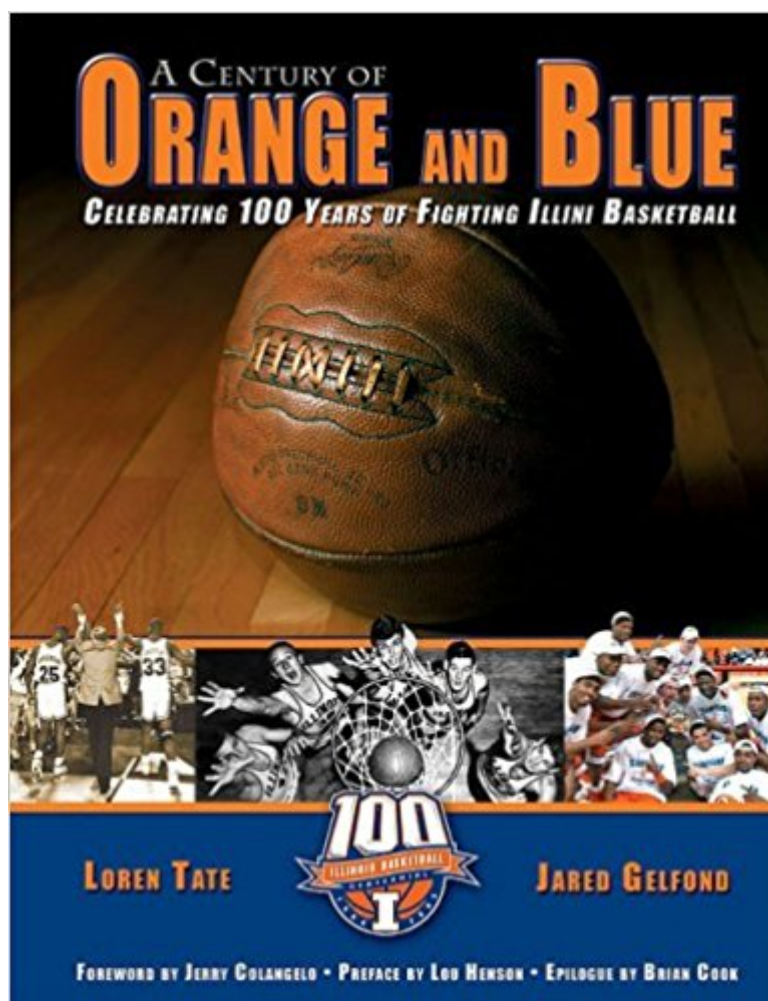


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A Century Of Orange And Blue: Celebrating 100 Years Of Fighting Illini Basketball



Synopsis

A Century of Orange and Blue is just that—an in-depth look at the history of one of the Big Ten's premiere basketball programs. The University of Illinois' basketball roots date back to 1901, when the idea of men's basketball was introduced to UI director of athletics George Huff during a scrimmage at the Men's Old Gym. By 1906 a varsity basketball team was in place under the direction of Leo Hana and coach Elwood Brown. That team defeated Champaign High School, 71-4, on Jan. 6, 1906, before losing to more formidable college teams in Purdue and Indiana. Some 100 years later, the Fighting Illini have hoisted 15 Big Ten championship banners and sent four teams to the Final Four in search of a NCAA championship. From the Whiz Kids of '42 to the Flyin' Illini of '89 to the Big Ten champs of '04, A Century of Orange and Blue is full of fond memories of fantastic teams, recounted by authors Loren Tate and Jared Gelfond and the amazing players and coaches that put Illini basketball on the national map.

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Loren Tate has covered the Fighting Illini basketball program for decades. He's been on hand for nearly 60 years of Illini hoops from his days as a young fan in the '40s to his time spent with the team as a walk-on squad member in the early '50s to his tenures as sports director at WICD-TV, sports editor of The News-Gazette, and radio broadcaster for Illini games on WDWS. Loren Tate's name is synonymous with the pulse of Fighting Illini athletics. Tate is married to Alexis Tate, and their son, Travis, is a sophomore at the University of Illinois. Tate also has three

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