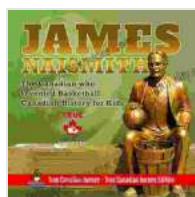


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James Naismith was a Canadian physical education instructor who invented basketball in 1891. Naismith was born in Almonte, Ontario, Canada, on November 6, 1861. He attended McGill University in Montreal, where he earned a degree in physical education. After graduating from McGill, Naismith moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, to work as a physical education instructor at the International Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Training School.

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The first game of basketball was played on December 21, 1891, in the gymnasium of the YMCA Training School. Naismith's students loved the new game, and it quickly spread to other YMCAs across the country. By the early 1900s, basketball was being played by people of all ages and abilities.

Naismith's invention of basketball had a profound impact on the world of sports. Basketball is now one of the most popular sports in the world, and it

is played by people of all ages and abilities. Naismith's legacy as the inventor of basketball is secure, and he is considered one of the most important figures in the history of sports.

Naismith's Life

James Naismith was born in Almonte, Ontario, Canada, on November 6, 1861. He was the son of Scottish immigrants, and he grew up on a farm. Naismith was a talented athlete, and he excelled in football, baseball, and track and field. He also enjoyed playing a game called "duck on a rock," which involved trying to knock a rock off of a pedestal by throwing a ball at it.

After graduating from high school, Naismith attended McGill University in Montreal, where he earned a degree in physical education. After graduating from McGill, Naismith moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, to work as a physical education instructor at the International Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Training School.

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Naismith continued to work as a physical education instructor for the rest of his life. He also coached the first basketball team at the University of Kansas. Naismith died in Lawrence, Kansas, on November 28, 1939.

The Invention of Basketball

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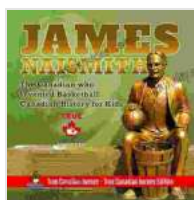
Naismith hung two peach baskets on the balcony of the gymnasium at the YMCA Training School. He then divided his students into two teams of nine players each. The object of the game was to score by throwing the ball into the other team's basket.

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The Impact of Basketball

James Naismith's invention of basketball had a profound impact on the world of sports. Basketball is now one of the most popular sports in the world, and it is played by people of all ages and abilities.

Basketball has also had a positive impact on society. The game has helped to promote teamwork, cooperation, and sportsmanship. Basketball has also been a source of inspiration for



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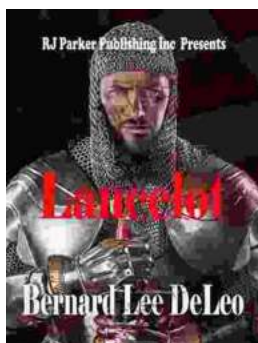
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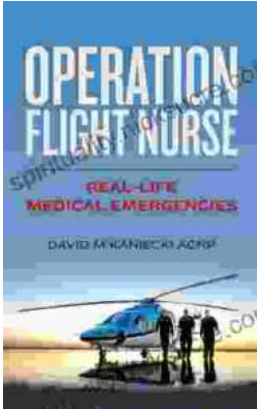
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