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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
Tennis star and political activist Ashe's eloquent autobiography was a 10-week PW bestseller.
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From School Library Journal
YA-An introspective and poignant book that is well-worth reading. With the help of Langston Hughes's biographer, Ashe has written a very absorbing account of his life. He tells of his mother's death when he was six years old and the strong influence of his loving but demanding father that stood him in good stead when he entered the all-white world of tennis in the 1960s. He recounts his athletic career and the difficulties he experienced on the court with players such as John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors. But the major portion of the book focuses on the 1980s, during which time he had two heart operations and contracted the AIDS virus via a blood transfusion. Although not a homosexual, Ashe became a sympathetic activist for the gay community. He was very vocal in his last years, speaking out against prejudice towards AIDS victims, racism, apartheid, and U.S. policy towards Haitians wishing to enter this country. This is the inspiring story of a premier athlete and a fine human being who cared passionately about his profession, his family, and the causes he embraced.
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From Library Journal
Of all his possessions, the recently deceased Ashe remarks at the beginning of this memoir, his reputation is the one he values most. What follows is a discourse on the issues of greatest import to him: family, education, religion, athletics, health, politics, and social injustice. More so than in his previous three biographical works, Advantage Ashe (LJ 8/67), Portrait in Motion (LJ 4/15/75), and Off the Court (LJ 9/1/81), he is deeply introspective, writing with a confidence that comes with age and accomplishment. The bulk of the work centers on his life after retirement from tennis, particulary his stormy stint as captain of the Davis Cup team, and his championing of various causes, including the fight against AIDS. In anticipation of his passing, he closes with an open letter to his daughter, Camera, that conveys in a simple manner the wisdom and devotion derived from a lifetime of learning. Highly recommended. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 2/1/93.
- *William H. Hoffman, Ft. Myers-Lee Cty. P.L., Fla.*
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