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### About the Author

**John Wooden (1910-2010)**, guided the UCLA Bruins to ten NCAA basketball championships over a 12-year period, including four perfect seasons and an 88-game winning streak. He was named ESPN's "Greatest Coach of the 20th Century" and voted "#1 Coach of All Time" by *The Sporting News*. *Sports Illustrated* said it best when they said: "There's never been a finer man in American sports than John Wooden, or a finer coach." In 2003 John Wooden was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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