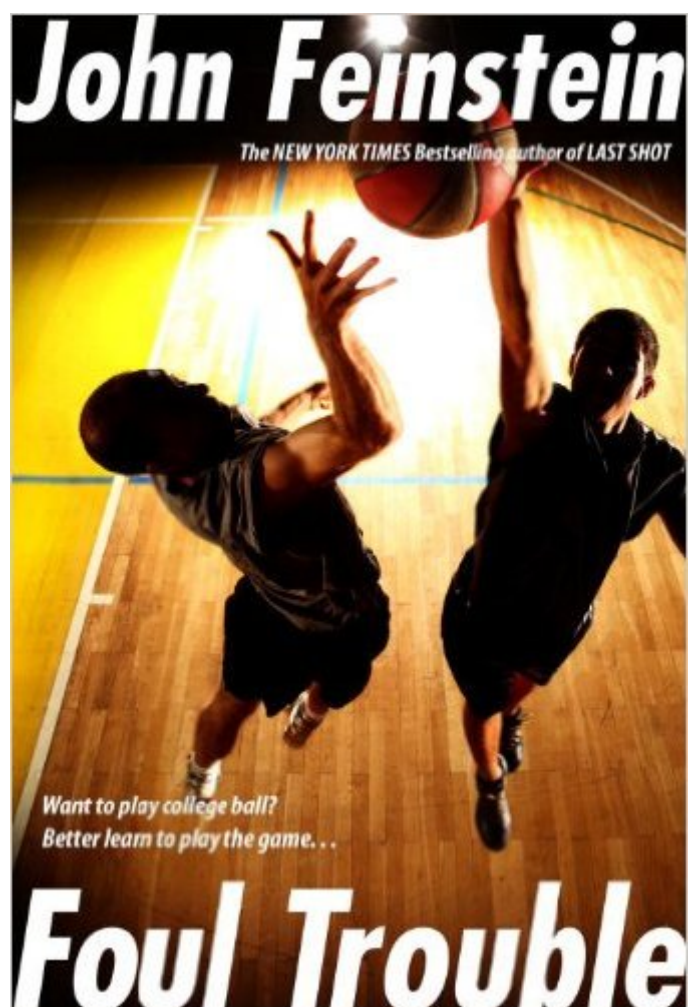


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# Foul Trouble



## Synopsis

Bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein exposes the big money and back-room deals that pervade college-basketball recruiting in this fast-break young adult novel. Terrell Jamerson is the #1 high school basketball player in the country. His team is poised to win State, top colleges are lining up to give him scholarships, and everyone says he could play in the NBA tomorrow. But it only takes one false step to lose everything. Danny Wilcox is Terrell's best friend and teammate, and a top prospect himself, but these days it seems like everyone wants to get close to Terrell: the sneaker guys, the money managers, the college boosters. They show up offering fast cars, hot girls, and cold, hard cash. They say they just want to help, but their kind of help could get Terrell disqualified. Danny and Terrell better keep their eyes on the ball if they hope to last the season. John Feinstein has been praised as "the best writer of sports books in America today" (The Boston Globe), and he proves it again in this fast-paced novel. "Thorough and suspenseful; a must-read for those interested in basketball and the dealings surrounding the sport." Kirkus Reviews, Starred From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

John Feinstein tells the story of two friends both having the same dreams but likely different outcome called "Foul Trouble." Terrell and Danny were chosen for a special type of

basketball showcase summer camp for high school players who are some of the top players at their position in the country. They both know that Terrell will never be alone while at the camp. Danny knowing that some people will try to get as close as they can to get Terrell to come to join them in some company. So, Danny knowing that will try to stay as close as he can to Terrell before something happens. But, Danny soon finds out that colleges are going to go after him and Terrell. After what seems to be Danny and Terrell's longest year of their life they make their decisions that will change their lives forever. Where will Danny and Terrell go to college? "We are going to make history." (Pg. 390) Will Terrell ever be left alone? Will someone else join Danny and Terrell on their on going adventure? I recommend this book to anyone in 6th grade or older who likes sports and understand the seriousness of getting a scholarship for a sport.

One of my little gym rat's favorite. Two of the boys have read it and we keep it on the shelf for when boy number 3 is ready to read. finding things the kids like to read is important and our kids love these sports books!

John Feinstein has to be the best nonfiction sports writer of our time. His series of novels starring his 2 young children are also fabulous, captivating for both young readers as well as adults in the realistic potential sports mystery scenarios they portray. This book has Danny as a senior in high school and better than ever written before, if ever, illustrates the sad temptations that many of our young great amateur athletes face prior to choosing a college. Anyone unaware of or confused about how low college recruiting can sink should read this book, as should any parent with potentially great college athlete children. Kudos to John for exposing this stuff via his best weapon, the pen.

My 13 year old son read this in two days. He said he loved it and couldn't put it down. When he finished, he went straight to our local library and checked out all of the other books by this author.

My 12 yr old son is reading "Foul Trouble" way past his bedtime. I say that is criteria for 5 stars!

My 12-year old son read this book and demanded that I read it too. I thought it was well written (John Feinstein is a great writer - read "Caddy for life") and dealt honestly with the challenges a young star player would face. My son absolutely loved it and I thought it had some positive

messages for him packaged in a compelling manner. I highly recommend it for sports-crazed kids.

This book is awesome! It takes you through the whole recruiting process of today's top high school basketball players. I believe the author wrote this book because he wanted people to be aware of what high school players are offered these days and all of the stuff that hangs over their heads. *Foul Trouble* takes you through the whole recruiting process of two high school seniors. One of them is Terrell Jamerson, the top player in the nation. In the book, it explains what a player of his caliber is offered and all of the companies that want him to be one of their sponsors. He has these "friends" that trail him around and are no good, but he continues to hang out with them. And he has these big shoe companies offering him thousands of dollars. The other player is Danny Wilcox, not nearly as high rated as Terrell, and not getting offered the money he is. This book is awesome and explains how high school players today make their decisions. This book got across the point it wants to. John Feinstein wanted to explain what the recruiting process is like today, and he did that with such great detail. The book takes place in the Northeast, in the states of Massachusetts and New York. I've read a lot of great sports books in my life, but nothing has come close to this book. It is written in such great detail and takes you through the book that it makes you feel like you are there. It painted such a great picture in my mind. Finally, this is an amazing book. It is written so well, and it takes you through the whole recruiting process as if the author had been through it before. It uses Terrell Jamerson as the main character because he is the best player in the nation. This book also takes you through all of the hardships that can happen along the way. This book is so good, I would recommend it for sports fans of any age. I rate it at 5 stars, but it's deserving of more!

I really liked this book. I got it last night and didn't put it down until today's afternoon. I usually like Feinstein's non-fiction more, but this book had a lot of factual ideas with all the NCAA recruitment.

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