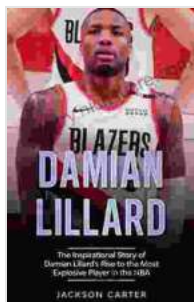


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Damian Lillard's journey from an unknown prospect to one of the NBA's most explosive players is an inspiring tale of hard work, determination, and unwavering belief. Selected with the 6th overall pick in the 2012 NBA Draft, Lillard quickly proved his worth, becoming one of the most prolific scorers and dynamic point guards in the league. This article explores his remarkable rise to stardom, showcasing his exceptional skills, leadership qualities, and the key moments that shaped his career.

### Early Life and College Career

Damian Lillard was born on July 15, 1990, in Oakland, California. He attended Oakland High School, where he led his team to two state championships and earned All-State honors. Lillard then played college

basketball at Weber State University, where he became one of the most decorated players in school history. He was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Year twice and led the Wildcats to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 10 years.



## **NBA Draft and Early Career**

In the 2012 NBA Draft, Lillard was selected with the 6th overall pick by the Portland Trail Blazers. Despite being considered a somewhat risky pick due to his lack of size and athleticism, Lillard quickly proved his doubters wrong. He averaged 19.0 points and 6.5 assists per game as a rookie, earning All-Rookie Second Team honors. In his second season, Lillard made his first All-Star Game appearance and led the Blazers to their first playoff berth since 2011.



Damian Lillard playing basketball for the Portland Trail Blazers as a rookie

### **Rise to Stardom**

Lillard's breakout season came in 2014-15, when he averaged 21.0 points and 6.8 assists per game and led the Blazers to the Western Conference

Finals. He became known for his exceptional shooting ability, particularly his deep three-pointers, and his ability to create his own shot. Lillard continued to improve in subsequent seasons, earning multiple All-Star selections and leading the Blazers to several playoff appearances.



### **Leadership and Legacy**

In addition to his exceptional skills, Damian Lillard is also regarded as one of the best leaders in the NBA. He has been the face of the Portland Trail Blazers for many years and has helped to build a winning culture in the organization. Lillard is known for his positive attitude, his commitment to his teammates, and his unwavering belief in his team's potential.

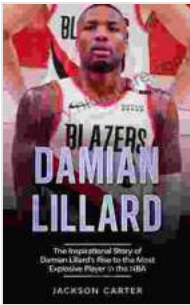


Damian Lillard talking to his teammates

Damian Lillard's legacy as one of the NBA's most explosive players is already secure. He is a multiple All-Star, a member of the All-NBA Team, and has led the Blazers to numerous playoff appearances. But beyond his individual accomplishments, Lillard's impact on the game of basketball is even greater.

Damian Lillard's journey from an unknown prospect to one of the NBA's most explosive players is an inspiring tale of hard work, determination, and unwavering belief. He has overcome adversity, proven his doubters wrong, and established himself as one of the best players in the league. Lillard's exceptional skills, leadership qualities, and unwavering commitment to his

team have made him a beloved figure in Portland and an inspiration to fans around the world.



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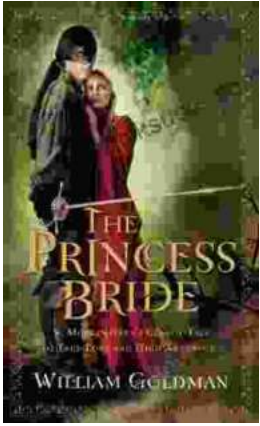
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