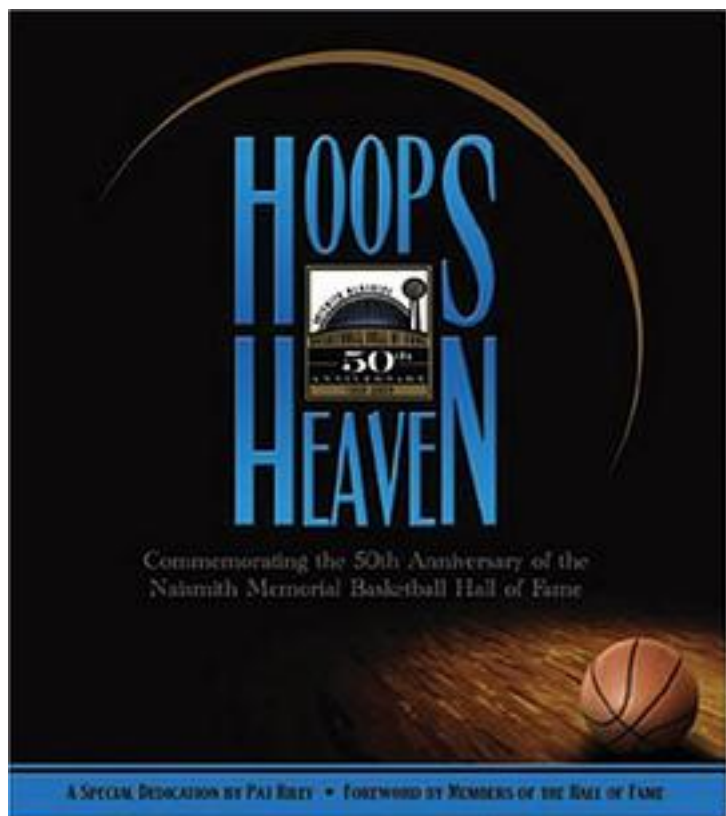


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A little bit of hoops heaven...right here on Earth. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, located in Springfield, Massachusetts, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2009 and Hoops Heaven is the official commemorative book for the milestone event. The 50th anniversary book will be a compilation of the game's greatest players, coaches, contributors, referees and teams and their representation in the 80,000-square foot complex in Springfield. The Hall traces the game's roots from its

invention by Dr. James Naismith in 1891 through the present-day popularity of college basketball, the NBA and youth basketball at all levels. Special features include treasured artifacts and memorabilia from the Hall, photos and stories about fans and rivalries and breakthrough individuals and events that changed the landscape of the game at the collegiate, professional and international levels. Dr. J's influence on the NBA. Rules changes brought on by Wilt Chamberlain's complete domination at the college level. The Texas Western/Kentucky national championship game that broke the game's color barrier in 1966. The growing influence of international players on the professional game. The increasing popularity of college basketball. And the tremendous strides made in the women's game. They are all explored in a showcase book, packed with photographs, memories and fun. The Hall of Fame's 50th anniversary celebration will begin with the induction ceremonies September 10-11 in Springfield, Massachusetts. This year's class includes Michael Jordan, David Robinson, John Stockton, Jerry Sloan and C. Vivian Stringer.

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