

Olympic Book Suggestions

This is a selection of books related to either the Summer or the Winter Olympics. I have not read all of these books so make sure you preview them before allowing your children to read them. I am sure you could find other books to assign for reading as well. Also, a suggestion for where to look would be biographies on famous Olympians.

Non-Fiction:

- Chronicle of the Olympics pub. DK publishing
The Complete Book of the Winter Olympics by David Wallechinsky
Eyewitness Readers: Going for Gold by Andrew Donkin
Freeze Frame: a Photographic History
Of the Winter Olympics by Sue Macy
Frozen in Time: The Greatest Moments at
The Winter Olympics by Bud Greenspan
Grace & Glory: A Century of Women in
The Olympics by Jane Leder
The Olympics: Athens to Athens 1896-2004 pub. Weidenfeld & Nicolson
The Olympics - Sportslines by Jane Duden (short chapter)
(summary: a collection of facts and trivia about the Olympic Games)
The Story of the Olympics by Dave Anderson (chapter book)
(Summary: Traces the history of the Olympics from its beginning in 776 B.C. to the present and relates stories of particular events such as track and field, gymnastics, and speed skating.)
White Gold: The U.S. Olympic Team at
The XIX Olympic Winter Games pub. Pachyderm Press
- The Encyclopedia of the Winter Olympics by John Wukovits (juvenile)
Olympics! by B.G. Hennessy (picture book)
(summary: overview of history, preparation, training, and actual events of the Olympics)
Olympics - A New True Book by Dennis B. Fradin (juvenile picture book)
(summary: briefly traces history of the modern Olympic Games)
U.S. Olympians by Zachary Kent (juvenile)
(summary: highlights dramatic moments in Olympic History)
The Winter Olympics by Larry Dane Brimner (juvenile picture)
(summary: briefly discusses international competition and describes the sports involved)

Biographies:

- Eric Heiden: Winner in Gold by Nathan Aaseng (juvenile)
(summary: presents skating career of Heiden, winner of 5 gold medals in 1980 Winter Olympics)
Jesse Owens: Olympic Hero by Francine Sabin
Jim Thorpe: Olympic Champion by Guernsey VanRiper (chapter book)
(Childhood of Famous Americans)

A Journey: the Autobiography of

Apolo Anton Ohno

by Apolo Anton Ohno

Kristi Yamaguchi, Pure Gold

by Jeff Savage (juvenile)

(summary: biography of young Japanese-American skater who won gold in 1992)

Michelle Kwan: Champion on Ice

by Kimberly Gatto (juvenile)

(summary: biography of young Chinese-American skater who won silver in 1998)

Oksana Baiul: Rhapsody on Ice

by Linda Shaughnessy (juvenile)

(summary: biography of Ukrainian figure skater who won gold in 1994 Winter Olympics)

Fiction:

Gus & Gertie & the Lucky Charms

by Joan Lowery Nixon (picture book)

Hour of the Olympics

by Mary Pope Osborne (Magic Tree House)

Ancient Greece and the Olympics: a non-

Fiction companion to Hour of the Olympics

by Mary Pope Osborne

Koala Lou

by Mem Fox (pre-k)

The Mud Flat Olympics

by James Stevenson (picture book)

The Pumpkin Runner

by Marsha Diane Arnold (picture book)

Wilma Unlimited

by Kathleen Krull (picture book)