

HISTORY

Roundtable est. 2017

July's Topic: Olympics

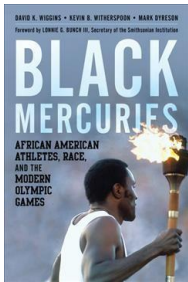
Meeting Date: Thursday, July 18th, 2024 at 6:30pm

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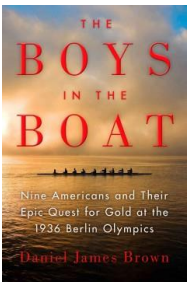
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the Olympics. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:



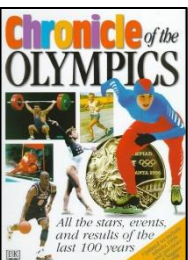
[Black Mercuries: African American Athletes, Race, and the Modern Olympic Games](#) by David K. Wiggins, Kevin B. Witherspoon, and Mark Dyreson – Libby [ebook](#)*

In the modern Olympic Games, from 1896 through the present, African American athletes have sought to honor themselves, their race, and their nation on the global stage. But even as these incredible athletes have served to promote visions of racial harmony in the supposedly-apolitical Olympic setting, many have also bravely used the games as a means to bring attention to racial disparities in their country and around the world.

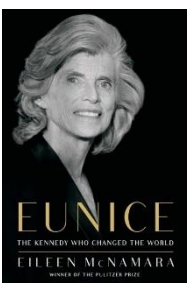


[The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics](#) by Daniel James Brown – NONFICTION SPORTS & REC Brown; Libby [eBook](#)* & [audio](#)*

The University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew—and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal in rowing—was the team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. Brown traces their story as they defeated elite rivals at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics and shares the experiences of their enigmatic coach, a visionary boat builder, and a homeless teen rower.

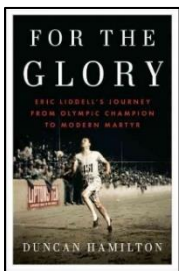


[Chronicle of the Olympics, 1896-2000](#) – NONFICTION SPORTS & REC Dorling
Capturing the human drama played out over a century of Olympic Games, this comprehensive historical sports reference offers a close-up look at triumphs and disappointments, including coverage of the Atlanta 1996 games as well as a preview of the 1998 and 2000 games.



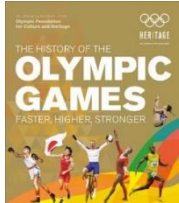
[Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World](#) by Eileen McNamara – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY KENNEDY; hoopla [audio](#)*

Examines the life of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, covering her Stanford education, her inspirational relationship with her sister Rosemary, her advocacy on behalf of disabled citizens, and her role as founder of the Special Olympics.



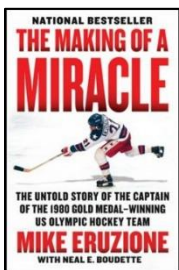
[For the Glory: Eric Liddell's Journey from Olympic Champion to Modern Martyr](#) by Duncan Hamilton – print, Large Print, & CD via [Evergreen*](#); Libby [ebook*](#)

Eric Liddell ran-- and lived-- for the glory of his God. An Olympic gold medalist, he would not run on Sunday because of his strict observance of the Christian sabbath, and did not compete in his signature event, the 100 meters, at the 1924 Paris Olympics. Dedicated to missionary work in China, he stayed among the Chinese at the start of World War II. Imprisoned by the Japanese, Liddell did what he was born to do: practice his faith and his sport, organizing games for the children, even racing again.



[The History of the Olympic Games: Faster, Higher, Stronger](#) by the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage – NONFICTION SPORTS & REC Olympic;

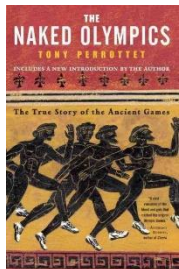
Published in association with the International Olympic Committee, this definitive illustrated chronicle of the world's biggest sporting event tells the story of more than 120 years of sporting excellence, from the birth of the modern Olympics in Athens in 1896, right up to the delayed Tokyo 2020 games.



[The Making of a Miracle: The Untold Story of the Captain of the 1980 Gold Medal-Winning US Olympic Hockey Team](#) by Mike Eruzione – NONFICTION SPORTS & REC

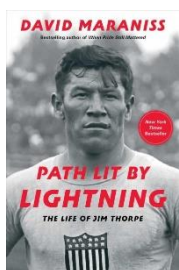
Eruzione; Libby [ebook*](#) & [audio*](#); hoopla [ebook*](#) & [audio*](#)

On the fortieth anniversary of the historic 'Miracle on Ice,' Mike Eruzione—the captain of the 1980 U.S. Men's Olympic Hockey Team, who scored the winning goal—recounts his amazing career on ice, the legendary upset against the Soviets, and winning the gold medal.



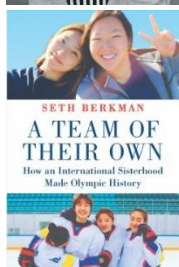
[The Naked Olympics: The True Story of the Ancient Games](#) by Tony Perrottet – print via [Evergreen*](#); Libby [ebook*](#)

A history of the original Olympic games depicts the events of the first competitions more than 1,200 years ago, during which tens of thousands of sweltering-hot spectators watched nude athletes participate in such events as hoplitodromia, a full-armor sprint, and the pankration, a no-holds-barred lethal brawl.



[Path Lit By Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe](#) by David Maraniss – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY Thorpe (print & CD); Libby [ebook*](#) & [audio*](#)

A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist presents a biography of America's greatest all-around athlete and Olympic gold medal winner who survived racism, alcohol addiction, broken marriages, and financial distress to become a myth and a legend.



[A Team of Their Own: How an International Sisterhood Made Olympic History](#) by Seth Berkman – NONFICTION SPORTS & REC Berkman

The inspiring, unlikely story of the American, Canadian, South Korean and even North Korean women who joined together to form Korea's first Olympic ice hockey team.

Video:



Ancient Olympia: Gods, Games, and Temples on Kanopy* -

<https://www.kanopy.com/product/great-tours-greece-and-turkey> (episode 8)

Investigate the practices and culture of the original Olympic games at sites including the palaestra, the stadium, and the unusual Temple of Hera. Sense the heat and drama of the contests, as you contemplate the mind-set of the competitors and the significance of athletic competition as worship.

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