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# Basketball's Greatest Stars: Russell Westbrook

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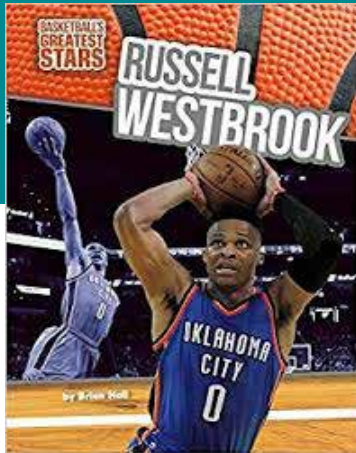
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## Book Review

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As a five-foot-eight, 140-pound high school freshman, no one believed that Russell Westbrook had what it took to make it to the NBA. Growing up in Long Beach California, Westbrook did not receive much attention from college recruiters until the death of Westbrook's friend Khelcey Barrs. Barrs' death led Westbrook to work even harder in honor of his friend; his hard work paid off when he was drafted by the Seattle SuperSonics in 2008. The SuperSonics moved to Oklahoma City before Westbrook even played a game for them, and Westbrook has stayed with that team ever since. His speed and ball handling skills have led him to several conference finals and to the NBA finals. His hard work has also made him the recipient of the All-Star Game and season MVP awards. With his talent and dedication to basketball, Russell Westbrook will likely continue to have success in the years to come.

Russell Westbrook is the perfect book for young basketball fans. Author Brian Hall captures the highlights of Westbrook's life and career that have led him to where he is today. Brian Hall has been a sports writer for over a decade, and he easily describes what makes Westbrook a basketball star. This book is ideal for young readers because it includes the highlights and statistics that define Westbrook's life in a manner that is accessible for children. Additionally, the book includes pictures of Westbrook's career, a timeline of his life, a glossary, and an index to help readers better understand Russell Westbrook's life and career. The book is made of a durable hardcover material and will last for years. Russell Westbrook is a great beginning biography for any fan of basketball. Readers both young and old will enjoy reading about Westbrook's dedication and success in the world of basketball.