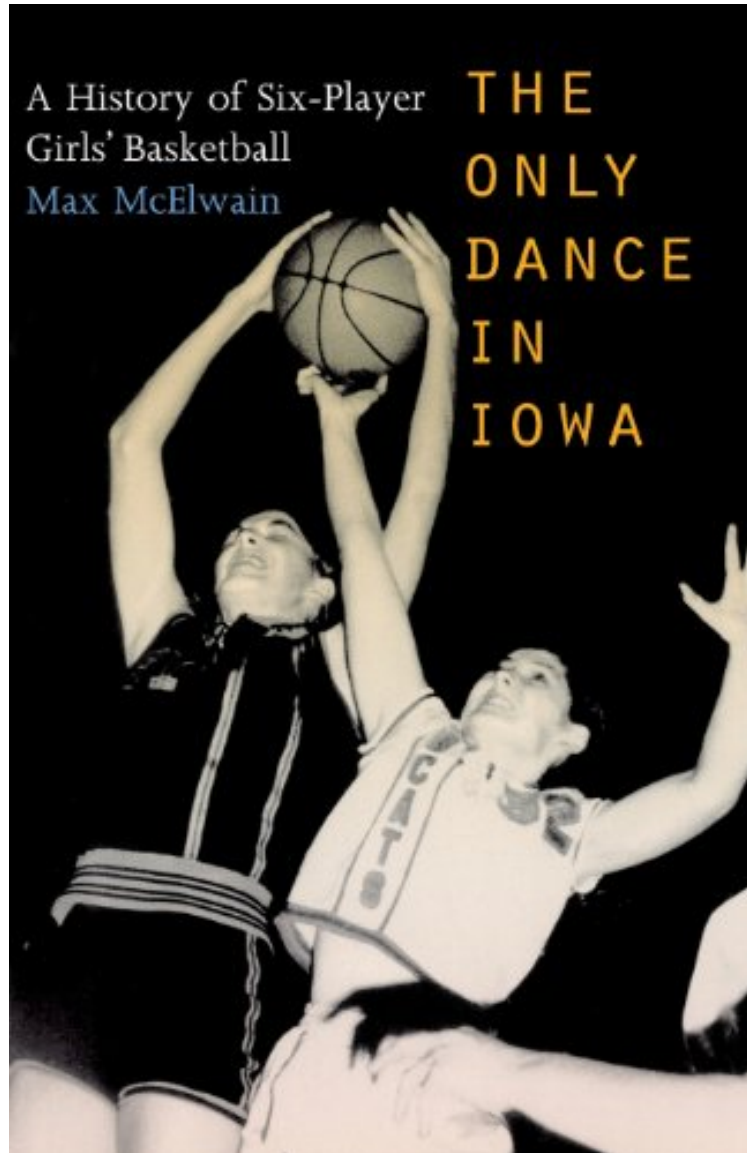


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Iowa six-player girls basketball was the most successful sporting activity for girls in American history, at its zenith involving more than 70 percent of the girls in the state. The state tournament was so popular regularly drawing fifteen thousand fans, more than the boys tourney that officials declined a lucrative broadcasting offer from ABC's Wide World of Sports rather than forfeit the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Unions control of the game. The Only Dance in Iowa chronicles the one-hundred-year history of this Iowa tradition, long a symbol of the states independence and the peoples rural pride. Max McElwain shows how, well before the passage of Title IX in 1972, Iowa six-player girls basketball was, as Sports Illustrated gushed, a utopia for girls athletics. He also demonstrates how, ironically enough, the fallout from Title IX in many ways led to six-girl basketballs demise.

"This book has done the impossible: it's made me nostalgic for six-girl basketball, which, for me, is right next door to developing a desperate yearning to hear Lawrence Welk again. Reading it made me wish I'd been a girls' basketball fan, which is more than watching a game ever did. Also, Mr. McElwain writes well, which never hurts." Donald Kaul, author of The End of the World as We Know It