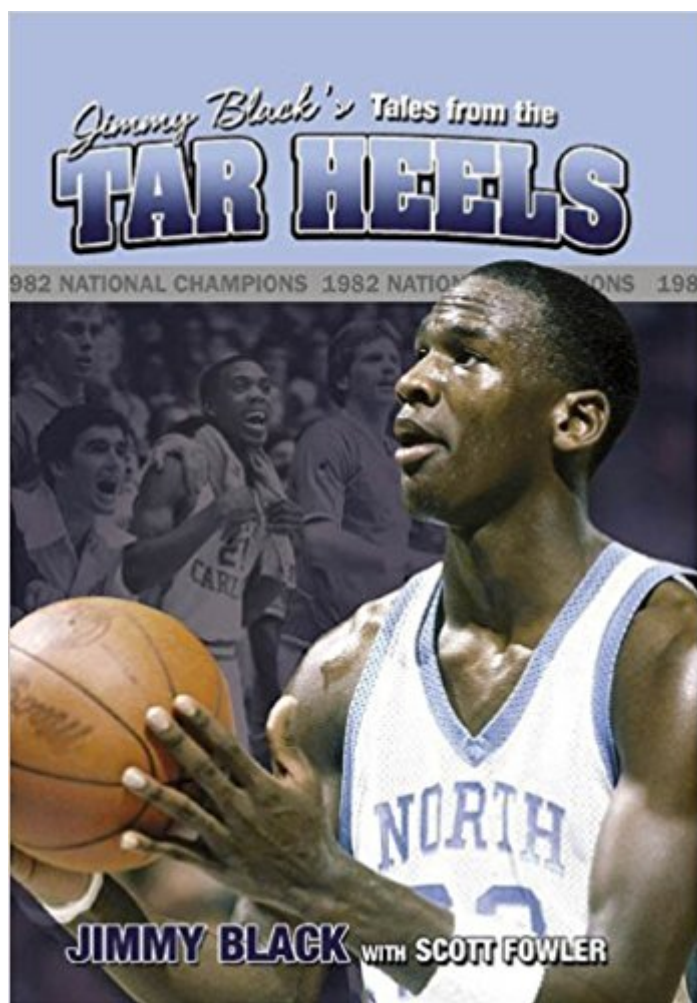


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Jimmy Black's Tales From The Tar Heels



Synopsis

In 2006, ESPN Classic held an interactive contest to determine the greatest college basketball team of all time. The field was narrowed from 64 original teams by more than 1.25 million fan votes -- all cast on ESPN.com -- until only one team remained. That squad -- revealed at the end of a three-hour television special -- was the 1982 North Carolina Tar Heels. Until now, the entire story of that star-studded 1982 UNC team has never been revealed. Jimmy Black's *Tales from the Tar Heels* traces the behind-the-scenes story of a club that featured James Worthy, Sam Perkins, Matt Doherty, Black, and a freshman named Michael Jordan as its starting five. Black, the senior point guard on that team, has combined with noted sports author Scott Fowler to write the definitive book on the team that many believe was the best college team ever. The 1981-82 Tar Heels earned head coach Dean Smith his first national championship by winning one of the most well known NCAA title games ever. North Carolina edged Georgetown, 63-62, following two incredible plays in the last 32 seconds -- Jordan's jumper from the left wing off Black's assist and a Worthy steal that still ranks as one of the strangest in NCAA history. Exclusive interviews with men like Coach Smith, Jordan, Worthy, Perkins, Doherty, Bill Guthridge, Woody Durham, and Roy Williams are interwoven with Black's own memories of the season to create a fitting tribute to the 1982 Tar Heel team on its 25th anniversary. "I'm going to tell you about that season and those young men," Black promises in his introduction. "I'm going to tell you things you never knew -- and help you remember things you once did." After you finish Jimmy Black's *Tales from the Tar Heels*, you will understand who these stars were in 1982 and why they're still considered college basketball's all-time champions.

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"This groundbreaking, behind-the-scenes look at Coach Dean Smith's first national championship... is a slam-dunk winner." --Pat Forde, ESPN.com

Jimmy Black was the starting point guard on the 1981-82 North Carolina championship basketball team. A senior co-captain on that squad, the last pass he threw in his collegiate career led to the game-winning jumper from Michael Jordan in the 1982 title game against Georgetown. Black lives in Durham, North Carolina, with his wife and two children. Like Black, Fowler is also a UNC graduate (Class of 1987). He is a sports columnist for The Charlotte Observer. Fowler has written four other books, including "What It Means to be a Tar Heel." Fowler lives in the Charlotte area with his wife and their four children.

This is a great book for Tar Heel fans everywhere who are old enough to remember that magical year 1982 when the Tar Heels captured Dean Smith's first National Championship. Great stories and memories from a great player who many of us think was the driving force behind that Championship. If you are a Tar Heel fan and 1982 was one of those great years for you and you have not read this book, then buy it and read it right now!!

If you are a Tarheel, Jordan or just basketball fan in general then this is a must read on a behind the scenes venture into the greatest college team of all time. Reading this book from the quarterback's (Mr. Black) perspective is a great insight on what held the Heels together, what made them click and what drove them to their ultimate goal. Pick this book up today and enjoy!!!!

If you graduated from UNC in 1982, this is second only to the Bible as the best book you'll ever read. If you're a Tarheel, this is a MUST HAVE! Scott Fowler's (of Charlotte Observer fame) writing is the best. Jimmy "Bossman" Black proves he can write as well as he can lead a championship team. How 'bout dem Heels, they are the NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

A pleasure to read. As a Tar Heel who knew Jimmy, I am not surprised by the candidness and honesty of his writings. The '81-'82 Tar Heels were an amazing team. Jimmy's book provides a personal perspective that brought back many memories. Any fan of college basketball should read this.

This is a great book all fans of UNC basketball will enjoy. Jimmy does a great job of sharing an "inside" look of that championship team!

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