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Roland Lazenby is the author of the definitive and bestselling biographies *Michael Jordan: The Life* and *Jerry West: The Life and Legend of a Basketball Icon*, among other books. He has spent the past three decades interviewing NBA players, coaches, staff members, and other figures while writing about the league. He lives in Salem, VA.

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