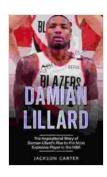
# The Inspirational Story of Damian Lillard: From Undrafted Prospect to the Most Explosive Player in the NBA



Damian Lillard: The Inspirational Story of Damian Lillard's Rise to the Most Explosive Player in the NBA (The NBA's Most Explosive Players) by Jackson Carter

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Damian Lillard is one of the most exciting players in the NBA today. With his lightning-quick first step, deadly shooting stroke, and uncanny ability to create for others, Lillard has established himself as one of the league's elite guards.

But Lillard's journey to the top was not an easy one. He was an undrafted prospect out of Weber State University, and many teams passed on him because of his size and athleticism. But Lillard never gave up on his dream of playing in the NBA, and he worked tirelessly to improve his game.

Lillard's hard work paid off when he was signed by the Portland Trail Blazers as a free agent in 2012. He quickly became a fan favorite in Portland, and he helped lead the team to the playoffs in his rookie season. In the years since, Lillard has continued to improve his game, and he has become one of the most productive players in the NBA. He is a four-time All-Star, and he was named the NBA's Most Improved Player in 2014.

Lillard is also one of the most clutch players in the league. He has hit numerous game-winning shots throughout his career, and he is known for his ability to perform under pressure.

Lillard's story is an inspiration to anyone who has ever been told that they can't do something. He is a living example of what can be achieved through hard work and determination.

### Early life and college career

Damian Lillard was born in Oakland, California, on July 15, 1990. He began playing basketball at a young age, and he quickly showed a natural talent for the game.

Lillard played high school basketball at Oakland High School, where he was a two-time all-state selection. He then went on to play college basketball at Weber State University, where he led the Wildcats to two NCAA Tournament appearances.

Lillard was a two-time All-Big Sky Conference selection at Weber State, and he was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Year in 2012. He finished his college career with averages of 19.9 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 3.9 assists per game.

#### **NBA** career

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Lillard has helped lead the Trail Blazers to the playoffs in each of his first seven seasons in the NBA. He has also led the team to two Western Conference Finals appearances.

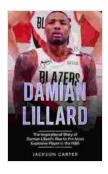
#### International career

Lillard has also represented the United States in international competition. He was a member of the gold medal-winning United States team at the 2014 FIBA World Cup.

#### Legacy

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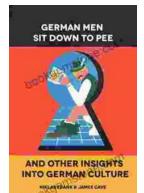
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