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> colleges, and regional state universities, and the competing interests of the NAIA, each with distinct interests of their own. Kurt Edward Kemper

tells the story of the clashes that shook college basketball at midcentury-and how the repercussions continue to influence college sports to the present day.