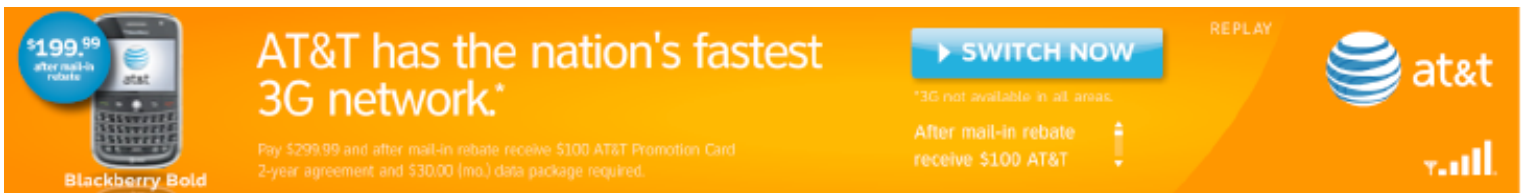


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By April MacIntyre Sep 14, 2009, 5:31 GMT



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Carroll chronicled his youth spent at a private school into "The Basketball Diaries," which was turned into a 1995 film starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

Carroll, age 60, died Friday of a heart attack in Manhattan, according to The New York Times.

“The Basketball Diaries” was Carroll’s drug-fuelled recollections of his life as a teenage basketball star at a Manhattan private school during the 1960's.

Atlantic records signed Carroll for his [music](#), and he also published numerous poetry collections, including "Void of Course (1998)," “The Book of Nods” (1986) and “Fear of Dreaming” (1993).

According to the Jim Carroll website, <http://catholicboy.com/> :

"I am very sad to let you know that Jim Carroll died on September 11, 2009. He was at his desk working when he passed away. Plans for memorial services, etc., are still in progress... "- Cassie Carter

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