

Jim Thorpe A Biography

Founded in 1920, the National Football League chose famed athlete Jim Thorpe as its first president, a position he held briefly until a successor was elected. From 1921 to 1939, Joe F. Carr guided the sport of professional football with intelligence, hard work, and a passion that built the foundation of what the NFL has become: the number one sports organization in the world. During his eighteen-year tenure as NFL President, Carr created the organization’s first Constitution & By-Laws; implemented the standard player’s contract; wrote the NFL’s first-ever Record and Fact Book; helped split the NFL into two divisions and establish the NFL’s World Championship Game; started keeping league statistics; and developed the NFL Draft. But Carr’s greatest achievement was creating a vision for the NFL as a big-city sport. By skillfully recruiting financially capable owners to operate NFL franchises in big market cities, he created the solid foundation for the league’s successful future. While the sport has grown to unheard of heights, Carr’s name and accomplishments have been lost and forgotten. The Man Who Built the National Football League: Joe F. Carr captures the life and career of this pivotal figure in professional sports, chronicling the many achievements of a man whose vision helped shaped what the NFL is today. With unlimited access and complete cooperation from the Carr family—including family interviews, personal letters, and family photos—as well as NFL League Minutes, Willis recounts the fascinating life and career of a man dedicated to the game.

Biography of Jim Thorpe, Native American olympic and professional athlete.

Discover the life of Jackie Robinson--a story about breaking down barriers for kids ages 6 to 9 Jackie Robinson was the first Black Major League Baseball player and an important civil rights leader. Before he made history as a pioneer in sports, Jackie was a hardworking kid who loved to play all kinds of ball games. When Jackie was growing up, Black and white sports players in the United States were not treated the same way. Jackie used his amazing baseball talent to help bring all players together and work toward ending the unfair treatment of Black players. Explore how Jackie went from being a thoughtful young boy growing up in California to an American role model and activist. The Story of Jackie Robinson includes: Core curriculum--Learn the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How of Jackie's life, and take a quick quiz to test your knowledge. His legacy--Explore how Jackie Robinson made the world a better place for future generations, including you! Simple definitions--Find easy-to-understand definitions for some of the more advanced words and ideas in the book. How will Jackie's hard work and dedication inspire you?

Focuses on a crucial two-day battle in Vietnam that was also marked by an ill-fated protest by University of Wisconsin students at the Dow Chemical Company, in an hour-by-hour narrative.

Charles Albert Bender

A Baseball Biography

The Life and Times of Duke Kahanamoku

Joe F. Carr

They Marched Into Sunlight

Olympic Champion

A biography of Native American athlete Jim Thorpe, focusing on how his boyhood education set the stage for his athletic achievements which gained him international fame and Olympic gold medals. Author's note details Thorpe's life after college.

"A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team"--

A stunning work of narrative nonfiction, Carlisle vs. Army recounts the fateful 1912 gridiron clash that pitted one of America ’ s finest athletes, Jim Thorpe, against the man who would become one of the nation ’ s greatest heroes, Dwight D. Eisenhower. But beyond telling the tale of this momentous event, Lars Anderson also reveals the broader social and historical context of the match, lending it his unique perspectives on sports and culture at the dawn of the twentieth century. This story begins with the infamous massacre of the Sioux at Wounded Knee, in 1890, then moves to rural Pennsylvania and the Carlisle Indian School, an institution designed to “ elevate ” Indians by uprooting their youths and immersing them in the white man ’ s ways. Foremost among those ways was the burgeoning sport of football. In 1903 came the man who would mold the Carlisle Indians into a juggernaut: Glenn “ Pop ” Warner, the son of a former Union Army captain. Guided by Warner, a tireless innovator and skilled manager, the Carlisle eleven barnstormed the country, using superior team speed, disciplined play, and tactical mastery to humiliate such traditional powerhouses as Harvard, Yale, Michigan, and Wisconsin--and to, along the way, lay waste American prejudices against Indians. When a troubled young Sac and Fox Indian from Oklahoma named Jim Thorpe arrived at Carlisle, Warner sensed that he was in the presence of greatness. While still in his teens, Thorpe dazzled his opponents and gained fans across the nation. In 1912 the coach and the Carlisle team could feel the national championship within their grasp. Among the obstacles in Carlisle ’ s path to dominance were the Cadets of Army, led by a hardnosed Kansan back named Dwight Eisenhower. In Thorpe, Eisenhower saw a legitimate target; knocking the Carlisle great out of the game would bring glory both to the Cadets and to Eisenhower. The symbolism of this matchup was lost on neither Carlisle ’ s footballers nor on Indians across the country who followed their exploits. Less than a quarter century after Wounded Knee, the Indians would confront, on the playing field, an emblem of the very institution that had slaughtered their ancestors on the field of battle and, in defeating them, possibly regain a measure of lost honor. Filled with colorful period detail and fascinating insights into American history and popular culture, Carlisle vs. Army gives a thrilling, authoritative account of the events of an epic afternoon whose reverberations would be felt for generations. "Carlisle vs. Army is about football the way that The Natural is about baseball." --Jeremy Schaap, author of I

Interviews with family and friends together with information from archives help document a study of the life and athletic career of Jim Thorpe that dispels misconceptions and separates the man from the myth

Legendary Athlete

The Life and Times of a Footballing Legend

Henry Edwards Huntington

The Life and Sporting Legend of Jim Thorpe

Unstoppable

Jim Thorpe, World's Greatest Athlete

In this groundbreaking biography, David Maraniss captures all of football great Vince Lombardi: the myth, the man, his game, and his God. More than any other sports figure, Vince Lombardi transformed football into a metaphor of the American experience. The son of an Italian immigrant butcher, Lombardi toiled for twenty frustrating years as a high school coach and then as an assistant at Fordham, West Point, and the New York Giants before his big break came at age forty-six with the chance to coach a struggling team in one of the most storied periods in NFL history. Lombardi became a living legend, a symbol to many of leadership, discipline, perseverance, and teamwork, and to others of an obsession with winning. In When Pride Still Mattered, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Maraniss captures the myth and the man, football, God, and country in a thrilling biography destined to become an American classic.

Winner of the 2021 Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Biography A Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2020 in Nonfiction A resonant biography of America's most celebrated novelist of the Great Depression. The first full-length biography of the Nobel laureate to appear in a quarter century, Mad at the World illuminates what has made the work of John Steinbeck an enduring part of the literary canon: his capacity for empathy. Pulitzer Prize finalist William Souder explores Steinbeck's long apprenticeship as a writer strugg

The Red Pony, Of Mice and Men, and The Grapes of Wrath. Angered by the plight of the Dust Bowl migrants who were starving even as they toiled to harvest California's limitless bounty, fascinated by the guileless decency of the downtrodden denizens of Cannery Row, and appalled by the country's refusal to recognize the humanity common to all of its citizens, Steinbeck took a stand against social injustice--paradoxically given his inherent misanthropy--setting him apart from the writers of the so-called "lost generation" and the disenfranchised a voice in American life and letters. Eloquently nuanced, and deeply researched, Mad at the World captures the full measure of the man and his work.

Tells the life story of athlete Jim Thorpe, star of the 1912 Olympic Games and member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Written in graphic-novel format.

He also built a splendid art collection and established a grand botanical garden on the grounds of the building that would house his art and books. Then, in an act of philanthropy seldom equaled, he gave these great treasures to the public.

Puskas on Puskas

A Life Of Vince Lombardi

A Biography

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team

Burt Lancaster

Born to Run

A biography of Jim Thorpe told in his own voice focuses on his years at Pennsylvania's Carlisle Indian School and his early athletic career, while also dispelling some myths about him and depicting the Native American experience at the turn of the twentieth century.

This entry in the innovative "Story" line of chapter-book biographies focuses on Jim Thorpe, an exceptional athlete with natural talent and the first Native American to win an Olympic gold medal for the United States.

A biography of Jim Thorpe, one of the greatest all-around athletes in history.

"An account of Amelia Stone Quinton (1833-1926) and the organization she cofounded, the Women's National Indian Association (WNIA), that offers a nuanced insight into the intersection of gender, race, religion, and politics in our shared history. Shows how Quinton was a true force for reform and progress who was nonetheless constrained by the assimilationist convictions of her time"--

Lewis Tewanima

The Life of Jim Thorpe

A Good American Family

Walter Lingo, Jim Thorpe, and the Orang Indians

Jim Thorpe

Greatest Athlete in the World

Burt Lancaster is perhaps most widely remembered as the tough, iron-jawed star of films such as Gunfight at the OK Corral and Airport. But as this superbly readable and insightful biography demonstrates, he was an actor with much broader ambitions – brilliantly realised in Visconti’s The Leopard – as well as the founder of the first actor-led production company in Hollywood. Lancaster’s liberal political views led not only to frequent clashes with the House Un-American Activities Committee and a voluminous FBI file, but also a private life that was colourful and Hollywood standards. Although a devoted father and husband (to three wives), the actor took numerous lovers – of both sexes. In his sexual tastes as in his choice of roles, he defied classification. Kate Buford’s definitive biography offers a full, frank, sensitive and compelling portrait of the star of Atlantic City, From Here to Eternity and Elmer Gantry (for which he won a Best Actor Oscar). Lancaster emerges as a man of restless energy, relentless curiosity and continual development as an actor: a star every bit as interesting offscreen as on. As one American put it: ‘Not many film stars receive first-class biographies. Burt Lancaster not only deserved one, he got one!’ Acclaimed biographer Kate Buford has been a regular commentator on National Public Radio in the United States since 1994.

"Explores the life of world class athlete Jim Thorpe, including his childhood and American Indian background, his amateur and professional athletic career, and the legacy he left behind"--Provided by publisher.

A biography of the American Indian known as one of the best all-round athletes in history, for his accomplishments as an Olympic medal winner as well as an outstanding professional football and baseball player.

Charles Albert Bender invented the slider. He was a World Series-winning pitcher and the first Minnesotan inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He grew up poor on a farm where he worked in the fields. He lived far away from his home and family while attending an Indian boarding school in Pennsylvania. Charles Albert Bender worked hard all his life and defined his success by the amount of effort he put into something. His story is a Minnesota Native American life. The Minnesota Native American Lives Series includes biographies of Charles Albert Bender, Ela Cara Deloria, and Peggy Flanagan. Read all three!

All American

Philosophy's Literature

How Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Defeated the Army

A Legacy of Indian Reform

John Tortes ÓChiefÓ Meyers

The Rise and Fall of Jim Thorpe

Waterman Is the first comprehensive biography of Duke Kahanamoku (1890-1968): swimmer, surfer, Olympic gold medalist, Hawaiian icon, waterman. Long before Michael Phelps and Mark Spitz made their splashes in the pool, Kahanamoku emerged from the backwaters of Waikiki to become America's first superstar Olympic swimmer. The original "human fish" set dozens of world records and topped the world rankings for more than a decade; his rivalry with Johnny Weissmuller transformed competitive swimming from an insignificant sideshow into a headline event. Kahanamoku used his Olympic renown to introduce the sport of "surf-riding," an activity unknown beyond the Hawaiian Islands, to the world. Standing proudly on his traditional wooden longboard, he spread surfing from Australia to the Hollywood crowd in California to New Jersey. No American athlete has influenced two sports as profoundly as Kahanamoku did, and yet he remains an enigmatic and underappreciated figure: a dark-skinned Pacific Islander who encountered and overcame racism and ignorance long before the likes of Joe Louis, Jesse Owens, and Jackie Robinson. Kahanamoku's connection to his homeland was equally important. He was born when Hawaii was an independent kingdom; he served as the sheriff of Honolulu during Pearl Harbor and World War II and as a globetrotting "Ambassador of Aloha" afterward; he died not long after the disincorporation of Hawaii. As one sportswriter put it, Duke was "Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey combined down here." In Waterman, award-winning journalist David Davis examines the remarkable life of Duke Kahanamoku, in and out of the water.

Most biographies of Jim Thorpe (1888-1953) emphasize his Olympic glory and his remarkable abilities in track and football. Thorpe's 1912 gold medals in the decathlon and pentathlon and his talent on the gridiron rank him high among outstanding athletes of the twentieth century. That Thorpe also played brilliantly on the baseball diamond is an often overlooked facet of his career. This narrative of Thorpe's rise and fall in American sports pays particular attention to his time in the major and minor leagues, including his stormy relationship with New York Giants manager John McGraw and baseball's role in stripping Thorpe of his Olympic medals. By chronicling Thorpe's involvement in baseball, football and track concurrently, this profile offers a complete portrait of one of the most versatile athletes in sports history.

Bell strokes toll out the death of an unknown man, and summon Lord Wimsey to East Anglia to solve the mystery.

Jim ThorpeA BiographyMcFarland

The Story of Jackie Robinson

Amelia Stone Quinton and the Women's National Indian Association

War and Peace Vietnam and America October 1967

Original All-American

The Nine Tailors

Young Jim Thorpe

A biography of Native American athlete Jim Thorpe, focusing on how his boyhood education set the stage for his athletic achievements which gained him international fame and Olympic gold medals.

A biography of Native American athlete Jim Thorpe from his childhood in Oklahoma to the Olympics and his career in professional baseball and football.

Chronicles the life of the Olympic athlete, from his youth in a Hopi village in Arizona to his forced education at a New Mexico boarding school and his subsequent athletic successes, including medaling at the 1912 Olympics.

This work takes up and elaborates the themes set out in Benjamin's previous book The Plural Event. While in The Plural Event Benjamin formulated a reworking of the idea of ontology through an investigation of crucial writings on the topic by Heidegger, Hegel et al, this book applies the insights gleaned in a systematic way to the fields of literature, philosophy and psychoanalysis.

The Man Who Built the National Football League

Native American Son

When Pride Still Mattered

The Story of All-Star Athlete Jim Thorpe

Path Lit by Lightning

The Red Scare and My Father

One of major league baseball's first Native American stars, John Tortes "Chief" Meyers (1880-1971) was the hard-hitting, award-winning catcher for John McGraw's New York Giants from 1908 to 1915 and later for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He appeared in four World Series and remains heralded for his role as the trusted battery mate of legendary pitcher Christy Mathewson. Unlike other Native American players who eschewed their tribal identities to escape prejudice, Meyers--a member of the Santa Rosa Band of the Cahuilla Tribe of California--remained proud of his heritage and became a tribal leader after his major league career. This first full biography explores John Tortes Meyers's Cahuilla roots and early life, his year at Dartmouth College, his outstanding baseball career, his life after baseball, and his remarkable legacy.

In the autumn of 1912, the football team from Carlislele Indian Industrial School took the field at the U.S. Military Academy, home to the bigger, stronger, and better-equipped West Points Cadets. Sportswriters billed the game as a sort of rematch, pitting against each other the descendants of U.S. soldiers and American Indians who fought on the battlefield only 20 years earlier. But for lightning-fast Jim Thorpe and the other Carlisle players, that day's game was about skill, strategy, and determination. Known for unusual formations and innovative plays, the Carlisle squad was out to prove just one thing -- that it was the best football team in all the land.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and "one of our most talented biographers and historians" (The New York Times) David Maraniss delivers a "thoughtful, poignant, and historically valuable story of the Red Scare of the 1950s" (The Wall Street Journal) through the chilling yet affirming story of his family's ordeal, from blacklisting to vindication. Elliott Maraniss, David's father, a WWII veteran who had commanded an all-black company in the Pacific, was spied on by the FBI, named as a communist by an informant, called before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1952, fired from his newspaper job, and blacklisted for five years. Yet he never lost faith in America and emerged on the other side with his family and optimism intact. In a sweeping drama that moves from the Depression and Spanish Civil War to the HUAC hearings and end of the McCarthy era, Maraniss weaves his father's story through the lives of his inquisitors and defenders as they struggle with the vital 20th-century issues of race, fascism, communism, and first amendment freedoms. "Remarkably balanced, forthright, and unwavering in its search for the truth" (The New York Times), A Good American Family evokes the political dysfunctions of the 1950s while underscoring what it really means to be an American. It is "clear-eyed and empathetic" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) tribute from a brilliant writer to his father and the family he protected in dangerous times.

A riveting new biography of America's greatest all-around athlete by the bestselling author of the classic biography When Pride Still Mattered. Jim Thorpe rose to world fame as a mythic talent who excelled at every sport. He won gold medals in the decathlon and pentathlon at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, was an All-American football player at the Carlisle Indian School, the star of the first class of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and played major league baseball for John McGraw's New York Giants. Even in a golden age of sports celebrities, he was one of a kind. But despite his colossal skills, Thorpe's life was a struggle against the odds. As a member of the Sac and Fox Nation, he encountered duplicitous authorities who turned away from him when their reputations were at risk. At Carlisle, he dealt with the racist assimilationist philosophy "Kill the Indian, Save the Man." His gold medals were unfairly rescinded because he had played minor league baseball. His later life was troubled by alcohol, broken marriages, and financial distress. He roamed from state to state and took bit parts in Hollywood, but even the film of his own life failed to improve his fortunes. But for all his travails, Thorpe did not succumb. The man survived, complications and all, and so did the myth. Path Lit by Lightning is a great American story from a master biographer.

A Biography Book for New Readers

An American Life

Jim Thorpe, Dwight Eisenhower, Pop Warner, and the Forgotten Story of Football's Greatest Battle

Mad at the World: A Life of John Steinbeck

There's No Such Thing as 'Can't'

National Hall of Fame Pitcher

At the beginning of the Roaring Twenties the NFL was just a footnote within the landscape of American sports. The early pro game was played on dirt fields by vagabond athletes who would beat up or punch out their opponent for fifty dollars a game. But one team was different than the rest: the Orang Indians. Comprised entirely of Native Americans and led by star athlete Jim Thorpe, the Orang Indians were an instant hit in almost every city they visited. In Walter Lingo, Jim Thorpe, and the Orang Indians: How a Dog Kennel Owner Created the NFL's Most Famous Traveling Team, NFL historian Chris Willis tells the story of this unique and fascinating part of professional football history. In 1922 Walter Lingo, a dog kennel owner from tiny La Rue, Ohio, joined forces with Jim Thorpe, the country ’ s greatest athlete, to create the Orang Indians. Willis recounts how Lingo used the football team, the star attraction of player-coach Thorpe, and the all Native-American squad to help advertise his kennel and sell dogs, putting the small town of La Rue on the map. With the complete cooperation of the Lingo family and unlimited access to family photos and archives, Walter Lingo, Jim Thorpe, and the Orang Indians provides an up-close and behind-the-scenes view into the making of this little-known team. It is a remarkable story that will be enjoyed by football fans and historians alike.

The first comprehensive biography of the legendary figure who defined excellence in American sports: Jim Thorpe, arguably the greatest all-around athlete the United States has ever seen. With clarity and a fine eye for detail, Kate Buford traces the pivotal moments of Thorpe ’ s incomparable career: growing up in the tumultuous Indian Territory of Oklahoma; leading the Carlisle Indian Industrial School football team, coached by the renowned “ Pop ” Warner, to victories against the country ’ s finest college teams; winning gold medals in the 1912 Olympics pentathlon and decathlon; defining the burgeoning sport of professional football and helping to create what would become the National Football League; and playing long, often successful--and previously unexamined--years in professional baseball. But, at the same time, Buford vividly depicts the difficulties Thorpe faced as a Native American--and a Native American celebrity at that--early in the twentieth century. We also see the infamous loss of his Olympic medals, stripped from him because he had previously played professional baseball, an event that would haunt Thorpe for the rest of his life. We see his struggles with alcoholism and personal misfortune, losing his first child and moving from one failed marriage to the next, coming to distrust many of the hands extended to him. Finally, we learn the details of his vigorous advocacy for Native American rights while he chased a Hollywood career, and the truth behind the supposed reinstatement of his Olympic record in 1982. Here is the story--long overdue and brilliantly told--of a complex, iconoclastic, profoundly talented man whose life encompassed both tragic limitations and truly extraordinary achievements.

A biography of one of the greatest all-around athletes in history, probably best-known for his record-breaking track and field performance in the 1912 Olympic games.

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