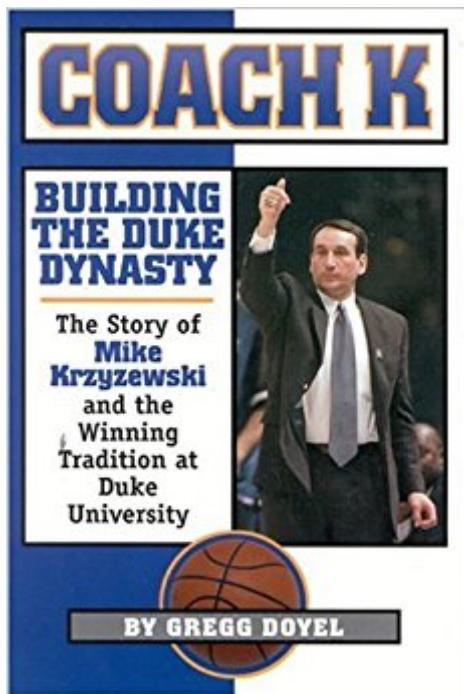


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# Coach K: Building The Duke Dynasty



## **Synopsis**

His name is Mike Krzyzewski. You can call him Coach K. And he has the basketball team that can't be beaten -- Duke is a powerhouse, thanks to the winning tradition this coach has created at Duke University.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Mike is the coach of this generation. He has the ideal program. (Jim Calhoun, Connecticut Coach )

Gregg Doyel has covered ACC basketball for The Charlotte Observer since November, 1997. Before that he was at The Miami Herald where he covered the Florida Marlins from 1995-1997. He has gone from writing about game seven of the World Series, which the Marlins won in eleven innings, to writing about an ACC basketball season that had Duke ranked No. 1 and North Carolina ranked No. 2. Since then, he has followed the Duke team for two seasons, including its 37-2 team that made it all the way to the 1999 championship game. Doyel is a graduate of the University of Florida and is a member of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association. He currently resides in Apex, North Carolina with his wife, Meloday, and their two sons, Macon and Jackson.

I'm a Coach K fan and was disappointed that this book didn't provide more insight into hows & whys of the program and Duke basketball tactics. The history was interesting and you do get a feel for the Duke-UNC rivalry, but not an understanding of how the coach really thinks and what strategies he truly uses on and off the court.

While this book has some great moments it also leaves a lot to be desired. It tells the great story of Krzyzewski's boyhood, the values instilled by his parents and his neighborhood friends, his time in the army and the early years with his wife Mickie. It touches on his relationship with Jim Valvano during his loosing battle with cancer. However, way too much of the book reads like a tell-all tabloid article. I suspect that was because Coach K did not participate in this effort and the writer is struggling to get enough material to produce the book. I would recommend Coach K's own "Leading with the Heart".

Gregg Doyel represents what all college hoops beat writers should aspire to. He name drops(ok, anonymous source drops), insinuates and unleashes tawdry details, often authenticated or handed to him by "reliable sources who shall remain unnamed." He participates in mud-slinging and name calling as often as possible, often opening the door to the rational, intelligent discussion of college hoops. He doesn't let facts get in his way, and allows for his unbiased theories and fantasies about the world of college hoops to open the eyes of ignorant fans. You might wonder why Gregg (two Gs dude) rarely interviews coaches especially when he may be writing about them. Let's face it, Gregg possesses a well of knowledge that is deeper (and sexier) than that of Coach K, John Wooden, Red Auerbach, Einstein, and Jesus combined. Ok, all hyperbole aside this book is terrible. I would have loved to hear some original content about what Coach had to say in regards to building the prototypical powerhouse program. Unfortunately, Doyel probably did not get off his pockmarked ass in the process of writing this book, ripping off all the information contained within from sources like DBR, or from gleaning information from Coach K's book (which, by the way, is everything this book is not.) This book will not reveal anything new to even the most casual duke fan. Sadly, Doyel is dismissed by all members of the college hoops community, from the casual fan to a coaching legend such as Coach K. He has routinely shown himself to be unreliable in reporting the FACTS involved in a story, and far too often limbos below the level of those who make personal attacks against him. He is a hypocrite, lambasting someone's actions one minute, and then praising them the next. He rarely owns up to his inaccuracies (notice that he never apologized for his crap article on the myron piggie BS) and pretends as though no ineptitude ever took place. He is the college basketball equivalent of a Rush Limbaugh, relying on inflammatory remarks to bring attention to his articles and giving hits to his website. Hopefully people will learn to ignore him and he too will enter rehab for his chronic abuse of oxycontin/bestiality. In summary, boring book, poorly written by a man who is more of a blogger than a journalist. Do not read this book or your face might melt like all

those dudes in "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Is there someone you work with who can never succeed at one job before they promote him to another, circumventing all rationale concerning "the best person for the job"? Gregg Doyel somehow worms his way upward on his career path even though many bloggers - let alone other columnists - are superior writers and investigative journalists. This book confounds the mind. You constantly wonder "how did someone this poor at writing ever get a book published?". My brother gave me this as a Christmas gift. We are both Duke fans and have been since 1972. He had the best of intentions considering the title. However, my brother, who is an accomplished public speaker and teacher, would have vomited upon reading such incomprehensible drivel.

This book is a waste of time and money unless you are a die hard dookie that doesn't care how much the truth is stretched, distorted or misrepresented so long as it makes Duke look good. The same goes for any other drivel that this hack writes for CBS. Based on who he trashes and who he worships, it is clear that he as a Duke/Coach K agenda. Basically, read what he writes and take the opposite as truth.

What surprised me was the fact that the author got some of the facts wrong within the first chapter. Doyel later contradicted himself when he got them right in later chapters. The only thing interesting is the content of the book, but that jumps around from one year to the next and back all in the same sentence. Doyle just spit everything out onto paper and did not worry about the flow of the book. Awful, the only reason it is interesting is because it is Duke, and Doyle does not have anything to do with that, thank goodness!

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If you are reading this review, you probably have never heard of Gregg Doyel. If you had heard of him, you'd probably know without reading this book that it's journalistic garbage. Sort of like his

work with cbssportline.com. I wouldn't use the pages of this book to wipe myself with.

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