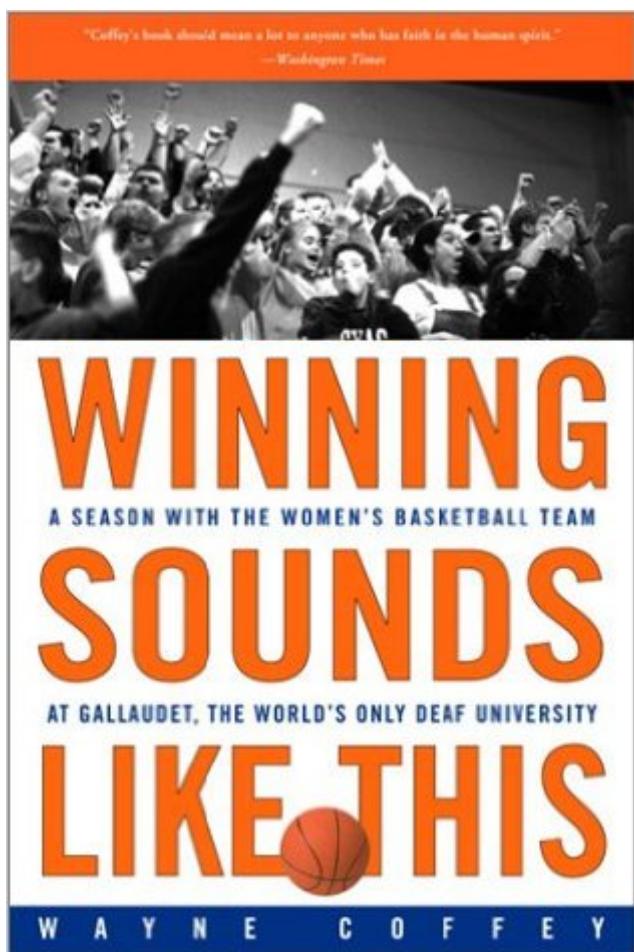


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Winning Sounds Like This: A Season With The Women's Basketball Team At Gallaudet, The World's Only University For The Deaf



Synopsis

The Gallaudet womenâ™s basketball team has just defeated the number one ranked team in the country, the College of New Jersey. A reporter, not wanting to be insensitive, delicately broaches the obvious question: âœHow can you play so well despite your hearing impairment?â • Nanette Virnig, a forward for Gallaudet, puts him at ease. âœWeâ™re not hearing impaired,â • she says. âœWeâ™re deaf.â • Winning Sounds Like This is the remarkable story of the nationâ™s most unique and inspiring womenâ™s basketball team and its 1999â™2000 season. It is the touching chronicle of players who donâ™t hear buzzers or cheers, a coach who has never used a whistle, and a university that is a mecca for deaf culture throughout the world. Wayne Coffey offers an intimate and unsparing look at the playersâ™ lives on and off the court, their struggles to overcome mistreatment and misconceptions of the hearing world, and their deeply rooted connection to one another.

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I have very little to no interest whatsoever in basketball, but I do have a strong interest in deaf women that go against the odds. Thus, this book was half boring and half intriguing for me. Let's start with the intriguing. I really enjoyed the tidbits of deaf history. I never realized Ponce de Leon played a large role in the mass realization that deaf does not mean dumb. I liked reading about the girls' personal lives, namely Touria. (A few interesting pages are dedicated to this brave woman who is not only a deaf female, but a deaf female in a mostly hearing muslim household.) I was thrilled

with the information provided about the first deaf president of the school, King Jordan. I was touched deeply by Ronda's story about her speech being made fun of and her six years of silence due to the embarrassment of it. I also enjoyed the few pages that went in depth about the controversial cochlear implants and what the girls have to say about it, "Quit trying to make us like you." I was obviously moved numerous times. So why the low rating? I wanted more of the girls and their lives. The basketball is a HUGE part of the story, I won't deny that, but I don't need play by play details about every game. I will not remember who fouled, who free throwed, nor how many times somebody free throwed 2 pages later. My mind began drifting and I began skipping paragraphs to get back to the girls and their stories. I also felt there was a too much about Kitty, the coach. I simply did not take to her the way I did the team. A decent read. I recommend it for anybody who wants to know more about deaf culture and Gallaudet University.

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