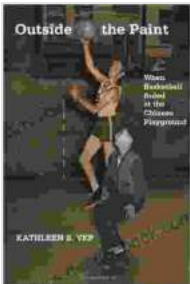


# When Basketball Ruled At The Chinese Playground: Asian American History And



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Basketball was a popular sport in China in the 1980s and 1990s, and it played a significant role in the lives of many young people. The game was introduced to China in the early 20th century by American missionaries, and it quickly gained popularity. By the 1980s, basketball was one of the most popular sports in China, and it was played by people of all ages and backgrounds.

The Chinese government encouraged the development of basketball as a way to promote physical fitness and national pride. The government built new basketball courts and organized tournaments and leagues. The Chinese national basketball team also became a major force in international competition, winning the silver medal at the 1992 Summer Olympics.

Basketball had a major impact on Asian American culture. Many young Asian Americans saw basketball as a way to connect with their Chinese heritage and culture. They played basketball in parks and community centers, and they watched games on television and in theaters. Basketball also helped to break down stereotypes about Asian Americans. Many people saw Asian Americans as being unathletic and passive, but basketball players like Jeremy Lin and Yao Ming showed that Asian Americans could be just as athletic and competitive as anyone else.

The popularity of basketball in China and among Asian Americans has continued to grow in recent years. The Chinese national basketball team has continued to be a major force in international competition, and the NBA has become increasingly popular in China. More and more Asian Americans are playing basketball, and the game has become a major part of Asian American culture.

### **The History of Basketball in China**

Basketball was introduced to China in the early 20th century by American missionaries. The first basketball game in China was played in 1904 at the YMCA in Tianjin. The game quickly gained popularity, and by the 1930s, basketball was being played in schools and universities across China.

The Chinese government encouraged the development of basketball as a way to promote physical fitness and national pride. In 1956, the Chinese Basketball Association (CBA) was founded. The CBA is the top-level basketball league in China, and it features some of the best players in the world.

The Chinese national basketball team has also been a major force in international competition. The team won the silver medal at the 1992 Summer Olympics, and it has consistently ranked among the top teams in the world.

## **The Impact of Basketball on Asian American Culture**

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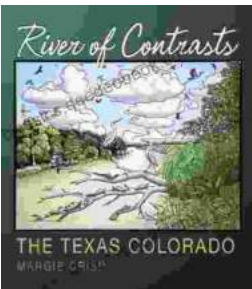
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