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About the author: Andrew Maraniss studied history at Vanderbilt University, where he also worked in Vanderbilt's athletic department as the associate director of media relations, dealing primarily with the men's basketball team. Born in Madison, Wisconsin, grew up in Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas (Austin High School alum!), he now lives in Tennessee with his family. His first book for adults, Strong Inside: Perry Wallace and the Collision of Race and Sports in the South, was a New York Times nonfiction bestseller.



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