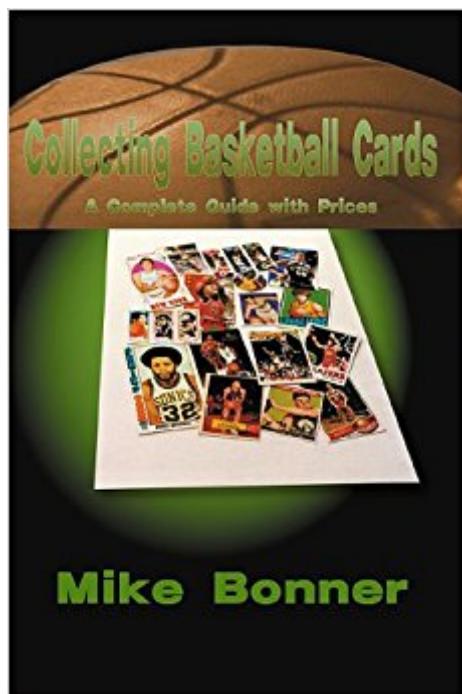


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# Collecting Basketball Cards: A Complete Guide With Prices



## **Synopsis**

Mike Bonner's basketball card collecting guide is the absolute lowdown on this great American hobby. He takes basketball cards from the low post to the high post and in the process shows us how to get the most from this wonderful pastime.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Mike Bonner has written about sports and sports collectibles for Sports Collectors Digest, Sports Map Magazine, Old Oregon, Beckett Vintage Sports, Sports Cards Gazette, Treasure Chest, and Oregon Sports News. From 1992 to 1993, Mike covered the football card hobby for Tuff Stuff Magazine. In 1993, Mike solved the mystery of the player on the fabled 1890s Mayo "Anonymous" football card, a hobby landmark. Mike's 1995 book, *Collecting Football Cards, A Complete Guide with Prices*, is a Krause Publications title and is widely recognized as the best work on the subject to date. Along with co-author Carl Lamendola, a noted football card expert, Mike continues to publish groundbreaking articles on the football card hobby in Sports Collectors Digest, Sports Cards Gazette, and many other publications. Mike has written exciting sports biographies of major league pitcher Randy Johnson, hockey star Paul Kariya, NBA forward Shawn Kemp, and NASCAR race driver Jeremy Mayfield. A graduate of the University of Oregon, Mike lives in Eugene, Oregon.

My reason for getting this book was completely mercenary. I was hoping to get in on what I thought

was a new and untapped area of trading card collectibles. But I quickly discovered on reading Bonner's very interesting and informative book that basketball card collecting is already an established hobby, in which I wasn't about to make some quick dollars off some kid holding a Michael Jordan rookie card he didn't know what to do with. (That card goes for, oh, \$3,000.) But after those initial dreams were deflated, I settled in for a good read. Bonner has a style that makes even a cold subject such as "Price Guides" come off with a lively flair. What I especially liked about the book is that while he describes in detail the surprisingly long history of basketball card production (Murad Cigarette Company started it all in 1911), the reader simultaneously gets a narrative on the development of basketball itself in the U.S., and its key players through the years.

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