The book is most notable for its very cool illustrations. It definitely embraces NBA basketball from an individual player standpoint as opposed to a team standpoint. I wouldn't call it an "almanac" by any means, just a fun read on basketball.

Unlike regimented football or stats-happy baseball, The National Basketball Association is above all else a league of characters. Over the course of a season, games are, of course, won or lost, but for millions of devoted fans, the final result is almost incidental to the way the league's best players perform on - and off - the court. This book is the indispensable companion to today's game - a roundball Rosetta Stone that hilariously decodes the trends and tendencies of this enormously popular game. The NBA of the moment is a league of hugely charismatic celebrities, crackling aesthetic intrigue, socio-political undercurrents, and raw humanity: every Kobe Bryant pump-fake or LeBron James dunk symbolizes the changing landscape of professional sports and holds within it a Shaq-sized load of meaning. Fans who know the sport recognize how much more there is to basketball than, well, basketball. The Macro-Phenomenal Pro Basketball Almanac is a brilliantly illustrated guide to this tumultuous and exciting landscape. It explains what each player--from Tim Duncan and Gilbert Arenas to Amare Stoudemire and Lamar Odom--reveals, through their play and conduct, about who they are and, more importantly, who the fans want them to be. Like the game it celebrates, The Macro-Phenomenal Pro Basketball Almanac is simultaneously authentic and cerebral, funny and accessible, wholly original, and always entertaining.

.com Best of the Month, December 2008: From its mouthful of a name, you might expect The Macrophenomenal Pro Basketball Almanac to be one of the new breed of fantasy-friendly stathead sports guides in the vein of the Baseball Prospectus. Or, from its blogger pedigree (via the popular FreeDarko.com), you might assume it's one of those quickie blog-into-book projects that repurposes new-media content into an old-media package. But it's neither--not even close. Bucking the data-crunching trend, the Almanac's pseudonymous authors instead embrace the mythical side of pro sports, reminding us that the difference between, say, LeBron and AI lies not just in 0.2 ppg but in the rich drama of potential, style, and lore that each star represents. And the Almanac is no blog: it's every inch a book, freshly imagined and gorgeously designed, with colorful, smart graphics that give dimension to figures from Tim "Mechanical Gothic" Duncan to Stephon "Hategoat" Marbury. With a foreword, fittingly, by Gilbert Arenas, the NBA star whose kooky, self-concocted "Agent Zero" persona often overshadows his knee-hobbled game, the Almanac is the ideal midseason treat for the casual fan and the deep obsessive alike. --Tom Nissley In the illustrations below, artists from the Free Darko collective give their unique take on two of basketball's "Master Builders"--Kobe Bryant, the perfectionist, and Tim Duncan, a methodical player of gothic proportions. (Click the images to enlarge)