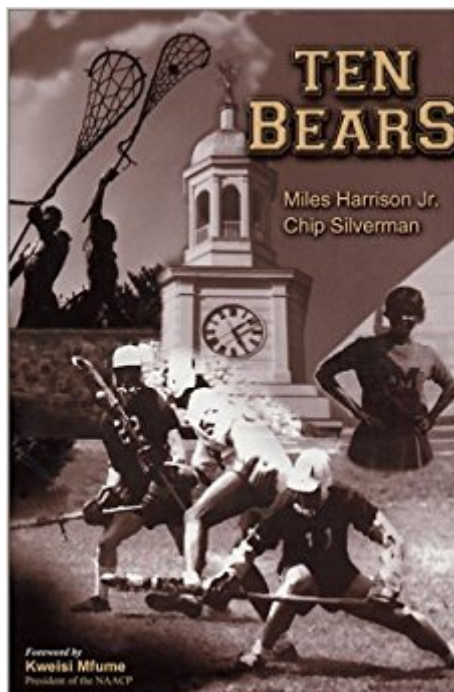


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# Ten Bears



## Synopsis

Ten Bears is a sports book with heart, history, and social conscience. Set in the turbulent racially powder-keg days of the seventies. Ten Bears tells the story of the first and only African-American college lacrosse team. It resonates strongly with "Cool Running" and "Remember the Titans"

Foreward by Kweisi Mfume, President of the NAACP

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## Customer Reviews

" Ten Bears is an inspirational story of how teamwork and the spirit can overcome adversity." -- Benjamin S. Carson Sr. M.D. Author of "Gifted Hands", "The Big Picture", and "Think Big" "An amazing story told with a sharp eye and a ton of heart. It will make you laugh and cry..." -- John Eisenberg Columnist of the Baltimore Sun and author of "An Oral History of the Baltimore Orioles" "Ten Bears is a remarkable true story that reads like a hit movie!" -- Brenda Scott Royce Author of "Donna Reed", "Rock Hudson", "Lauren Beca", and "Hogan's Heroes: Behind the Scenes"

I gave this book as a gift to a teenage African American young man who is an avid lacrosse player. In fact, in 2013 he was the co-captain of his team at a prestigious boarding school. He enjoyed the read and was fascinated with the story.

The book is centered around a unique time in American history with the Civil Rights movement and its effects on the local Baltimore city populace. The story is an account from the coach Chip Silverman and his journey in building a solid lacrosse program at Morgan State University during the

1970's. It gives excellent insight of the racial divides during the time period but also, has examples of the respect earned and camaraderie shared between opponents of different racial backgrounds. I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in the local history of Baltimore, the history of Lacrosse, and the unique development of a strong collegiate LAX program at a historically Black institution.

Any lacrosse player/fan would enjoy this book. It deals with a (virtually) all-black Morgan State University developing a lacrosse program, and eventually defeating then-top ranked Washington and Lee in 1974, only several years after playing their first collegiate game. It also deals with the societal issues of the era. You really get to know the players as individuals, and Chip Silvermann and Miles Harrison (father of JHU/professional player Kyle Harrison) do an excellent job structuring this book, with stories from the school, challenges they faced, and plenty of background lacrosse information, as well. A very good book, and an excellent read. I loved it.

Great story and all true too.

Ten Bears is a really good book telling a great story. Due to the time difference between its writing and the actual events, there are some artistic licenses taken by the author, but I would argue that it adds to the books character. Mr. Silverman and Mr. Harrison have wound the events of the early seventies in Maryland with the creation of college lacrosse team. I appreciated the reality of the individual character's stories and the resisting by the author's to glamorize their antics. Yes, the team skipped practices and was not always honorable about going to school however, against the backdrop of the social times, their accomplishments are unbelievable. If you are a lacrosse fan, this is a must read. If you enjoy stories about real people, this is a good book telling a great story.

Another brilliantly woven masterpiece that tells a story of persistence, teamwork, and spirit. Mr. Silverman and Mr. Harrison take us on a journey through a truly inspiring tale about the only black college lacrosse team to compete in the NCAA. Based on a true story, this piece of sports history is a MUST read.

Fascinating piece of social and sports history. The authors combine humor and heart to create a great story about the only black college lacrosse team to ever compete in NCAA. This would make a GREAT movie!

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