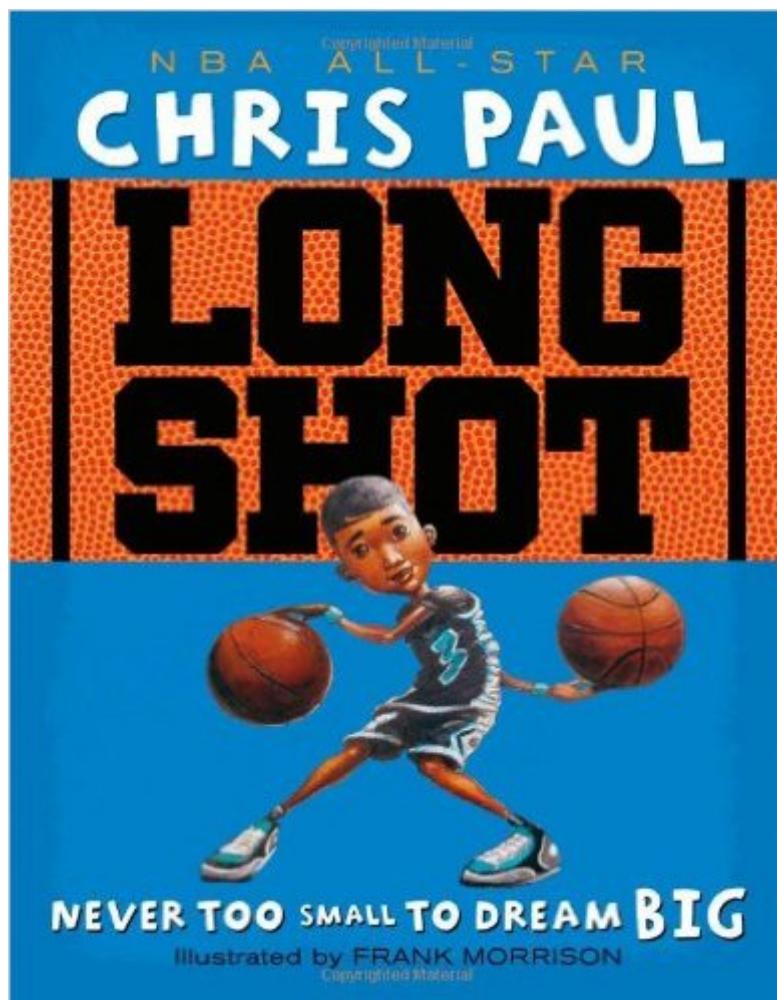


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# Long Shot: Never Too Small To Dream Big



## **Synopsis**

Everybody told Chris that he was too small to play basketball. But he ignored them all...because he had big dreams. And, he loved the game.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

As enjoyable as children's fiction is, children need true accounts that teach them that obstacles can be overcome and hard work pays off. This book does just that. NBA success Chris Paul shares in terms that any child can understand how determination, hard work, and the support of family helped him persevere and make the grade school basketball team even though he was only 4'1". This attractive, sturdy book has wonderful illustrations that depict children of all ethnicities. The story is exciting, suspenseful (Will he make the team?), and one that any child can identify with in some way, but particularly boys who love basketball--especially short ones! I hope this book will find its way into many elementary classrooms. It's a gem.

The publisher says this book is written for young readers, but because of the book's message, I intend reading this to my youngest grandson as he learns to read. Long Shot has a subtitle "never too small to dream big". It tells the story of a young boy who is short for his age. The boy, Chris, loves basketball and wants to play for his school team. Almost everyone, except his family, tells him

to forget this dream because he is too short. Chris refuses to give up his dream and works very hard to improve his skills. He fights for his dream. Long Shot delivers a message that I want my grandchildren to hear - don't give up your dreams, instead work hard for them. I believe that all of our young people need to hear this. Because it is a true story, Long Shot has high credibility. People discouraged the author, Chris Paul, due to his short stature. Now Chris plays professional basketball with the New Orleans Hornets. I highly recommend this book for anyone with young children.

This is a really nice book of encouragement. This book is about Chris Paul, who is now a professional basketball player. He was teased as a young boy when he wanted to try out for basketball all the boys teased him about being short. Chris's family and grandfather always encouraged him to just do his best, and that if he tried his best he would succeed. With that in mind he made his school team, and then went on to play with the pros. This is really a great book for kids, especially ones that need encouragement like Chris Paul, very nicely written, and is brightly illustrated. This book is recommended for children 4-8 by the author. Thanks for this wonderful book!

As an elementary school librarian, I love this book for several reasons. 1) The sports theme - There seem to be so many princess and girlie picture books coming out lately that I'm always thrilled to find books with more of a boy appeal. 2) The inspiration - This book is very inspiring with its message of overcoming obstacles and working to make your dreams come true--even more so since this is a true story. 3) The illustrations - They are colorful and just packed with action--they really bring the story to life. I recommend this title for your school library as well.

My nine year-old son isn't a big fan of reading. He's also lucky if he sees 5'10" someday. But he is absolutely obsessed with basketball, which made this story a big winner for him. It's below his reading level a bit, but he immediately got caught up in this tale of a little guy with big dreams, and kept asking as he was reading "Do you think he'll make the team?" even though he knows that Chris Paul ended up in the NBA. He even liked reading the bio at the end (I also teared up when hearing about Chris' tribute to his grandfather). The illustrations are also vivid and fun to look at. My son pronounced this book "inspiring" to all shorties out there with major hoop dreams. And then he promptly ran outside to practice his jump shot :)

My 6 year old stumbled upon this book at the library. Because I know nothing about basketball, I was oblivious to who Chris Paul is & his story. This is a beautiful story of perseverance and the love of family. Found myself tearing up as I read that it was a true story! Highly, highly recommend this book for your budding basketball star!

Perfect book for my very small 8 year old. He is struggling with accepting his size and loves basketball. This is the perfect book to give him confidence and hope. Highly recommend to parents of other small sized children in need of a boost.

Every sports-minded boy imagines himself crossing the goal line with the football, batting a home run, or kicking the soccer ball into the net in the last few seconds of the game, but not Chris Paul. In his mind's eye he was going up against Michael Jordan. He "pulls back for the jumper. He lets it go -- and scores! The crowd goes wild." Well, not exactly because Paul was a shorty and too darn small. His brother C.J. and his friends loved to tease him, but that only seemed to make him more determined than ever to practice really hard for the upcoming basketball tryouts. His brother said the "ball is bigger than you are" so he'd need all the luck he could get. Chris knew all about basketball, including the fact that the "average height of a player in the NBA was 6 Feet 7 inches tall." He also knew that he was barely four feet tall. He couldn't even concentrate in class just thinking about those tryouts. His Mom gently put her hand under his chin as he lay in bed and tried to reassure him, telling him that he had to do the best he could do. His grandfather Chilly told him that making himself taller wasn't an option, but he could "get faster and stronger." `Work harder than everyone else on the court and your size won't matter." Chris practiced like crazy for days, but was it enough to make the team? I loved this heartwarming story of the little guy who had big dreams and just wouldn't give up. The artwork was bold, vibrant and daring and meshed very well with the story. There are a lot of children who might not dare to dream big and this book will make them feel like they too can make it . . . even if they are a little too small or have anything that just might appear to hold them back in life. I read another nonfiction book, "Chris Paul (Amazing Athletes)" that goes into more detail about his career that would be the perfect compliment to this book. I loved this little guy with big dreams and you will too!

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