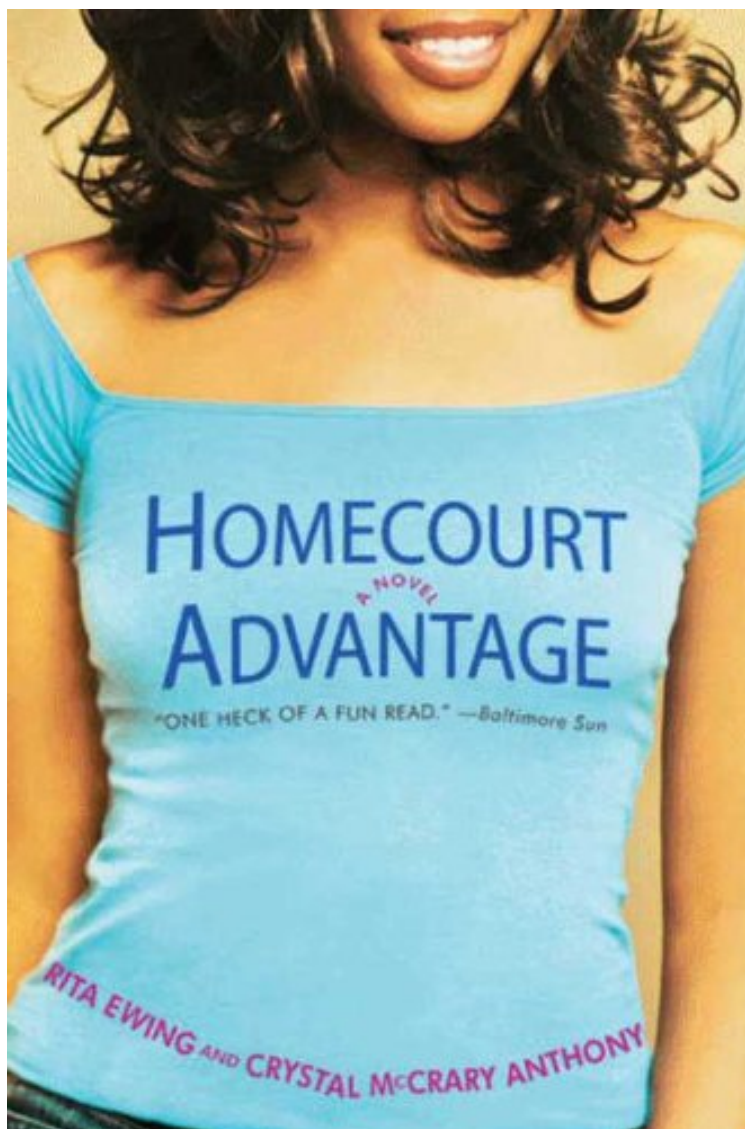


Homecourt Advantage

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Von Rita Ewing, Crystal McCrary Anthony : Homecourt Advantage before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Homecourt Advantage:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Delightfully Entertaining Von Ein Kunde As a female fan of sports, particularly Basketball and Football, I was delighted that this story fictionally and cleverly discussed the lives of wives, girlfriends and mates of the ficticious Basketball team, The New York Fliers. I stress ficticious because to my pleasant surprise, it did not seem as if the authors targeted, were vicious or gossipy about the league or anyone in partiuclar. It was just a story! I applaud the

authors for introducing many of us to a world not normally considered. However if there is an ounce of truth to some of the antics that go on behind the scenes (and I am sure there is some truth), groupies, wannabees and gold-diggers beware, all that glitters is not gold and you might want to re-consider what you may or may not be getting into. Frankly, the lives of the players and mates are portrayed as that, life, and like in anything, one should keep their eyes, ears and hearts open. From a literary standpoint, I find that the story flows and the intelligence of the authors is apparent. What better subject to write about than one you might be privy to. Dialogue and characters were consistent and interesting, however at times in an effort to be intriguing, parts of the plot were revealed and ballooned only to have the conclusions and/or result deflated as if someone pierced it with a fine straight pin. It was an enjoyable light read and I recommend it. I look forward to the authors' next venture, collectively and singularly.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. GET THIS BOOK, IT IS EXCELLENT!!!!!!!Von Ein KundeWhen a book brings tears to my eyes at the end of it, that is a darn good BOOK!!!! I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. Hats off to Rita Ewing and Crystal McCrary for painting such an intricate picture of what goes on behind the scenes in professional sports. What I liked most about it is the support of the female characters. If ever a book described the importance of Black Women sticking together to make this a better world, this book did it. Just reading about how these women supported one another and overcame the demons in their lives, gave me sooo much hope and pride as a Young Black Woman myself. No matter what we go through, there is always a SISTAH that has been there and done that whether old or young, and can help us iron out the rough spots in our lives. It is in our heritage and our tradition. Let us not forget that we are here for one another!! Living as a SBF in Atlanta who happens to love sports, I occasionally see professional players of Atlanta teams out and about. I've met a few of them. And I too see some of the things that Rita and Crystal described as the countless number of temptations that are out there for those players whether they're married or not. I see that it takes a strong, very strong grounded woman to love and support a professional athlete. It puts so many things in perspective!!! Thanks Rita and Crystal for OPENING MY EYES!!!!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good, but smutty, funny, but ridiculous, wild, but overdoneVon Ein KundeMy goodness, did the writers of this sleep with a thesaurus under their pillows or what? The descriptions in this book, both provocative and ridiculous, were over the top. There was too much dropping of designer names and too much decription of hair texture, skin color, and other superficial things. Not to be mean, but I've seen a lot of the NBA wives and some, in fact a whole lot of those women are hardly Playboy or Cosmo material. There is nothing wrong with that but this book had everybody being just simply beautiful, and that ain't real life!!!! As for the men, well this is my take, nobody can kick you in the behind if you aren't bent over!!!! The men kicked and the women took it so they got what they deserved for being stupid. Of course money makes you do things for rich men that you probably, if you were smart wouldn't take off of a poor man. I also must say I had a hard time distinguishing one player from the other, I am still confused as to the gay player's status, but I suppose that is common in first novels, lack of character and plot development. This book kind of bothered me because I found myself trying to figure out who every character was, in terms of the Knicks, I have about six of them figured out. I have to admit though I found myself liking Kelly, as bad as she was, I still liked the way she didn't take any mess and was bound and determined to get what she had coming to her!!!! He owed her and she was taking no crap. As for Casey, my, my, my, Miss Rita, we certainly can paint ourselves in a positive light can't we. I will tell you this the sex descriptions of you and Patrick were a little much for me, I personally found out more than I wanted to know about Patrick Ewing, believe me. This book was good, if like sleazy soaps, but I am glad I got it from the library because I won't be re-reading it, but I must be honest I can't wait for a movie to come out. What can I say I'm a Jerry Springer fan, I love smut!!!!

KurzbeschreibungThe sports pages trumpet the exploits of the superstar players of the New York Flyers basketball team -- while the gossip columns hint of their infidelities and steamy off-court activities. And in the shadows behind the bright spotlights, the wives and girlfriends struggle to keep the insanity at bay and their relationships alive in a world of fame, big money, shady dealings, and easy sex. Now, with the playoffs looming and the team's future in jeopardy, the temptations to sin are even stronger than ever. And before the season's out, the women behind "the great men" -- led by Casey Rogers, the beautiful, sexy, savvy lawyer wife of the Flyers' star forward -- are going to rock the NBA to its core.

From Publishers WeeklyOstensibly concerned with the women behind the men who move the ball for the fictional New York Flyers, this first novel from former and current basketball wives Ewing and McCrary wobbles unsteadily from the announcement by Alexis?wife of team owner Mike Mitchell?that the mostly African American team will be sold to a known bigot if they don't win the championship. The tie that binds the tales of the players' mates together is Casey Rogers, fantastically successful attorney and wife to Brent, star player for the Flyers. Their marital problems quickly steal the focus from the team's difficulties. From this tipoff, the novel weaves in and out, dribbling and passing the action from couple to couple. We get lots of sad but unconnected backstories, lots of catty infighting and (often justified) jealousies among the wives, all of whom are intensely (if predictably) aware that their husbands belong to the fans and owners more than to them. Meanwhile, the team itself tries to ignore the "personal fouls" in

their lives and plays on as the pressure to win mounts and the episodic soap opera ticks away with the clock. Tritely and carelessly written, the book has too many howlers: "Naturally he did not forget to pack the brand-new Calvin Klein underwear for his road trip, unlike when he was at home with his drawers full of holes"; "He treated players like machines on a southern plantation." The book moves in fits and starts toward a predictable conclusion and fails to realize even the most fundamental possibilities of a good sports novel from the wives' point of view (readers would do better to try *Balls*, Nanci Kincaid's recent chronicle of football wives). (Nov.) FYI: McCrary is married to Greg Anthony of the Seattle Supersonics (formerly of the New York Knicks). Ewing was married to Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks. Both women hold law degrees. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus sAttorney and mother of three, Ewing is the ex-wife of New York Knick Patrick Ewing; McCrary is an entertainment lawyer married to Seattle Supersonic Greg Anthony. Between them they have a homecourt advantage in telling the stories of basketball wives. The New York Flyers have never won an NBA championship trophy, though they've led the Eastern Conference for two years running. Now, management will sell the team and move it out of New York if they don't bring home a championship this year. The next six weeks of playoffs will be hell, with the players needing all the female comfort they can get. The story focuses less on the players than on the bonds holding their wives and girlfriends together: the coach's wife, Alexis Mitchell, skillful handler of the wives, whos much like a coach but as intent as her husband on the Flyers winning; newlywed attorney Casey Rogers, working 70 hours a week and married to the team's star forward Brent Rogers, who swears his fidelity to Casey and expects her to give up most of her legal work to care for him and his son by a former girlfriend; Trina Bellevile, who holds the whole sport in contempt and dresses down to show it; Kelly Tucker, mother of pretty little Diamond and undergoing a much-too- long engagement with Steve (who actually has a new love interest and is edging Kelly out); superfamous, leather-jacketed singer Remy; and Dawn, first-year resident in psychiatry, hitched to a hot young rookie. The Flyers' mostly tough women arent used to laying off of their men, as Alexis would have it, and they face not only an enforced, blissful silence during their husbands' rough schedule but a scandal and murder that rock the team. A richly hard-as-nails, largely African-American sports opera as only two legal-eagle insiders could write it. (Author tour) -- Copyright 1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.