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Muhammad Ali in Africana Cultural Memory - James L. Conyers, Jr. 2022-01-11

One critical priority of the discipline of Africana studies is applied memory, specifically, how the record of the culture's survival and agency reveals usable and reproducible knowledge and behavior. In terms of how Muhammad Ali, as an historical actor, has left an heroic legacy that bequeaths to us a sort of inheritance, the critical task at hand is to systematically explore this historical actor's life, feats, philosophy, grit, worldview, and even his folkloric antihero to decipher his Africana cultural memory value. At the core of this edited collection is a commitment to enhance the cultural storytelling about Muhammad Ali and to critically itemize the lessons we garner from his life as allegory. The ancestral life is one that is remembered and recalled. The contributors' research uncovers Ali's local, national, and global encounters that are legacy worldviews. These perspectives give us direction for mining the critical depth of Ali's encounters which map his memory in terms of culturally sustaining confidence, self-esteem, reinvention, immortalization, and empathy. These are the fertile seeds of Africana cultural memory which bloom into powerful markers and monuments of an epic life of hyperheroic activity relevant to cultural memory, sports, history, politics, health, and aesthetics.

American Legends - Charles River Editors 2015-10-28

*Includes pictures *Includes Owens' quotes about his life and career *Includes accounts of the 1936 Olympics *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading *Includes a table of contents "Although I wasn't invited to shake hands with Hitler, I wasn't invited to the White House to shake hands with the President either." - Jesse Owens A lot of ink has been spilled covering the lives of history's most influential figures, but how much of the forest is lost for the trees? In Charles River Editors' American Legends series, readers can get caught up to speed on the lives of America's most important men and women in the time it takes to finish a commute, while learning interesting facts long forgotten or never known. The Olympics have long been the center of attention in the sports world, but perhaps no moment in the history of the games was as poignant as Jesse Owens' performance in Berlin in 1936. Owens would finish his career with 4 gold medals and become known as "perhaps the greatest and most famous athlete in track and field history" (as his obituary in the New York Times put it), but nearly 80 years later, it's the context that has made his performance so memorable. Owens was one of the greatest track athletes in the country in the 1930s, and while he was at Ohio State, he set 3 world records and tied another one within 45 minutes at a Big Ten meet in 1935, but hurdles on the track weren't as hard to clear as ones he had to deal with away from sports. As a young black man, he had to deal with entrenched racism across the country, from staying in segregated hotels to not being eligible for a sports scholarship, In 1936, World War II was still a few years away, but Adolf Hitler was fully in control of Nazi Germany and hoped to use the Olympics as a showcase of the resurgent German nation. Internationally, Hitler's Germany was not yet a major concern to the vast majority of people unfamiliar with politics, nor were the domestic policies being carried out by the Nazis, but some still thought the United States should not even participate in the Olympics that year. Of course, those who wanted to boycott the games could not have known what Jesse Owens had in store in Berlin. Given the unabashed racism of Hitler's regime, Jesse Owens' performance would end up being a rebuke of sorts to Hitler's notion of Aryan superiority, and an apocryphal legend has since sprung up that Hitler left the games early to avoid having to shake Owens' hand. While that reputed snub almost certainly did

not occur, one Nazi official did note that Hitler "was highly annoyed by the series of triumphs by the marvelous colored American runner, Jesse Owens. People whose antecedents came from the jungle were primitive, Hitler said with a shrug; their physiques were stronger than those of civilized whites and hence should be excluded from future games." Owens' performance and the focus over whether Hitler snubbed him also obscured one of the most ironic aspects of Owens' life and sports career. In fact, while some were asserting that Hitler did actually congratulate Owens, others pointed out that Owens was treated better in Germany than he was back at home, where he had to ride in a freight elevator to a reception in his honor and didn't hear from President Roosevelt following the games. Owens himself pointed out, "Hitler didn't snub me - it was our president who snubbed me. The president didn't even send me a telegram." Indeed, Owens would find it hard to get by for the rest of his life, much of which was spent trying to capitalize off commemorations of his past exploits by resorting to gimmicks such as racing against horses. The situation led him to bitterly remark, "People say that it was degrading for an Olympic champion to run against a horse, but what was I supposed to do? I had four gold medals, but you can't eat four gold medals."

African Americans in Sports - Carla Mooney 2012-01-20

Author Carla Mooney explores African American involvement in sports in the United States from the nineteenth century to the present. Blacks' participation in horse racing, track and field, baseball, basketball, golf, tennis, and boxing are all covered. The book relates the accomplishments of trailblazers as well as the discrimination, insults, and physical violence they endured to open the doors of opportunity for black athletes around the country. The achievements of modern sports stars are also discussed and sidebars feature brief biographies of both pioneers and superstars.

In Black And White - Donald McRae 2013-11-21

In 1936 athlete Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics and, two years later, boxer Joe Louis won a crushing victory to become heavyweight champion of the world. Despite their fame and success, both men would find themselves barred from certain hotels and would have to eat outside restaurants because of the colour of their skin. However, by their example, they gave hope to millions of black people around the world as they became the first black superstars. In Donald McRae's William Hill prize-winning dual biography, he compiles a brilliant portrait of the two men, who became close friends despite their very different career paths: within days of Olympic glory, Owens was banned from competing again, and was forced to spend his days racing against horses to earn a living before becoming a spokesman for the sporting ideal. Meanwhile Louis won and lost a fortune, eventually battling with drug addiction and mental illness. His vivid account of their lives away from the public eye, and the era in which they lived, is compelling and tragic.

Africana - Anthony Appiah 2005

In this newly expanded edition, more than 4,000 articles cover prominent African and African American individuals, events, trends, places, political movements, art forms, businesses, religions, ethnic groups, organizations, countries, and more.

In Black & White - Donald McRae 2003

Jesse Owens and Joe Louis have been hailed as American icons for the last sixty-five years, yet they were unfailingly human in everything they achieved and endured: as vulnerable as they were courageous; as troubled as they were brilliant; as restless in themselves as they are now rooted in history. IN BLACK AND WHITE will tell, for the first time, the story of the shared political legacy, extraordinary personal links and enduring friendship

between 4-times Olympic gold medallist Jesse Owens, and Heavyweight World Boxing Champion Joe Louis, black athletes born in an America demeaned by racism and poverty.

Jesse Owens - Judy Monroe 2005

Provides an introduction to the life and biography of Jesse Owens, the African American track star who won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics.

Biographical Dictionary of African Americans, Revised Edition - Rachel Kranz 2021-01-01

For centuries, African Americans have made important contributions to American culture. From Crispus Attucks, whose death marked the start of the Revolutionary War, to Oprah Winfrey, perhaps the most recognizable and influential TV personality today, black men and women have played an integral part in American history. This greatly expanded and updated edition of our best-selling volume, *The Biographical Dictionary of Black Americans, Revised Edition* profiles more than 250 of America's important, influential, and fascinating black figures, past and present—in all fields, including the arts, entertainment, politics, science, sports, the military, literature, education, the media, religion, and many more.

Black Sports Heroes - MORRIE TURNER 2011-11-02

At the 1936 Olympic Games in Germany, Jesse Owens won gold medals in the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and the 400-meter relay—and Adolph Hitler scrambled from his private box to avoid honoring the black athlete. During World War II, Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, paid surprise visits to military hospitals. Though he later lost his title belt to the German Max Schmeling (which greatly pleased Hitler), when Louis died, broke, Schmeling used his wealth to pay for Louis's funeral. In the 1971 World Series, Roberto Clemente posted the greatest single performance by any player ever, making two impossible catches in the outfield, batting .414, and hitting seven singles, two doubles, one triple, and two homeruns. Clemente died the next year in a plane crash while flying relief supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. Stories like these are testaments to the power of athletics to influence and inspire people, nations, and cultures. In *Black Sports Heroes: Past and Present*, author and cartoonist Morrie Turner skillfully presents cartoons and stories, known and unknown, about black athletes of all nations and the impact they had upon their sport and their world. Through his impressive combination of humor and fact, Turner brings “kid power” and “rainbow power” to life, showing us a world where all people, regardless of racial, religious, sexual, or physical differences, can live, learn, work, and play together.

Business Leadership and the Lessons from Sport - H. Westerbeek 2005-05-24

Sport represents a very intense and dynamic form of competition for individuals and for teams. Many of the themes of business, including leadership, teamworking, mentoring and coaching, strategy, innovation, etc. occur in sport in a very acute and focused way and will determine success or failure. With the use of compelling international examples the authors show how sport provides crucial leadership lessons for business.

Jesse Owens - Thomas Streissguth 1999-01-01

Describes the life of the sharecroppers' son who won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin and challenged Hitler's notion of Aryan superiority.

Jesse Owens - Jeff Burlingame 2013-07

In 1936, in front of 110,000 spectators at the Olympic Stadium in Germany, Jesse Owens blew away the competition in the 100-meter final to claim the title of “World's Fastest Man.” He won the gold medal in front of Germany's brutal dictator, Adolf Hitler, defying the Nazi leader's racist ideology. Owens won three more gold medals at the Olympics and returned to the United States a hero. Author Jeff Burlingame explores the life of one of the greatest and most influential athletes in American history, from his humble childhood to his legacy on and off the track.

Jesse Owens - Tony Gentry 2014

A biography of the track and field star who won three gold medals in the 1936 Summer Olympic Games.

Athletes - Adam Sutherland 2012-01-15

Briefly surveys the history of African Americans in sports and profiles notable black athletes from Jesse Owens to the present, including Kipchoge Keino, Muhammad Ali, the Williams sisters,

and Usain Bolt.

Taboo - Jon Entine 2008-08-05

In virtually every sport in which they are given opportunity to compete, people of African descent dominate. East Africans own every distance running record. Professional sports in the Americas are dominated by men and women of West African descent. Why have blacks come to dominate sports? Are they somehow physically better? And why are we so uncomfortable when we discuss this? Drawing on the latest scientific research, journalist Jon Entine makes an irrefutable case for black athletic superiority. We learn how scientists have used numerous, bogus “scientific” methods to prove that blacks were either more or less superior physically, and how racist scientists have often equated physical prowess with intellectual deficiency. Entine recalls the long, hard road to integration, both on the field and in society. And he shows why it isn't just being black that matters—it makes a huge difference as to where in Africa your ancestors are from. Equal parts sports, science and examination of why this topic is so sensitive, *Taboo* is a book that will spark national debate.

Jesse Owens - F. Erik Brooks 2022

Carl Lewis - Steve Klots 1995

Describes the childhood, college career, & Olympic performances of this athlete, including his attempts at the long-jump record.

Out of the Shadows - David K. Wiggins 2008-02-01

The original essays in this comprehensive collection examine the lives and sports of famous and not-so-famous African American male and female athletes from the nineteenth century to today. Here are twenty insightful biographies that furnish perspectives on the changing status of these athletes and how these changes mirrored the transformation of sports, American society, and civil rights legislation. Some of the athletes discussed include Marshall Taylor (bicycling), William Henry Lewis (football), Jack Johnson, Satchel Paige, Jesse Owens, Joe Lewis, Alice Coachman (track and field), Althea Gibson (tennis), Wilma Rudolph, Bill Russell, Jim Brown, Arthur Ashe, Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, and Venus and Serena Williams.

Muhammad Ali, the People's Champ - Elliott J. Gorn 1995

Recently recognized by *Sports Illustrated* as still the best-known athlete in the world, Muhammad Ali has played a fascinating role in American culture, with an influence that has reached far beyond sports. In addition to Ali the boxer, there are Ali the Black Muslim, Ali the cultural icon, Ali the anti-war protestor, Ali the telecelebrity, Ali the narcissist, and more. And it is these various incarnations -- Ali as a window onto his time, our time -- that build upon each other in this book to give us a vivid portrait of one of the greatest protagonists in the ring of public history. As the first book by scholars on the significance of his life and times, *Muhammad Ali, the People's Champ* is a fresh reassessment of the place of a giant sports idol and the role he has played in American history. Ali both shaped and reflected the times in which he lived. He touched the lives of people in a way unprecedented by almost any sports figure before or since. The contributors conclude that we can have no full understanding of our era without him. A volume in the series *Sport and Society*, edited by Benjamin G. Rader and Randy Roberts

Jesse Owens - Lucia Raatma 2003-08

Offers a brief biographical profile of African-American track-and-field Olympian Jesse Owens.

Who Was Jesse Owens? - James Buckley, Jr. 2015-08-11

At the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics, track and field star Jesse Owens ran himself straight into international glory by winning four gold medals. But the life of Jesse Owens is much more than a sports story. Born in rural Alabama under the oppressive Jim Crow laws, Owens's family suffered many hardships. As a boy he worked several jobs like delivering groceries and working in a shoe repair shop to make ends meet. But Owens defied the odds to become a sensational student athlete, eventually running track for Ohio State. He was chosen to compete in the Summer Olympics in Nazi Germany where Adolf Hitler was promoting the idea of “Aryan superiority.” Owens's winning streak at the games humiliated Hitler and crushed the myth of racial supremacy once and for all.

Literature Connections to American History K6 - Lynda G.

Adamson 1997-09-15

Identifying thousands of historical fiction novels, biographies, history trade books, CD-ROMs, and videotapes, this book helps you locate resources on American history for students. Each book presents information in two sections. In the first part, titles are listed according to grade levels within eras and further organized according to product type. The books cover American history from North America Before 1600 and The American Colonies, 1600-1774 to The Mid-Twentieth Century, 1946-1975 and Since 1975. The second section has annotated bibliographies that describe each title and includes publication information and awards won. The focus is on books published since 1990, and all have received at least one favorable review. Some books with more illustration than text will be valuable for enticing slow or reticent readers. An index helps users find resources by author, title, or biographical subject.

Jesse Owens - Richard S. Rennert 1991

A biography of one of America's greatest track and field athletes, the winner of four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games.

Jesse Owens - F. Erik Brooks 2021-11-05

A compelling resource for sports enthusiasts, *Jesse Owens: A Life in American History* places the life and athletic accomplishments of Jesse Owens within the context of race and American history in the early 20th century. The year 2020 marks the 40th anniversary of the death of one of the greatest track and field athletes in intercollegiate and Olympic history. This book examines Jesse Owens' upbringing, religious and spiritual life, and collegiate years and includes an examination of race, politics, and Nazi Germany as a backdrop to the 1936 Olympics. It also considers Owens' personal economic hardships after his triumph at the Olympic Games, his death, and his legacy. This biography series title will appeal to general readers, history buffs, and sports enthusiasts. Chapters are organized around the major developments in Jesse Owens' life, from his birth in Oakville, Alabama in 1913 to his death in Tucson, Arizona in 1980, and all of his groundbreaking athletic achievements in between. Primary source documents, sidebars, a timeline, and a bibliography provide valuable additional information for readers. The final chapter, "Why Jesse Owens Matters," explores his cultural and historical significance.

Appalachian Children's Literature - 2009-10-15

This comprehensive bibliography includes books written about or set in Appalachia from the 18th century to the present. Titles represent the entire region as defined by the Appalachian Regional Commission, including portions of 13 states stretching from southern New York to northern Mississippi. The bibliography is arranged in alphabetical order by author, and each title is accompanied by an annotation, most of which include composite reviews and critical analyses of the work. All classic genres of children's literature are represented.

Black America - Kehinde Andrews 2023-01-30

From slavery through the election of Vice President Kamala Harris, here is the history of Black America told through striking photographs and compelling narrative that captures many of the key joys, struggles and milestones. Learn about the first Black Americans and the origins of slavery, including Harriet Tubman, Nat Turner's Rebellion, Frederick Douglass and the Civil War. Explore the long fight for freedom through Jim Crow, W.E. DuBois, the Tulsa Massacre and the rise of MLK, Malcolm X and the Black Panther Movement. Discover the joys of the Harlem Renaissance, Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock and the rise of Hip Hop. And find out the story behind Muhammad Ali's Rumble in the Jungle, the desegregation of professional sports, and how black sports stars from Hank Aaron to LeBron James have fought to make their voices heard.

African Americans in Sports - David K. Wiggins 2015-03-26

This two-volume set features 400 articles on African-Americans in sports, including biographical entries as well as entries on events, tournaments, leagues, clubs, films, and associations. The entries cover all professional, amateur, and college sports such as baseball, tennis, and golf.

Jesse Owens - Tony Gentry 2009

* Critically acclaimed biographies of history's most notable African-Americans * Straightforward and objective writing * Lavishly illustrated with photographs and memorabilia * Essential

for multicultural studies

Jesse Owens: Champion Athlete - Tony Gentry 1990

A biography of the track and field star who won three gold medals in the 1936 summer Olympic Games.

Best of Boys' Life - Boy Scouts of America 2010-08-17

In celebration of its 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America and its publication *Boys' Life*, this book is a collection of the best *Boys' Life* pages of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting information. All pages in this collection are facsimile reproductions of the magazine's original pages.

Wilma Rudolph - Tom Biracree 1990

A biography of the woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

From Jack Johnson to LeBron James - Chris Lamb 2016-01-01

"A collection of essays about the intersection of sports, race, and the media in the 20th century and beyond"--

Athletes - Adam Sutherland 2012-01-15

Athletes have an amazing influence on young people. Sometimes this influence backfires, but sometimes it illuminates the importance of hard work and dedication in a way that young people can understand. Not every sports superstar makes their way into the history books, but when someone inspires generations of people to strive for their dreams it is hard to forget them. This volume will detail the lives and careers of such sports legends as Jesse Owens, Muhammad Ali, and Michael Jordan, and explore the impact of more recent sensations such as Venus and Serena Williams and Tiger Woods. Even those who are reluctant to pick up a book will have a hard time resisting the pull of the sports legends in this book.

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The Great Depression in Literature for Youth - Rebecca L. Berg 2004

No area of the United States was untouched by the Great Depression, but the severity in which people experienced those significant years depended in large part on where in the nation they lived. While dust choked the life out of Americans in the plains, apples grew in abundance in the Northwest.

Unemployment-driven poverty robbed urban dwellers of hearth and home, while Upper-plains farm women traded eggs and chickens like money. This bibliography describes the youth literature and relevant resources written about the Great Depression, all categorized by geographical location. Students, educators, historians, and writers can use this book to find literature specific to their state or region, gaining a greater understanding of what the Great Depression was like in their locale. The Great Depression was a pivotal period in our nation's history. This annotated bibliography guides readers to biographies; oral histories, memoirs, and recollections; photograph collections; fiction and nonfiction books; picture books; international resources; and other reference sources. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) state guides are included, as well as literature about the federal theater, arts, and music projects. A comprehensive listing of museums and state historical societies complement this reference. For readers interested in learning about the Great Depression, this is a must-have resource.

Jesse Jackson - Eddie Stone 1988

Traces the life of Rev. Jackson, describes his role in the Civil Rights movement, and examines his political views

Glory Bound - David K. Wiggins 1997-04-01

African American athletes have experienced a tumultuous relationship with mainstream white America. *Glory Bound* brings together for the first time eleven essays that explore this complex topic. In his writings, well-known sports scholar David K. Wiggins recounts the struggle of black athletes to participate fully in sports while maintaining their own cultural identity and pride. Wiggins examines the seminal moments that defined and changed the black athlete's role in white America from the nineteenth century to the present: the personal crusade of Wendell Smith to

promote black participation in organized baseball, the triumph of Jesse Owens at the 1936 Olympics and the proposed boycott of the Games, and the response of America's black press and community. *Glory Bound* demonstrates how the civil rights movement changed the face of American athletics and society forever. With the genesis of the black power movement in sport, Wiggins notes a significant shift in black - and white - America's attention to the African American athlete.

Games of Deception - Andrew Maraniss 2019-11-05

*"Rivalling the nonfiction works of Steve Sheinkin and Daniel James Brown's *The Boys in the Boat*....Even readers who don't appreciate sports will find this story a page-turner." --School Library Connection, starred review *"A must for all library collections." --Booklist, starred review Winner of the 2020 AJL Sydney Taylor Honor! From the New York Times bestselling author of *Strong Inside* comes the remarkable true story of the birth of Olympic basketball at the 1936 Summer Games in Hitler's Germany. Perfect for fans of *The Boys in the Boat* and *Unbroken*. On a scorching hot day in July 1936, thousands of people cheered as the U.S. Olympic teams boarded the S.S. *Manhattan*, bound for Berlin. Among the athletes were the 14 players representing the first-ever U.S. Olympic basketball team. As thousands of supporters waved American flags on the docks, it was easy to miss the one courageous man holding a BOYCOTT NAZI GERMANY sign. But it was too late for a boycott now; the ship had already left the harbor. 1936 was a turbulent time in world history. Adolf Hitler had gained power in Germany three years earlier. Jewish people and political opponents of the Nazis were the targets of vicious mistreatment, yet were unaware of the horrors that awaited them in the coming years. But the Olympians on board the S.S. *Manhattan* and other international visitors wouldn't see any signs of trouble in Berlin. Streets were swept, storefronts were painted, and every German citizen greeted them with a smile. Like a movie set, it was all just a facade, meant to distract from the terrible things happening behind the scenes. This is the incredible true story of basketball, from its invention by James Naismith in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1891, to the sport's Olympic debut in Berlin and the eclectic mix of people, events and propaganda on both sides of the Atlantic that made it all possible. Includes photos throughout, a Who's-Who of the 1936 Olympics, bibliography, and index. Praise for *Games of Deception*: A 2020 ALA Notable Children's Book! A 2020 CBC Notable Social Studies Book! "Maraniss does a great job of blending basketball action with the horror of Hitler's Berlin to bring this fascinating, frightening, you-

can't-make-this-stuff-up moment in history to life." -Steve Sheinkin, New York Times bestselling author of *Bomb* and *Undeclared* "I was blown away by *Games of Deception*....It's a fascinating, fast-paced, well-reasoned, and well-written account of the hidden-in-plain-sight horrors and atrocities that underpinned sports, politics, and propaganda in the United States and Germany. This is an important read." -Susan Campbell Bartoletti, Newbery Honor winning author of *Hitler Youth* "A richly reported and stylishly told reminder how, when you scratch at a sports story, the real world often lurks just beneath." --Alexander Wolff, New York Times bestselling author of *The Audacity of Hoop: Basketball and the Age of Obama* "An insightful, gripping account of basketball and bias." --Kirkus Reviews "An exciting and overlooked slice of history." --School Library Journal

American Sports - Pamela Grundy 2016-06-16

American Sports offers a reflective, analytical history of American sports from the colonial era to the present. Readers will focus on the diverse relationships between sports and class, gender, race, ethnicity, religion and region, and understand how these interactions can bind diverse groups together. By considering the economic, social and cultural factors that have surrounded competitive sports, readers will understand how sports have reinforced or challenged the values and behaviors of society. [The Kentucky African American Encyclopedia](#) - Gerald L. Smith 2015-08-28

The story of African Americans in Kentucky is as diverse and vibrant as the state's general history. The work of more than 150 writers, *The Kentucky African American Encyclopedia* is an essential guide to the black experience in the Commonwealth. The encyclopedia includes biographical sketches of politicians and community leaders as well as pioneers in art, science, and industry. Kentucky's impact on the national scene is registered in an array of notable figures, such as writers William Wells Brown and bell hooks, reformers Bessie Lucas Allen and Shelby Lanier Jr., sports icons Muhammad Ali and Isaac Murphy, civil rights leaders Whitney Young Jr. and Georgia Powers, and entertainers Ernest Hogan, Helen Humes, and the Nappy Roots. Featuring entries on the individuals, events, places, organizations, movements, and institutions that have shaped the state's history since its origins, the volume also includes topical essays on the civil rights movement, Eastern Kentucky coalfields, business, education, and women. For researchers, students, and all who cherish local history, *The Kentucky African American Encyclopedia* is an indispensable reference that highlights the diversity of the state's culture and history.