

Gabby Douglas Golden Smile Golden Triumph Gymnstars Volume 4

Although she's just 4 feet, 11 inches tall, Gabby Douglas made a larger-than-life impact on the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Gabby dominated the gymnastics all-around competition with her flawless execution and amazingly high flips, winning gold by a landslide. In early 2012, this pint-sized powerhouse was ready to quit gymnastics for good, but she kept going. Competing at the Olympics at just sixteen years old, she became the best female gymnast in the world. Read about this incredible athlete's journey from Virginia Beach to London gold.

Shannon Miller became an American hero at the 1992 Olympics when she won an impressive five gymnastics medals. Four years later, she captured two gold medals at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Regarded as one of the best gymnasts in U.S. history, the Olympic legend is still frequently cited as a role model by today's top gymnasts. The ninth book in the GymnStars series, Shannon Miller: Olympic Legend recounts how the shy, young girl from Oklahoma transformed into the most dominant gymnast of her era. Accompanied by beautiful illustrations, the children's biography will satisfy young readers yearning to learn about gymnastics superstars of the past.

Jennie Finch fell in love with baseball as a four-year-old when her mother took her to Dodger games. A year later, her parents signed her up for softball lessons and the young girl was instantly smitten. As a youngster, Jennie dominated travel softball and later became a star player at La Mirada High

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School in Southern California. During her time at University of Arizona, she set an NCAA record with 60 consecutive wins. Blessed with remarkable pitching ability, good looks and role-model sportsmanship, Jennie became a breakout celebrity at the 2004 Athens Olympics, where she captured gold with Team USA. A children's biography, *Jennie Finch: Softball Superstar* details the California native's journey as she transitioned from a shy youngster playing in a t-ball league to become softball's most famous face, a devoted mother of three and a legend in women's sports.

Against unbelievable odds, Sloane Stephens rebounded from a serious injury to win the 2017 US Open. Her astounding comeback stunned and captivated the sports world. Now young readers can learn all about the newest superstar of tennis. Filled with exciting photographs, *Sloane Stephens: A Children's Biography* is a must read for sports fans. Follow the popular athlete's rise to the top echelon of tennis from her introduction to the sport as a young girl to her first Grand Slam victory.

The Fab Five

Nastia Liukin

The Day Gabby Douglas Won Gold

Future Presidents Club: Girls Rock!

Analyses, Backgrounds, and Timelines

Lin-Manuel Miranda: Lights Up

A Mediated Socio-Cultural and Political-Economic Timeline

Female Olympian and Paralympian Events is a groundbreaking book that examines women's sports in the Olympic and Paralympic Games, which have long been underappreciated and under-analyzed. The

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book begins with a brief background on women's participation in the Olympic Games and their role relative to the International Olympic Committee, then introduces the underlying Gendered Critical Discourse Analysis theory used throughout the book's analysis before delving into a literature review of female Olympians and Paralympians' events. It includes a listing of noteworthy "firsts" in the field, followed by individual discussions of twenty-eight Summer and seven Winter events, analyzed according to their historical, rhetorical, and popular cultural representations. Women's unique role(s) in the various events are discussed, particular athletes and Paralympic events are highlighted, and original tables are also included. At the end of each section, affiliated organizations and resources are included in this invaluable referential volume. At age seventeen, Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut captured hearts everywhere at the 1972 Olympics. From Moonbeam-winning author Christine Dzidrums, Olga Korbut: Gymnastics Trailblazer describes the gymnast's trek from her cartwheeling as a young girl to capturing four Olympic gold medals in gymnastics. Accompanied by beautiful illustrations and thrilling

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photographs, the children's biography narrates Olga's early life, her inspiring athletic journey, and her enormous impact on the sport of gymnastics.

Meet Baseball's Most Dominant Pitcher! Growing up in Dallas, Texas, Clayton Kershaw already had big-league dreams. From an early age, the talented phenom received much praise for his commanding pitching skills. By the time the hard-working athlete reached high school, the legendary Los Angeles Dodgers had already set their sights on signing him to a Major League Baseball contract! A children's biography, Clayton Kershaw: Pitching Ace narrates the life story of one of baseball's most celebrated players. Includes exciting photographs, career highlights and anecdotes from his charity work and personal life.

Here is a motivating collection of true stories from athletes who have faced incredible adversity, proving that integrity and honor are not entirely missing from the playing fields. Readers will learn about blind mountain climber Erik Weihenmayer, who scaled the heights of Mount McKinley; sprinter Gail Devers, who returned from a life-threatening illness to defend her Olympic title . . . and more. Despite challenges, each of

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these stars found the heart and stamina to persevere. With themes of resilience and grit, this inspirational book includes a foreword by noted former baseball player and coach Bobby Valentine, with additional stories from the following athletes:

Michelle Akers: The Fire Within Ruben

Gonzalez: Street Survivor Jim Eisenreich:

This Is Who I Am John Lucas: One on One

Mansour Bahrami: For the Love of the Game

Greg LeMond: Making a New Plan Diana

Golden Brosnihan: Gliding on the Edge

Chris Zorich: Zora's Gift Zina Garrison:

No One Is Perfect Bob Welch: Living One

Day at a Time Willie O'Ree: Breaking the

Barriers Dan O'Brien: No Sure Thing Jean

Driscoll: Don't Look Back

Y Not Girl Volume 2

Quinn the Ballerina: The Sleeping Beauty

SportStars Volume 4

Shannon Miller: Olympic Gymnastics Legend: Gymnstars

G is for Gold Medal

Kaylee: The 'What If?' Game

Female Olympians

Before she was Princess Leia in Star Wars, Carrie Fisher was a young girl who loved to read and write and just happened to have famous parents. She never dreamed of being an actress like her mother, Debbie Reynolds, or a singer like her father, Eddie Fisher. When she auditioned for a sci-fi film on a whim, she had no idea it would change her life and turn her into a film icon. Carrie Fisher:

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Leia Forever is a biography for young readers who want to know more about the woman behind Princess Leia.

At just 14 years old, gymnast Gabby Douglas left behind her close-knit family in Virginia Beach, Virginia, to train under Liang Chow, famed coach of Olympic legend Shawn Johnson. The move to Iowa was not an easy decision for the focused teenager. For many months, she suffered serious bouts of homesickness. Still, the girl with the golden smile believed her sacrifice would someday lead her to Olympic gold. A children's biography and Moonbeam Children's Book Award Winner, *Gabby Douglas: Golden Smile, Golden Triumph* will grab readers as they experience the thrilling path the popular gymnast from the Fierce Five took on her way to becoming Olympic Champion and America's Sweetheart.

Katie Ledecky: Swimming's Golden Girl narrates the extraordinary story of the young US swimmer who stunned the world by capturing gold at the 2012 Olympics. Since the London Games, the popular role model has dominated ladies swimming with her powerful swimming and winning attitude. A children's biography accompanied by breathtaking illustrations, *Katie Ledecky: Swimming's Golden Girl* offers an in-depth look at the swimmer who is expected to reign at the 2016 Rio Olympics. The stirring story of Ledecky's meteoric rise to the top will captivate and inspire young readers.

Perfect for a book report, *10.0: The Nadia Comaneci Story* tells the gymnastics legend's moving story that inspired millions. Growing up in Romania, Nadia Comaneci was just a five-year-old kid who performed cartwheels for fun. Nine years later, she tumbled her way into the history books when she became the first gymnast to earn a 10.0 at the Olympics. Discover how Nadia reached perfection en route to winning nine Olympic medals and how she used her post-gymnastics fame to make the world a better place.

Clayton Kershaw: Pitching Ace

Cutters Don't Cry

Sutton Foster: Broadway Sweetheart, TV Bunhead

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Y Not Girl Volume 4

SportStars Volume 7

Winning Silver

GymnStars Volume 7

From the popular new series, Classical Reboots: Rapunzel updates the Brothers Grimm fairy tale with hilarious and heartbreaking results. Rapunzel has been locked in her adoptive mother's attic for years. Just as the despondent teenager abandons hope of escaping her private prison, a mysterious tablet computer appears. Before long, Rapunzel's quirky fairy godmother, Aiko, has the conflicted young girl questioning her place in the world.

Taylor Swift & Selena Gomez: BFFs Forever! Taylor Swift and Selena Gomez are two of today's hottest names in music. The two powerhouse singers are anything but rivals, though; they are best friends forever. Growing up as a young girl on a farm, Taylor harbored high hopes of becoming a top country music act. As a youngster in Texas, Selena fantasized about seeing her name in lights. Years later, once their dreams had come true, the two performers found a surrogate sister in one another. Packed with photos, Taylor Swift & Selena Gomez: BFFs Forever! is practically two books in one! The children's biography will satisfy young readers who are clamoring for information on the music industry's most famous friendship.

Get ready to chase your dreams after reading this thrilling children's biography on Hamilton creator Lin-Manuel Miranda. A terrific source for a book report, Lin-Manuel Miranda: Lights Up tells the inspiring life story of the role model's transformation from a young boy with Broadway dreams to one of today's most respected artists.

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"Stronger," "Since U Been Gone," "Behind These Hazel Eyes," "Breakaway," "Because of You," and "Mr. Know It All" For over a decade now, singer Kelly Clarkson has dominated the airwaves with countless smash hit singles. The down-to-earth Texan first won hearts as the original American Idol winner. Since that historic victory, she's continued to impress music lovers with her soaring voice and astounding range. Kelly Clarkson: Behind Her Hazel Eyes is the singer's most thorough biography to date. Young readers will find inspiration reading about the superstar's rise from a broke waitress with big dreams to becoming one of the recording industry's top musical acts.

Shannon Miller: Olympic Gymnastics Legend

Misty May/Kerri Walsh: Dynamic Duo

GymnStars Volume 9

Female Olympian and Paralympian Events

Shawn Johnson: Gymnastics' Golden Girl

10.0: The Nadia Comaneci Story

GymnStars Volume 1

A bookworm as a child, Stan Lieber read tales about swashbuckling heroes accomplishing amazing feats, but he grew up to write his own thrilling stories that changed the comic book universe forever. While working with Marvel Comics, Stan Lee created many of the world 's most iconic characters: Spider-Man, Iron Man, Hulk, Nick Fury, Daredevil, X-Men, Thor, Black Widow, Fantastic Four, The Avengers, and hundreds more. Fans of all ages enjoy his creations worldwide via comic books, movies, television shows, video games, toys, theme

parcs, and even on Broadway. A children ' s biography, The MARVELous Stan Lee details the icon ' s personal and public life as he rose from an impoverished child living in the Bronx to become a family man and the toast of Hollywood. Filled with delightful illustrations and photographs, this engaging story of Stan Lee ' s life is a perfect source for a fan or anyone seeking excellent book report material. Discover Aly Raisman's inspiring story of dedication, perseverance, and learning to think positive even in the toughest times on her path to gold medal success in two Olympic Games--and beyond. Aly Raisman first stepped onto a gymnastics mat as a toddler in a "mommy & me" gymnastics class. No one could have predicted then that sixteen years later, she'd be standing on an Olympic podium, having achieved her dreams. Aly's road to success was full of hard work, perseverance, and victories, but not without its hardships. Aly faced many obstacles, from naysayers who said she'd never make it in gymnastics to classmates who shamed her for her athletic body to a devastating betrayal of trust. Through it all, Aly surrounded herself with supportive family, friends, and teammates and found the inner strength to remain positive and believe in herself. Now, in her own words, Aly

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shows what it takes to be a champion on and off the floor, and takes readers on a behind-the-scenes journey before, during, and after her remarkable achievements in two Olympic Games--through her highest highs, lowest lows, and all the moments in between. Honest and heartfelt, frank and funny, Aly's story is enhanced with never-before-published photos, excerpts from the personal journals she's kept since childhood that chronicle memorable moments with her teammates, and hard-won advice for readers striving to rise above challenges, learn to love themselves, and make their own dreams come true.

From the first games held in ancient Greece to the cultural extravaganzas of recent years, there have been some incredible and amazing events and milestones in the world of Olympic sports. Now in *G is for Gold Medal: An Olympics Alphabet*, writer Brad Herzog showcases those athletes and events that not only set sports records but also impacted history and world views. Learn the meaning behind the five interlocking rings featured on the Olympic flag. Cheer on American Jim Thorpe as he won the pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden, only to lose his medals later. Read how the man dubbed as the "world's laziest high jumper" won

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the gold in 1968 and later had a jump named after him. All these moments and more are brought to life in *G is for Gold Medal*. Brad Herzog has written travel and sports books for readers young and old. His books with Sleeping Bear include the best-selling *H is for Home Run: A Baseball Alphabet*. Brad lives on California's Monterey Peninsula. Doug Bowles has been a freelance illustrator for more than twenty years. His books for Sleeping Bear include *One Kansas Farmer: A Kansas Number Book* and *S is for Sunflower: A Kansas Alphabet*. Doug lives in Leawood, Kansas.

A brother and sister's search for a new life and new home . . . 5,000 years ago in ancient Mesopotamia during a terrible drought, Jomar and Zefa's father must send his children away to the city of Ur because he can no longer feed them. At fourteen, Jomar is old enough to apprentice with Sidah, a master goldsmith for the temple of the moongod, but there is no place for Zefa in Sidah's household. Zefa, a talented but untrained musician, is forced to play her music and sing for alms on the streets of Ur. Marjorie Cowley vividly imagines the intrigues, and harsh struggle for survival in ancient Mesopotamia.

Carrie Fisher: *Leia Forever*

GymnStars Volume 11

StageStars Volume 1

SportStars Volume 6

Going for Gold

Mary Lou Retton: America's Sweetheart

Widely considered America's greatest gymnast ever, Nastia Liukin has inspired an entire generation with her brilliant technique, remarkable sportsmanship and unparalleled artistry. A children's biography, *Nastia Liukin: Ballerina of Gymnastics* traces the Olympic all-around champion's ascent from gifted child prodigy to queen of her sport.

19-year-old Charity Graff engages in self-harm. More specifically she cuts herself to numb emotions. In a series of raw journal entries, the confused teenager writes to her estranged father, filling him in on what's happened in her life since he left her nearly 18 years ago. Throughout the course of her letter writing, Charity chronicles her penchant for cutting, a serious struggle with depression and her inability to vocally express her feelings.

Misty May-Treanor & Kerri Walsh Jennings are widely regarded as the greatest women's beach volleyball team of all time. Winning an unprecedented three Olympic titles, the golden pair stood atop medal podiums in Athens, Beijing, and London. The first children's biography on the legendary beach volleyball team profiles each athlete's individual journeys from promising young player to Olympic champion. Packed with exciting photos and enthralling anecdotes, *Misty May/Kerri Walsh: Dynamic Duo* will awe and inspire young readers. This book examines women's participation in the

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Olympic Games since they were allowed to be included in that global arena. Using a holistic, social scientific approach, and emphasizing the rhetoric of sport mediatization, *Female Olympians* reviews the literature relative to sexism, racism, and ageism before providing historical, political, economic, and socio-cultural perspectives such as the gendered language of Olympic reportage, religious considerations, women's bodies relative to their training for the Games, drugs and doping, and female Paralympians. With numerous critical case studies, never-before assembled data, and personal interviews with athletes, this volume offers insights that both investigate and celebrate female Olympians' successes.

Jordyn Wieber, Gabby Douglas, and the U.S. Women's Gymnastics Team: *Gymnstars* Volume 3

The Creeper and the Cat

Magical Reboots: Rapunzel

Raising the Bar

Aly Raisman: Born to Tumble

Magical Reboots Volume 1

Kelly Clarkson: Behind Her Hazel Eyes

The 11th installment of *GymnStars* profiles USA 's Final Five, the acclaimed gymnastics squad that earned team gold in record-setting fashion at the 2016 Rio Olympics. The award-winning children 's biography series features chapters on Simone Biles, Gabby Douglas, Laurie Hernandez, Madison Kocian, and Aly Raisman. *The Final Five: The Ultimate Unofficial Guide* is also packed with thrilling action pictures of America 's golden girls.

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Musical theater fans first fell for Sutton Foster in her triumphant turn as the title character in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Since then the heralded triple threat performer has charmed Broadway audiences in a wide variety of memorable roles, playing a writer, a princess, a movie star, a nightclub singer and a Transylvania farm girl. Now the two-time Tony Award winner is conquering television as the lead in the critically acclaimed series *Bunheads*. A children's biography, *Sutton Foster: Broadway Sweetheart, TV Bunhead* details the role model's rise from a tiny ballerina to the toast of Broadway and Hollywood.

Quinn the Ballerina can hardly believe it's finally performance day. She ' s playing her first principal role in a production of *The Sleeping Beauty*. Yet, Quinn is also nervous. Can she really dance the challenging steps? Will people believe her as a cursed princess caught in a 100-year spell? Join Quinn as she transforms into Princess Aurora in an exciting retelling of Tchaikovsky's *The Sleeping Beauty*. Now you can relive, or experience for the first time, one of ballet's most acclaimed works as interpreted by a 9 year old.

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GymnStars Volume 5

GymnStars Volume 10

Katie Ledecky: Swimming for Gold

Ashley: The Patient Ballerina

Taylor Swift and Selena Gomez: BFFs Forever!

FilmStars Volume 3

FilmStars Volume 1

A book for young readers, Mary Lou Retton: America's Sweetheart tells the inspirational life story of the most celebrated gymnast in United States history. Discover how a young girl from West Virginia achieved her dream of winning gymnastics' all-around title at the 1984 Olympics. Includes beautiful illustrations, anecdotes from her personal life and career highlights.

Five young girls want to know why there's never been a female president. Ready to change the world, the inspired six-year-olds create a special girls-only club - the Future Presidents Club. These girls are ready to make a difference! In the second book in the Future Presidents Club series, Charlotte takes center

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stage. When the future President Ballerina learns that her dance recital may be canceled, she convinces her friends to put on a talent show to help her musical friends. Can the Future Presidents Club's new singing group, The Rainbow Tutus, help save their school's band program?

"On August 2, 2012, American Gabby Douglas won the Olympic all-around gymnastics gold medal while also capturing the hearts of the world. Packed with beautiful, colorful illustrations, *The Day Gabby Douglas Won Gold* will surely inspire young readers as they relive the moment when the gymnast's dream came true."

"Gabby Douglas made history at the 2012 Olympic Games in London when she became the first ever African American gymnast to win gold in the all-around competition. But the road to winning Olympic gold was not an easy one. Being the best meant Gabby had to work hard and never give up - no matter what" -- Cover verso.

The MARVELous Stan Lee

Olga Korbut: Gymnastics Trailblazer

Gabby Douglas: Golden Smile, Golden Triumph

The Golden Bull

Fierce

StageStars Volume 3

Gabby Douglas

At the 2012 London Olympics, Aly Raisman captured more gymnastics medals than any other American woman. In all, the perseverant athlete earned two gold medals and one silver medal. Aly's impressive accomplishment turned her into an

overnight celebrity leading to several endorsement offers and a high-profile stint on ABC's Dancing with the Stars. A children's biography, **Aly Raisman: Born to Tumble** will enrapture readers longing to learn more about the hardworking gymnast who rose to become the captain of the Fierce Five. Can the little blue Creeper convince his parents that not all cats are bad? Will he realize that being blue is not the end of the world. Filled with delightful illustrations, **The Creeper and the Cat** will delight young Minecraft fans. The winning story also explains the timeless importance of not judging others based on their looks.

Shawn Johnson, the young woman from Des Moines, Iowa, captivated the world at the 2008 Beijing Olympics when she snagged a gold medal on the balance beam. **Shawn Johnson: Gymnastics' Golden Girl** chronicles the life and career of one of sport's most beloved athletes.

Elise is a talented gymnast who enters the U.S. Gymnastics Open with just one goal: gold. Accustomed to winning, the confident athlete believes that four clean performances are the only obstacles in the way of a victory. Yet, what happens when Elise delivers perfect routines but doesn't win? Can the disappointed gymnast accept the silver medal when she dreamed only of gold? Filled with adorable illustrations and armed with straightforward storytelling, **Winning Silver** stresses the importance of good sportsmanship. Anyone who has ever felt gutted by a competitive result will relate to Elise's initial disappointment over not getting the result she expected.

The Final Five: The Ultimate Unofficial Guide

Ballerina of Gymnastics

Jennie Finch: Softball Superstar

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Uncommon Champions

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“I play the 'What If?' Game all the time. It's a cruel, vicious cycle.”

Meet free spirit Kaylee McMathews, the most popular girl in school. But when the teenager suffers a devastating loss, her sunny personality turns dark as she struggles with debilitating panic attacks and unresolved anger. Can Kaylee repair her broken spirit or will she forever remain a changed person? Always impatient, Ashley shares her big problem with readers. The three-year-old dreams of becoming a ballerina, but her parents won't let her take lessons until she improves her patience.

Except, how can the youngster exercise patience when she wants to be a ballerina NOW? An interactive book, Ashley: The Patient Ballerina invites young readers to become an active participant in the young girl's story. Book one in the series encourages children to sing, answer questions, and form dreams of their own.

Profiles the five gymnasts that represented the United States at the 2012 London Olympics.

The gold medal-winning gymnast shares photographs, quotes, and information

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about her day-to-day life and offers
advice on how to stay healthy, look
good, and keep strong under pressure.

An Olympics Alphabet

Sloane Stephens: A Children's Biography

How Competing for Myself Changed

Everything