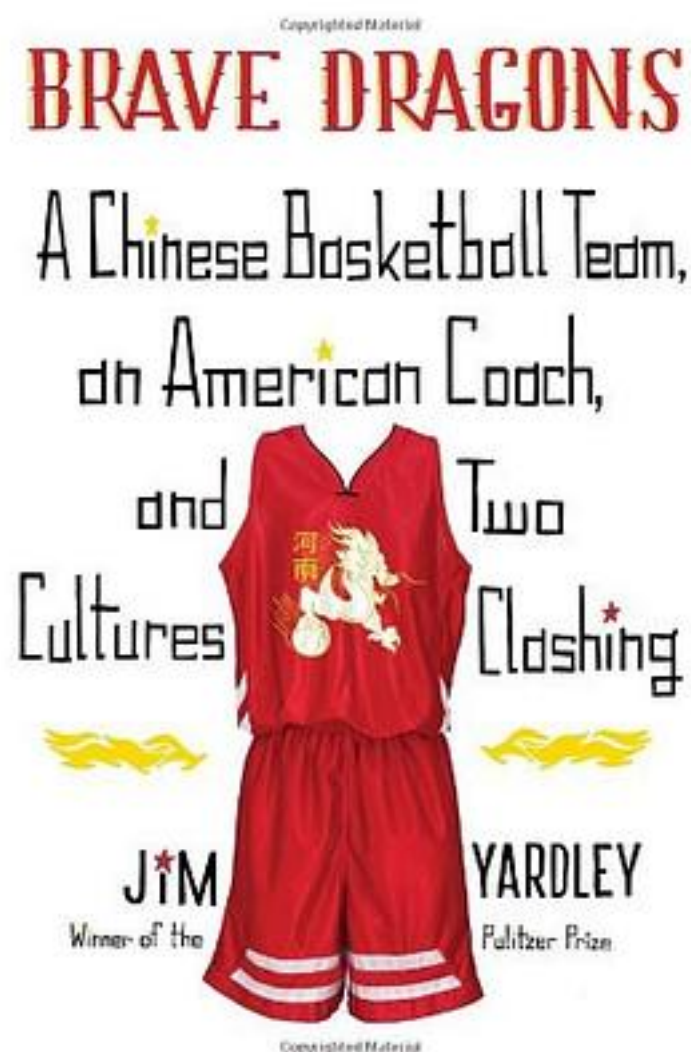


Brave Dragons



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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.

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评论

题材有趣，但人物都写得不仔细，与其写太多关于中美关系等高大上的内容，不如像The Breaks of the Game仔细写好眼前的人物

It is possible to move from a good ethnographer to a good journalist, not the other way around though. Most interesting quote: "The court was the same, the ball was the same, the rules of the game were the same, but everything else was different"

Loved this book! As long as you're even remotely interested in Chinese sports it's worth a read and it's easy to fly through it.

将山西中宇队Bonzi Wells那个赛季的，很有意思……我不是CBA专家，所以读起来很有料，不知道那些了解CBA的人怎么看这本书的。

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书评

作者是纽约时报驻华记者，也是个篮球爱好者，到CBA的山西中宇猛龙篮球队蹲点跟踪了一个赛季，写成此书。这个赛季和这支队伍恰好有些与众不同之处：第一次在CBA中请来了一个前NBA的主教练（西雅图的Bob Weiss）来执教，第一次请来了一个NBA中有名头且在当打之年的球星来打球（Bo...

There is no question that Brave Dragons is aimed at audience with little knowledge of China as many insights provided in the book can be considered obvious for Chinese readers. But I can only imagine the strangeness and exoticism that it may have on foreign...

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