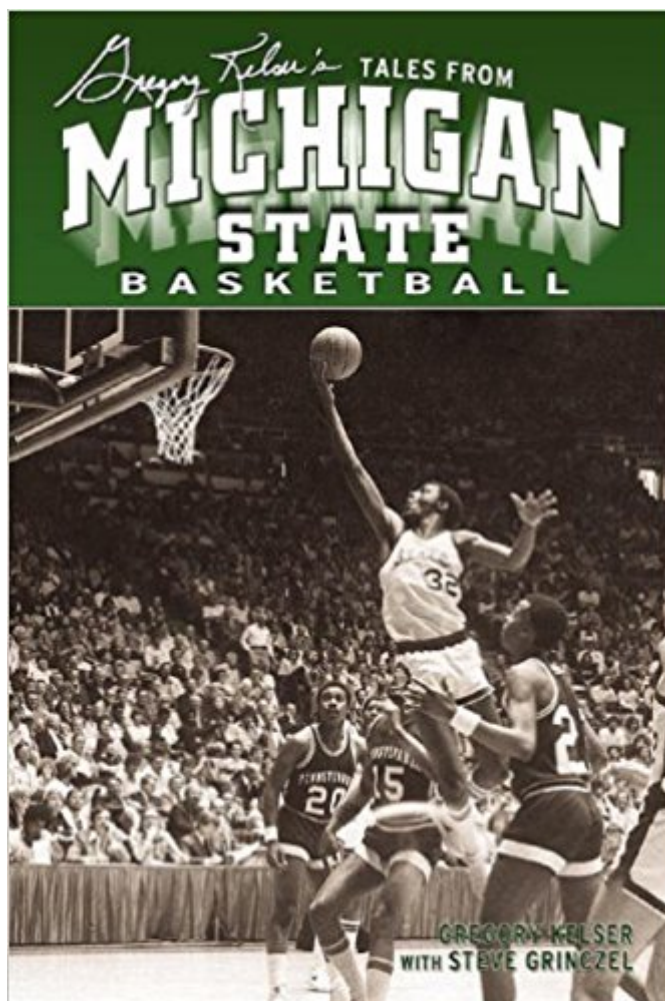


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# Greg Kelser's Tales From Michigan State Basketball



## Synopsis

Magic Johnson may be the enduring face of Michigan State basketball. Mateen Cleaves came to represent its heart while leading the Spartans to the 2000 national championship. Gregory Kelser, however, personifies the soul of the program. Kelser collaborated with Johnson to lead MSU to its first NCAA title in 1979. Here he discusses his role in the Spartans' victory over Indiana State and Larry Bird and how that game triggered college basketball's surge of popularity that continues to this day. He also provides insight and opinion on the successes, failures, players, personalities, and coaches who came before and after him at Michigan State, including Jud Heathcote, Tom Izzo, Scott Skiles, and Steve Smith.

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## Customer Reviews

Grinczel is a sportswriter for Booth Newspapers who has been on the MSU beat since 1986.

This is an excellent read for any college basketball fan. I was at MSU during the Kelser-Johnson reign and knew a number of players in the book. Kelser filled in many behind-the-scenes stories I'd heard about as well as games and incidents I'd always wondered about. The format is a little awkward, and there's some fairly obvious blowing of one's own horn, but it still delivers what's promised--a behind-the-scenes look at a fascinating team's road to the NCAA championship, potholes, bumps and detours included. I also found interesting contrasts to today's game and the

1979 "dawn" of the Final Four's evolution into the National psyche. You don't need to be a Spartan to enjoy this book.

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