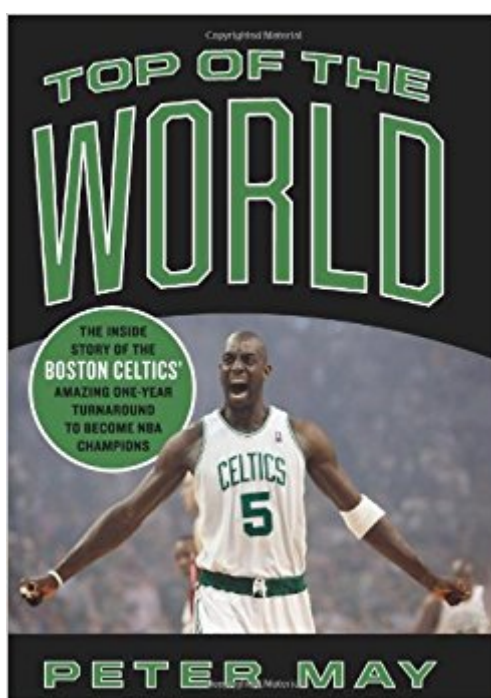


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Top Of The World: The Inside Story Of The Boston Celtics' Amazing One-Year Turnaround To Become NBA Champions



Synopsis

It's on top of the world,â•shouted NBA Defensive Player of the Year Kevin Garnett, after the Boston Celtics clinched their league-leading 17th NBA championship over their archrival, the Kobe Bryant-led Los Angeles Lakers. In *Top of the World*, Peter May chronicles the remarkable 2008 championship run of the team in green—their first in over twenty years. With the greatest single-season turnaround in NBA history, the Celtics went from the second-worst record last year to the best record this year. May charts the pivotal moments: from losing out on the Number 1 and Number 2 pick in last year's draft lottery to swinging trades for future Hall of Famers Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen; from winning Game 4 of the Finals with one of the greatest come-from-behind victories in NBA Finals history to capping off their remarkable season with another championship banner.

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Peter May covered the Boston Celtics for nearly 25 years for the Boston Globe and the Hartford Courant. He is the author with Kim Mulkey of *Won't Back Down*. He lives in Massachusetts.

Top of the World focuses on the Boston Celtics' remarkable move from worst to first in 2008. The book really focuses on the 16 months that helped shape the new Celtics team. Starting from the disappointment of the draft and moving through each notable move made by the organization the author provides additional insights into the people who made it happen. I especially enjoyed learning about the players who aren't quite as high profile including Glen "Big Baby" Davis, Leon Powe, and Eddie House. The reader is given the complete picture of the team's dynamic. A fun and easy read for Boston Celtics' fans.

A fantastic insight on the most incredible (even for fans!) turnaround case study in basketball! It truly shows how chemistry and commitment can work wonders! I would recommend it for management case studies on team effort and performance. Besides, having lived it from far away and after a sleepless night in the cold to buy the sought-after tickets of their Rome match with the Raptors, it was great to read how all that contributed to the fantastic and breathtaking ride to the Championship! A must-read for Celtics fans and team builders/facilitators!

A great read! Peter May does a very good job of covering the 2008 champion Boston Celtics. A fan of the Celtics myself I enjoyed how May covered most of the players that were on the team. The background of the big three Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen made the book that more interesting for me to read. He also touches on the backgrounds of Eddie House, James Posey and Kendrick Perkins. Its interesting to read how a team can go from being at the bottom one year and winning it all the next. Definitely recommend this book!

OK, let me start with the obvious that you will most likely enjoy this book if you're a Boston Celtics fan and/or enjoyed their championship story last season. Peter May does a very good job at telling the backgrounds behind all the key Celtic players from the Big 3 to Coach Rivers and the lesser known characters, even some opponents. I would recommend this book to any Boston sports fan or Celtics fan who wants a permanent record of what a great season 2007/08 was for fans as the Celtics captured championship number 17.

Top of the World provides a great insight into the 2008 Celtics' championship season. You get to know the players and their backgrounds better. The book is well written, easy to read, sustains interest, and hits the important issues. It is a great companion to the DVDs of the playoffs and the

team. Highly recommended for true Celtic fans.

Nice stories and good quality. As a Celtic fan and a KG fan, I have to say it is worth reading so many times.

This is a great read to one of the greatest NBA seasons of all time. A must for any Celtics fan

Great inside look into the championship season. If you want to read something that brings together all the links to an amazing season, read it!

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