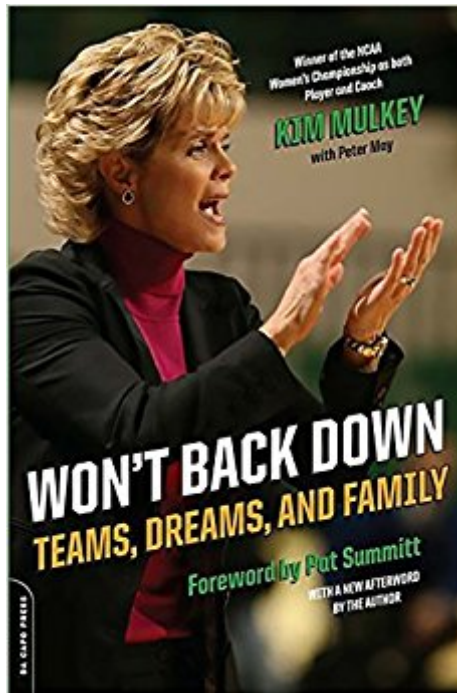




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Won't Back Down: Teams, Dreams, And Family



Synopsis

Whether on a baseball field as the only girl on an all-boys team in Hammond, Louisiana, or on a basketball court where her play-making ability was compared to Louisiana legend Pistol Pete Maravich, Kim Mulkey was a young athlete so gifted she was named to Parade magazine's 1980 All-America High School Girls Basketball team. Mulkey went on to win two national championships at Louisiana Tech, as well as a gold medal with the 1984 U.S. Women's Olympic basketball team. She served as an assistant coach on Louisiana Tech's 1988 national championship, then turned around Baylor University's women's basketball program by coaching them to a national championship in a mere five years. In *Won't Back Down*, Mulkey reveals the many trials she has overcome, and how her children and her coaching have sustained her in her most difficult moments.

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Customer Reviews

Kim Mulkey is the current head coach of the women's basketball team at Baylor University. She lives outside of Waco, Texas. Peter May covers the Boston Celtics and pro basketball for the Boston Globe. He lives outside of Boston, Massachusetts.

I love her as a coach and cheer for her team but as a writer maybe not so much. The book got a little tedious with the I, I, I, and I. Of course it was a memoir so what can you expect, but maybe there would be another way to reword some of the cheering for yourself. So much for the book she is still one of my favorite coaches.

A nice look back through the years with Coach Kim but I don't rank it as high as other books of this type. It does not reach some of the heights of others and some of the personal stuff gets short coverage but that is her right. The situation with LATECH was described well but was sad on a few levels. Its hard to think of this women begging as she describes. The book is a good quick read but could have been more. Its clear that Coach Kim has sacrificed for her career, players and program.

I'm not much of a reader, but I literally sat down and read the entire book in one sitting. My first year at baylor was the year they won the national championship! After reading this book, I am even more amazed at K.Mulley and the women's basketball program and what they have accomplished! What a great and inspiring read! SIC'EM

I really enjoyed this book. Though we went to the same high school, we traveled in different circles. No one was untouched though by Kim's amazing talent and goodness. It is very hard to find a person that refuses to bend to 'easy outs'. Thank you for putting into words for others what I already knew. Kim, is a very down to earth, uncomplicated and amazingly talented person.

I've heard Kim Mulkey speak in person as well as seen her in action coaching and this book sounds just like her. She is very forthright and as always, tells it like she sees it. Except for a few repeated or inserted sections that seem to interrupt the flow, the book is a very good read.

I was so frustrated watching her play against ODU in the 80's. Every time she came out on the court she destroyed ODU. It is interesting to see what happened to such a good player. Great book.

The book flowed really well and it was nice to get insight into the college coaching process and a coach of basketball. More info about the entire process as a coach was discussed then I expected. I enjoyed every aspect of the book.

About time Coach Mulkey had a bio written about her. She addresses a lot of the issues that make her such a fascinating figure in women's basketball. One of the most successful and admired figures in all of college sports, Coach Mulkey has won national titles as a player, assistant coach, and head coach. Though the writing is a bit stilted, Coach and Peter May put together a nice read about a terrific woman.

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