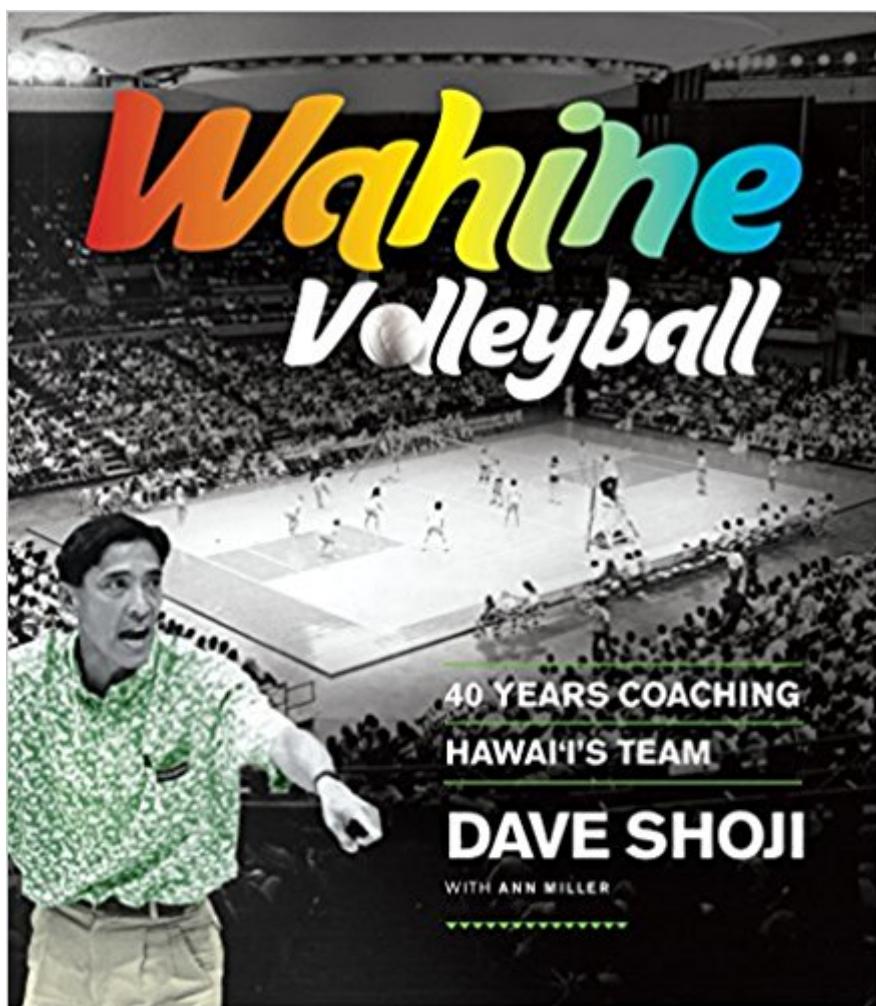


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Wahine Volleyball: 40 Years Coaching Hawaii's Team



Synopsis

Dave Shoji, legendary coach for the University of Hawai'i women's volleyball program, looks back at four decades of coaching to tell his story along with that of the Rainbow Wahine, four-time national champions and consistently among the top-ranked teams in college sports. With the assistance of longtime beat writer Ann Miller, Shoji provides an exclusive look at the state's perennially successful athletic team. His memoir traces the history and rise of the program from 1975, when he was hired as a part-time coach by women's athletic director Dennis Thompson and matches were held in the 'o'esweatbox' of Klum Gym; through the late 1970s and the 1980s, which saw the start of the Booster Club and excitement of playing in front of sell-out crowds at Honolulu's Blaisdell Arena; into the 1990s with the team's move to its current home at the Stan Sheriff Center, attracting the sport's largest and most devoted following; to the landmark 2013 season when Shoji became the winningest coach in NCAA history and on his way to a fortieth year with the Rainbow Wahine program. Interviews with memorable players, family, and assistant and rival coaches, together with over 100 action photos plus twenty more in a color insert bring back both thrilling and poignant memories of the greatest moments of Rainbow Wahine volleyball. The comprehensive yearly statistics, full player rosters, and handy index make the book a needed reference for trivia buffs. A keepsake for fans and players alike, *Wahine Volleyball: 40 Years Coaching Hawai'i's Team* will delight any sports enthusiast as well as readers who enjoy first-person remembrances of what makes Hawai'i unique.

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This book is a wonderful history of the last forty years. The volleyball legacy of Coach Dave Shoji is tinged with magic. Four national championships; nineteen conference championships--all this from a mid-major volleyball program 2,500 miles from its nearest Division 1 opponent. Shoji's teams did not tower physically over opponents. They were scrappy and believed in the Shoji mantra: 'Don't let the ball hit the court.' The Rainbow Wahine under Shoji are still producing explosions of great joy. --Jim Leahey, cohost of Leahey & Leahey, PBS Hawaii's long-running television sports show

Dave Shoji has coached the University of Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine women's volleyball team since 1975. He was named national Coach of the Year in 1982 and in 2009, and is one of USA Volleyball's all-time great coaches. He is included in the Hawai'i Sports and the American Volleyball Coaches Association Halls of Fame. Ann Miller recently retired after thirty-four years as a sports reporter for the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

A wonderful review of the women's volleyball program at the University of Hawaii. Written in a conversational manner makes for easy reading with many illustrations that cover Mr. Shoji's 40 years as head coach of the University of Hawaii women's volleyball team. He has built an institution of women volleyball fanatics - fans who are knowledgeable and gracious toward the players. For most of this time, the program has led the nation in attendance along with four national titles. Mr. Shoji who just turned 68, is the winningest women's volleyball coach in NCAA history.

I bought this as a gift for my aunt. She loves Hawaii women's volleyball and watches all the games on TV. The book was interesting and had a lot of beautiful pictures. She read it and loved it. It is a great book to add to any collection to show the history of UH Hawaii Wahine Volleyball. The book arrived in mint condition with no bends and shipping was on time.

I'm kind of prejudiced as I've been following this program since early on. It was nice to read about all the stuff I've witnessed throughout the years.

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