



Christoph Scheuring  
**Absolute Winners**

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**A crime story against the backdrop of a basketball tournament with a diverse cast of characters united by teamwork that has them achieving unexpected victories both on the court and in life.**

Luca is an outsider; his odd voice keeps him apart from the crowd. Only on the basketball court he can forget everything and be himself. When a tournament with a special prize is announced, all Luca is missing for his shot at the moon is a team – until the caretaker of the basketball court recruits him for his ragtag group of underdogs. Soon, the new team realises that together and under the guidance of their strange coach they might actually have a chance. But then their coach disappears without a trace, leaving the team devastated. Suddenly, their dreams and even the team itself are in danger of falling apart. Luca and his teammate Jana won't take it and set out to find him, not expecting this would lead them into the criminal underworld and right into the hands of a gambling mafia ...



## Creative People:



**Author:** Christoph Scheuring, born in 1957, has seen a lot in his life. As a journalist for major German newspapers and magazines, such as Der Spiegel, Stern and Die Zeit, he sat at the same table as the most powerful leaders and those powerless living on the streets. His passion belongs to the adolescents living on the fringes of our society. As an author, he writes about life where it is fragile, where it frays, where it hurts. Where it starts to be interesting.

