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Getting a Grip Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

This book examines the phenomenon of athlete activism across all levels of sport, from elite and international sport, to collegiate and semi-pro, and asks what this tells us about the relationship between sport and wider society. With contributions from scholars around the world, the book presents a series of fascinating case studies, including the activism of world-famous athletes such as Serena Williams, Megan Rapinoe and Raheem Sterling. Covering a broad range of sports, from the National Football League (NFL) and Australian Rules, to fencing and the Olympic Games, the book sheds important light on some of the most important themes in the study of sport, including gender, power, racism, intersectionality and the rise of digital media. It also considers the financial impact on athletes when they take a stand and the psychological impact of activism and how that might relate to sports performance. It has never been the case that 'sport and politics don't mix', and now, more than ever, the opposite is true. This is essential reading for anybody with an interest in the politics or sociology of sport, the politics of protest, social movements or media studies.

Usain Bolt Knopf

A riveting, revealing portrait of tennis champion and global icon Serena Williams that combines biography, cultural criticism, and sports writing to offer "a deep, satisfying meditation" (The New York Times) on the most consequential athlete of her time. There has never been an athlete like Serena Williams. She has dominated women's tennis for two decades, changed the way the game is played, and—by inspiring Naomi Osaka, Coco Gauff, and others—changed, too, the racial makeup of the pro game. But Williams's influence has not been confined to the tennis court. As a powerful Black woman who struggled to achieve and sustain success, she has emerged as a cultural icon, figuring in conversations about body image, working mothers, and more. Seeing Serena chronicles Williams's return to tennis after giving

birth to her daughter—from her controversial 2018 US Open final against Naomi Osaka through a 2020 season that unfolded against a backdrop of a pandemic and protests over the killing of Black men and women by the police. Gerald Marzorati, who writes about tennis for The New Yorker, travels to Wimbledon and to Compton, California, where Serena and her sister Venus learned to play. He talks with former women's tennis greats, sports and cultural commentators—and Serena herself. He observes Williams from courtside, on the red carpet, in fashion magazines, on social media. He sees her and writes about her prismatically—reflecting on her many, many facets. The result is an "enlightening...keen analysis" (The Washington Post) and energetic narrative that illuminates Serena's singular status as the greatest women's tennis player of all time and a Black woman with a global presence like no other.

Game Changers North Star Editions, Inc.

NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • An inspiring and intimate self-portrait of the champion of equality that encompasses her brilliant tennis career, unwavering activism, and an ongoing commitment to fairness and social justice. "A story about the personal strength, immense growth, and undeniable greatness of one woman who fearlessly stood up to a culture trying to break her down."—Serena Williams In this spirited account, Billie Jean King details her life's journey to find her true self. She recounts her groundbreaking tennis career—six years as the top-ranked woman in the world, twenty Wimbledon championships, thirty-nine grand-slam titles, and her watershed defeat of Bobby Riggs in the famous "Battle of the Sexes." She poignantly recalls the cultural backdrop of those years and the profound impact on her worldview from the women's movement, the assassinations and anti-war protests of the 1960s, the civil rights movement, and, eventually, the LGBTQ+ rights movement. She describes the myriad challenges she's hurdled—entrenched sexism, an eating disorder, near financial peril after being outed—on her path to publicly and unequivocally acknowledging her sexual identity at the age of fifty-one. She talks about how her life today remains one of indefatigable service. She offers insights and advice on leadership, business, activism, sports, politics, marriage equality,

parenting, sexuality, and love. And she shows how living honestly and openly has had a transformative effect on her relationships and happiness. Hers is the story of a pathbreaking feminist, a world-class athlete, and an indomitable spirit whose impact has transcended even her spectacular achievements in sports.

On the Line Simon & Schuster

"Wilma Rudolph wanted to run and jump like other children. But she had a serious disease that kept her leg from growing well. She did not give up and one day she became a big star, winning Olympic gold medals"--

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Learn the Inspiring Story of One of Tennis' Greatest Stars, Serena Williams! Read on your PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet or Kindle device. For a limited time, if you buy the print edition as a gift, you can keep the Kindle edition for yourself! In *Serena Williams: The Inspiring Story of One of Tennis' Greatest Legends*, you will learn the inspirational story of one of tennis' premier legends, Serena Williams. Williams is arguably the greatest women's tennis player of all-time. At the time of this writing, she holds the most Grand Slam singles titles in the Open Era with 23. Fans from across the world adore Williams and with good reason: she serves as an exemplary role model for how to behave on and off the tennis court. She is not only elite in skill, but also in her sportsmanship. In this unauthorized biography, we'll explore Williams' journey to becoming one of the greatest, and learn what it has taken her to reach where she is today. Don't delay, pick up a copy of this Serena Williams book today! Here is a preview of what is inside this book: Early Life and Childhood Early Professional Career First Grand Slam Title at the 1999 U.S. Open Serena's Dominance that Spans Decades Serena's Top Rivals Williams' Personal Life The Legacy of Serena Williams An excerpt from the book: She is the standard-bearer of women's tennis as we know it right now, and any argument about the greatest player in the sport, either man or woman, must include her. Seemingly everything about her is a lightning rod for controversy, from her on-court outfits to her pointed post-match interviews after losses and whether her powerful serve and forehand are even good for women's tennis. Serena Williams is all of these

things to all of these people. She has been the face of women's tennis for more than two decades, having enjoyed an unprecedented amount of success that has come with an equally unprecedented amount of scrutiny by both supporters and detractors alike. Few have been able to reach her level professionally, and fewer still can understand the weight she has carried as an African-American at the pinnacle of a sport so long dominated by white people. She had a unique upbringing alongside older sister and fellow star Venus Williams while under the watchful eye of her outspoken and controversial father, Richard Williams, as well as her mother, Oracene Price. Serena Williams has brought many things to the WTA Tour, far more good than bad, and she has not lacked for attention at any point in her standout career. The sport has made her a worldwide star; her race has made her an ambassador for African-Americans and her philanthropy while doing both has made her a role model who is constantly in demand. The holder of an Open Era-record 23 Grand Slam titles and 72 overall WTA Tour titles, current fiancée and expecting mother, Serena Jemeka Williams has lived quite the extraordinary life in just under 35 years. Tags: serena williams, serena williams biography, novak djokovic, roger federer, john mcenroe, venus williams, maria sharapova, alexis ohanian, caroline wozniacki, andy murray, rafael nadal, wimbledon, australian open, tennis greats, tennis legends, tennis books, tennis biographies, pete sampras, john mcenroe

Basketball and Other Ball Sports Simon and Schuster
Multiple grand slam tennis champion and entrepreneur, Venus Williams and 46 of her colleagues, friends, and mentors deliver a volume of invaluable wisdom, motivation, and inspiration. *Come to Win* demonstrates how the principles of competitive athletics translate into business success. With contributions from a wide range of men and women who reached the very top of their games—including former CEO and bestselling author Jack Welch, fashion designer Vera Wang, actor Denzel Washington, and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice—Venus Williams's *Come to Win* is a book every aspiring professional, coach, and sports enthusiast should read.

[Venus and Serena Williams](#) Routledge

The dynamic story of the Williams sisters, both top-ranked professional tennis players. Venus and Serena Williams are two of the most successful professional American tennis players of all

time. Coached at an early age by their parents, the sisters have both gone on to become Grand Slam title winners. They have both achieved the World Number One ranking in both singles and doubles! Although completely professional and fiercely competitive, the sisters remain close. *Who Are Venus and Serena Williams?* follows the pair from their early days of training up through the ranks and to the Summer Olympic Games, where they have each won four gold medals—more than any other tennis players. This title in the New York Times best-selling series has eighty illustrations that help bring the exciting story of tennis champs Venus and Serena Williams to life.

The Circuit U of Nebraska Press

This entry in a brand new line of sports biographies from Matt Christopher takes readers onto the court with an all-star who reaches for new heights Blake Griffin is known for being a #1 draft pick, Rookie of the Year, Slam Dunk Contest winner, and one of the best power forwards playing today. But he had to fight to make it onto the NBA court at all after sitting out his first pro season with a devastating knee injury. Learn more about the perennial All-Star in this comprehensive biography, complete with photos and fun infographics.

Epic Athletes: Serena Williams Simon and Schuster

The days of tennis as a country club sport for the aristocracy have long passed, as have the pre-Open era days when Black players faced long odds just to be invited to the four Grand Slam events. An entire generation of sports fans has grown up seeing Venus and Serena Williams as the gold standard in American professional tennis. Although the Williams sisters have done more than any other players to make tennis accessible to a diverse population, it's not as if the tennis revolution is over. When you watch tennis next, take a close look at the umpire, the person sitting in the high chair of authority at courtside. Look at the tournament referee and the tournament director, the officials who run the tournament. In those seats of power and influence, Blacks are still woefully underrepresented. *Different Strokes* chronicles the rise of the Williams sisters, as well as other champions of color, closely examining how Black Americans are collectively faring in tennis, on the court and off. Despite the success of the Williams sisters and the election of former pro player Katrina Adams as the U.S. Tennis Association's first Black president, top Black players still receive racist messages via social media and

sometimes in public. The reality is that while significant progress has been made in the sport, much work remains before anything resembling equality is achieved. Watch a book trailer.

Athlete Activism ABDO

One of the biggest stars in tennis, Serena Williams has captured every major title. Her 2009 Australia Open championship earned her the #1 world ranking for the third time in her illustrious career - and marked only the latest exclamation point on a life well and purposefully lived. As a young girl, Serena began training with an adult-sized racquet that was almost as big as her. Rather than dropping the racquet, Serena saw it as a challenge to overcome and she has confronted every obstacle on her path to success with the same unflagging spirit. From growing up in the tough, hardscrabble neighborhood of Compton, California, to being trained by her father on public tennis courts littered with broken glass and drug paraphernalia, to becoming the top women's player in the world, Serena has proven to be an inspiration to her legions of fans both young and old. Her accomplishments have not been without struggle: being derailed by injury, devastated by the tragic shooting of her older sister, and criticized for her unorthodox approach to tennis. Yet somehow, Serena always manages to prevail. Both on the court and off, she's applied the strength and determination that helped her to become a champion to successful pursuits in philanthropy, fashion, television and film. In this compelling and poignant memoir, Serena takes an empowering look at her extraordinary life and what is still to come.

Epic Athletes: LeBron James Harper Collins

Record-breaking, trend-setting, polarizing, and controversial, Serena Williams often sparks conversation and debate. The 23-time Grand Slam champion has a team, an entourage, celebrity groupies, and a band of fans who call themselves "Serena's army." When not winning titles, Williams finds time to run her own fashion line, endorse luxury and financial brands, and fund schools for girls in Africa and Jamaica. *Serena Williams transcends sports. More than a biography, Serena Williams: Tennis Champion, Sports Legend, and Cultural Heroine* not only tells the story of her upbringing and remarkable career but also looks at Williams as a sports pioneer. Merlisa Lawrence Corbett explores Williams' influence on cultural and political issues such as body shaming, gender equality, and racism in sports and society.

Corbett also analyzes Williams' impact on discussions of feminism, the sports celebrity, and the marketing of female athletes. Williams is one of the most intriguing and influential figures in sports, and this book is the first to provide a fully-rounded portrait of a tennis icon.

Come to Win Sarah Crichton Books

Meet Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt! Bolt's life story is examined from his childhood in Jamaica where he began sprinting in high school, to gold medal at the World Junior Championships. Learn about Bolt's Olympic career in the Athens, Beijing, London, and Rio de Janeiro games throughout which he won nine gold medals. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Big Buddy Books is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

But Seriously Penguin

Winner of the 2019 PEN/ESPN Award for Literary Sports Writing "The Circuit is the best sports book I've read in years, maybe ever." —Rich Cohen, author of *The Chicago Cubs* and *Monsters* "As sports writing goes, *The Circuit* is unusual in the very best way. Rowan Ricardo Phillips writes with such fluidity, and packs the book with bursts of brilliance. This is a compulsively readable guide to one truly Homeric year of professional tennis." —John Green, author of *The Fault in Our Stars* An energetic, lyrical, genre-defying account of the 2017 tennis season. In *The Circuit: A Tennis Odyssey*, the award-winning poet—and *Paris Review* sports columnist—Rowan Ricardo Phillips chronicles 2017 as seen through the unique prism of its pivotal, revelatory, and historic tennis season. The annual tennis schedule is a rarity in professional sports in that it encapsulates the calendar year. And like the year, it's divided into four seasons, each marked by a final tournament: the Grand Slams. Phillips charts the year from winter's Australian Open, where Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal renewed their rivalry in a match for the ages, to fall's U.S. Open. Along the way, Phillips paints a new, vibrant portrait of tennis, one that captures not only the emotions, nerves, and ruthless tactics of the point-by-point game but also the quicksilver movement of victory and defeat on the tour, placing that sense of upheaval within a broader cultural and social context. Tennis has long been thought of as an escapist spectacle: a bucolic, separate bauble of life. *The Circuit* will convince you that you don't leave the world behind as you watch tennis—you bring it with you.

Unstoppable Penguin

A photo-illustrated biography for early readers on pro tennis player Serena Williams. Describes her childhood, when she started playing tennis, and how he got to be a pro tennis player. Includes a fact sheet with highlighted accomplishments, glossary, books, and websites.

Great Americans in Sports: Blake Griffin Simon and Schuster

In 2004, in a stunning upset against the two-time defending champion Serena Williams, seventeen-year-old Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon, becoming an overnight sensation. Out of virtual anonymity, she launched herself onto the international stage. "Maria Mania" was born. Her success would last: she went on to hold the number-one WTA ranking multiple times, to win four more Grand Slam tournaments, and to become one of the highest-grossing female athletes in the world. And then -- at perhaps the peak of her career -- she was charged by the ITF with taking the banned substance meldonium, only recently added to the ITF's list. The resulting suspension would keep her off the professional courts for fifteen months -- a frighteningly long time for any athlete. But Sharapova's career has always been driven by her determination and by her dedication to hard work. Her story doesn't begin with the 2004 Wimbledon championship, but years before, in a small Russian town, where as a five-year-old she played on drab neighborhood courts with precocious concentration. It begins when her father, convinced his daughter could be a star, risked everything to get them to Florida, that sacred land of tennis academies. It begins when the two arrived with only seven hundred dollars and knowing only a few words of English. From that, Sharapova scraped together one of the most influential sports careers in history.

Sports Legends: 50 Inspiring People to Help You Reach the Top of Your Game Pro Sports Biographies

"The embrace of women's sports sometimes feels almost like a political act...Molly Schiot's *Game Changers: The Unsung Heroines of Sports History* is so valuable." —The Wall Street Journal "A thoughtful, exhaustively researched, and long-overdue tribute to the women who have paved the way for the likes of Serena Williams, Abby Wambach, Simone Biles, and more." —espnW Based on the Instagram account @TheUnsungHeroines, a celebration of the pioneering, forgotten female athletes of the twentieth century that features rarely seen photos and new

interviews with past and present game changers including Abby Wambach and Cari Champion. Two years ago, filmmaker Molly Schiot began the Instagram account @TheUnsungHeroines, posting a photo each day of a female athlete who had changed the face of sports around the globe in the pre-Title IX age. These women paved the way for Serena Williams, Carli Lloyd, and Lindsey Vonn, yet few today know who they are. Slowly but surely, the account gained a following, and the result is *Game Changers*, a beautifully illustrated collection of these trailblazers' rarely-before-seen photos and stories. Featuring icons Althea Gibson and Wyomia Tyus, complete unknowns Trudy Beck and Conchita Cintron, policymaker Margaret Dunkle, sportswriter Lisa Olson, and many more, *Game Changers* gives these "founding mothers" the attention and recognition they deserve, and features critical conversations between past and present gamechangers—including former US Women's National Soccer Team captain Abby Wambach and SportsCenter anchor Cari Champion—about what it means to be a woman on and off the field. Inspiring, empowering, and unforgettable, *Game Changers* is the perfect gift for anyone who has a love of the game.

Women in Softball Penguin

Book Features: • Ages 8-11, Grades 3-5, Guided Reading Level S, Lexile 810L • 32 pages, 7 inches x 9 inches • Simple, easy-to-read pages with full-color pictures • Includes sports-related vocabulary and review activities • Reading/teaching tips and index included
Life Of A Champion: In Women in Sports: Megan Rapinoe, your 3rd through 5th grade reader will learn about the persistence, passion, and courage it took Rapinoe to become a two-time Women's World Cup Soccer champion and Olympic gold medalist. Inspirational: With captivating photos that bring Rapinoe's story to life, young readers will learn how Megan overcame challenges, worked hard to earn her many achievements, and has become an activist for pay equality and the LGBTQ community. Build Reading Skills: This engaging 32-page light biography will help your child improve comprehension and build confidence with guided pre- and post-reading questions, close reading prompts, in-text vocabulary definitions, and a fun review activity. Leveled Books: Part of the *Women in Sports* series, this lower reading level biography and full-color pictures make the story of this amazing female athlete easily comprehensible for kids as they follow along in this engaging story. Why Rourke Educational Media: Since

1980, Rourke Publishing Company has specialized in publishing engaging and diverse non-fiction and fiction books for children in a wide range of subjects that support reading success on a level that has no limits.

Serena Williams Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

This New York Times bestselling biography tells the life story of the most iconic men's tennis player of the modern era. There have been other biographies of Roger Federer, but never one with this kind of access to the man himself, his support team, and the most prominent figures in the game, including such rivals as Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, and Andy Roddick. In *The Master*, New York Times correspondent Christopher Clarey sits down with Federer and those closest to him to tell the story of the greatest player in men's tennis. Roger Federer has often made it look astonishingly easy through the decades: carving backhands, gliding to forehands, leaping for overhands and, in his most gravity-defying act, remaining high on a pedestal in a world of sports rightfully flooded with cynicism. But his path from temperamental, bleach-blond teenager with dubious style sense to one of the greatest, most self-possessed and elegant of competitors has been a long-running act of will, not destiny. He

not only had a great gift. He had grit. Christopher Clarey, one of the top international sportswriters working today, has covered Federer since the beginning of his professional career. He was in Paris on the Suzanne Lenglen Court for Federer's first Grand Slam match and has interviewed him exclusively more than any other journalist since his rise to prominence. Here, Clarey focuses on the pivotal people, places, and moments in Federer's long and rich career: reporting from South Africa, South America, the Middle East, four Grand Slam tournaments, and Federer's native Switzerland. It has been a journey like no other player's, rife with victories and a few crushing defeats, one that has redefined enduring excellence and made Federer a sentimental favorite worldwide. *The Master* tells the story of Federer's life and career on both an intimate and grand scale, in a way no one else could possibly do.

Different Strokes Ivy Press

In Dwayne Johnson, early readers will learn about the life, accomplishments, and contributions of wrestling and movie star Dwayne Johnson. Vibrant, full-color photos, and carefully leveled text will engage emergent readers as they learn about his life.

Seeing Serena University of Texas Press

In *Epic Athletes*: Stephen Curry, acclaimed journalist and

bestselling author Dan Wetzel tells the inspiring, electrifying story of the NBA superstar, beginning a new series of sports biographies for young readers! Featuring comic-style illustrations by Zeke Peña! When you think of Stephen Curry, one word comes to mind: greatness. From shooting three-pointers with laser precision to his clutch ability to hit buzzer-beaters time and again, he has established himself as one of the best players in pro basketball. But greatness was never a guarantee for Steph. The son of a talented NBA player, he dreamed of one day playing professionally just like his dad. Yet Steph, who was always smaller and weaker than the competition, was told over and over that he would never be talented enough to be a college star or NBA player--let alone the MVP of the entire league. Through tenacity and hard work, he proved them all wrong and went on to dismantle the record books. With the high energy of a TV commentator, and featuring dynamic comic-style illustrations, this engaging biography tells the story of an NBA All-Star and the path he took to achieve his dreams. * "Wetzel knows how to organize the facts and tell a good story. . . an unusually informative and enjoyable sports biography for young readers." —Booklist (starred review) A Junior Library Guild selection!

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