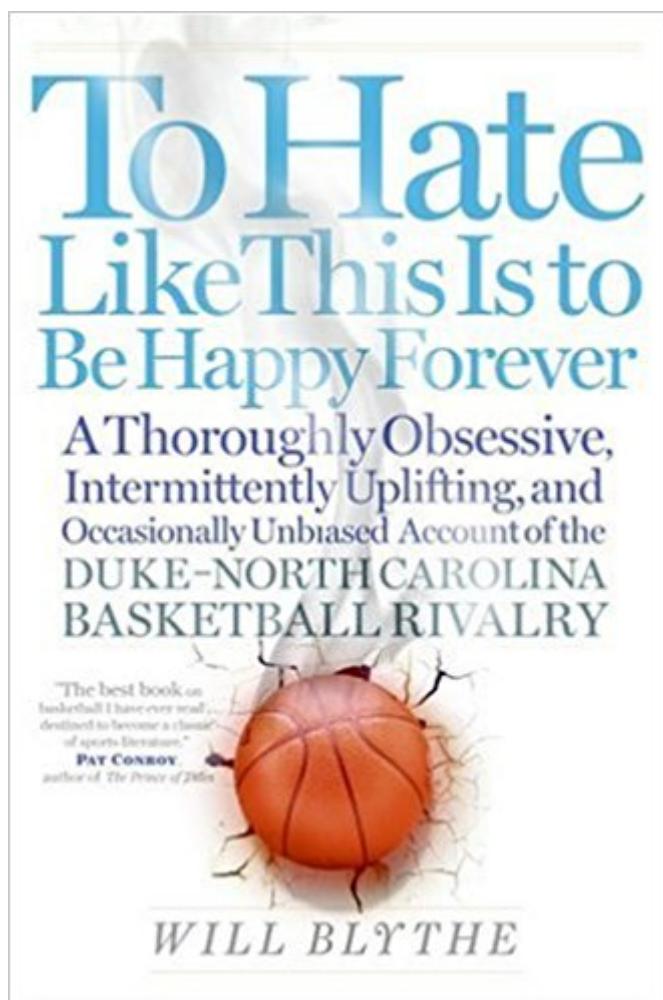


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I need to define my frame of reference for this review. My favorite authors are (in no particular order) Elmore Leonard, James Lee Burke, and David Halberstam. So, it is safe to say I like humor, great character development, good prose and effective blending of historical facts into story lines. "To Hate Like This" is a funny, very well written account of one of the greatest rivalries in sports. Sure, Boston fans hate the New York Yankees with a passion, but are they eight miles apart and sharing the same barber shop? The Duke/Carolina rivalry is like no other. I also need to state my bias: I grew up in Chapel Hill, ran track in high school with the author and graduated from UNC. But, I was not always a Duke hater. As Will explains so well in the book, Carolina's main rival was David Thompson and NC State when we were coming up. Duke was more of an annoyance than a program to be hated. It was not until the arrival of Coach K that the hating truly started. I even pulled for Duke in out-of-conference games until the early 1990's. My casual dislike evolved into quasi-hatred about the time that Danny Ferry became known as the dirtiest player in the ACC. Then came Christian Laettner and his very un-Christian like stomping of an opposing player as he lay helpless on the floor. Not to mention Coach K's foul mouth and constant carping at the officials. But mostly it is their spoiled brat obnoxious fans whose behavior is encouraged by such luminaries as Dook Vitale. Okay, enough venting. Will Blythe's book is not just another sports book that chronicles

big games and big plays. Perhaps it was fate that he started the book as UNC was on the verge of one of its best seasons ever and another national championship.

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