

Michael Phelps Beneath The Surface

An Olympic medalist recounts the events of her career, describing her successes at the U.S. Nationals at the age of fifteen, the shoulder injury that hampered her swimming style, and her training under University of California coach Teri McKeever.

"US swimmer Michael Phelps was the most decorated Olympic athlete in history before the 2016 Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Winning an additional five golds and a silver in Rio for a total of 28 career medals, Phelps has a list of accomplishments in the pool that may never be matched. Learn all about Phelps's Olympic victories, how he maintains a world-class swimmer's body, what he does for fun, his plans for the future, and much more ovided by publisher.

'Reveals his poignant battle against the dark side of his return to the pool' - Donald McRae, Guardian By the age of 14, at a time when most boys are coming to terms with teenage life, Ian Thorpe was representing his country and becoming the youngest ever individual male world champion. The 'Thorpedo' was soon the most famous swimmer in the world, routinely picking up Olympic gold medals and setting record-breaking times. But behind the public face of success, there was the hardship of a life lived in the constant glare of media attention and rumour. As Thorpe continued to work for his fans, he hid away a secret battle against depression and was ushered into retirement at just 24 years of age. Raw, honest and compelling, Thorpe's memoir brilliantly unveils the costs that sometimes come with unimaginable success.

'Fans of his easy style are in for a shock with his book' - Giles Hattersley, Sunday Times

From the NHL's most unexpected All-Star MVP comes a sports memoir unlike any other. Hilarious, candid, and reflective, *A Guy Like Me* recounts the heartwarming story of John Scott: an average joe who became a sports icon overnight. Known as a willing-and-able fighter and bruiser in the league, John Scott was a surprising and tongue-and-cheek nominee for the 2016 NHL All-Star Game. He'd been in the league for over eight NHL seasons, playing for teams such as the Wild, Blackhawks, Rangers, Sabres, and the Sharks. Scott's best attribute as an NHL player was dropping his gloves—never the best player, he did become the most feared fighter in the NHL, racking up extensive penalty minutes. In order to prevent him from playing in the game, his current team—the Phoenix Coyotes—traded Scott to the Montreal Canadiens, who demoted him to the AHL team in an attempt to disqualify him from playing in the All-Star Game. Fans were outraged and Scott was devastated. He'd been downgraded in his job—forced to relocate while his wife was pregnant with twin girls. But the fans wouldn't back down and insisted the NHL let Scott play in the game. What followed was an inspiring and unforgettable Cinderella story. Detailing his life growing up and with plenty of his signature humor, *A Guy Like Me* is a moving, witty, and remarkable memoir that you won't be able to put down.

The inspiring story of how one woman saved fellow refugees from drowning—and how she went on to become an Olympic swimmer. When young Syrian refugee Yusra Mardini realized her boat's engine shut down as she was traveling from Syria to Greece with other refugees, there was no hesitation: she dove into the water. Surfacing, she heard desperate prayers and sobbing from the passengers in the sinking boat above her. Between the waves, her elder sister Sarah screamed at her to get back on the boat. But Mardini was determined. She was not going to let Sarah do this alone. Grabbing the rope with one hand, she began kicking up the black water, inching the boat towards the distant shore. This bold act of bravery saved the lives of a boatload of refugees heading to Turkey from Syria. After her arrival in Greece, Mardini, focused and undeterred, worked toward a lifelong goal: to compete in the Olympics. She succeeded, and competed in 2016 on the Refugee Olympic Team in Rio de Janeiro. Butterfly tells her story, from Syria to the Olympics to her current work with the UN as a Goodwill Ambassador. Mardini is eager to tell her story in the hopes that readers will remember that refugees are ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances, chased from their homes by a devastating war. In today's political climate, this story is guaranteed to inspire and educate readers from every background.

Mark Spitz is arguably the most famous and successful Olympic athlete of all time because of his legendary performances at the 1972 Olympics, where he won seven gold medals while breaking seven world records. His amazing life story is told for the first time in the authorized biography *Mark Spitz: The Extraordinary Life of an Olympic Champion*. This exclusive account follows Spitz's roller-coaster career: age-group prodigy, four-medal "flop" at the 1968 Olympics, outstanding collegiate career at Indiana University, gold-medal haul in 1972, lucrative endorsements, and a brief and unsuccessful stint in entertainment. And the meatier stories—the role his father played in his career, his often stormy relationship with coaches and teammates, his experiences as a Jewish athlete with anti-Semitism and the Munich massacre, his impact on the commercialization of swimming, his relationship with Michael Phelps, and others—have been largely unknown, ignored, barely touched upon, or distorted. *Mark Spitz: The Extraordinary Life of an Olympic Champion* provides insights into Spitz's career, behind-the-scenes anecdotes about him and his competitors, and untold stories that shed light on his complicated personality and relationship with his father. Old and new fans alike will appreciate the depth and details of this swimming icon's story.

Prepare to peek into the mind of a champion, known as the most decorated Olympian of all time with 28 medals, including 23 gold, with this newly updated edition of Michael Phelps's autobiography, *Beneath the Surface*. In this candid memoir, Phelps talks openly about his battle with attention deficit disorder, the trauma of his parents' divorce, and the challenges that come with being thrust into the limelight. Readers worldwide will relive all the heart-stopping glory as Phelps completes his journey from the youngest man to ever set a world swimming record in 2001, to an Olympic

powerhouse in 2008, to surpassing the greatest athlete of ancient Greece, Leonidas of Rhodes, with 13 triumphs in 2016. Athletes and fans alike will be fascinated by insights into Phelps's training, mental preparation, and behind-the-scenes perspective on international athletic competitions. A chronicle of Phelps's evolution from awkward teenager to record-breaking powerhouse, *Beneath the Surface* is a must-read for any sports fan.

In *Swim Speed Secrets*, 4-time Olympian, gold medalist, and triathlon world champion Sheila Taormina reveals the swim technique used by the world's fastest swimmers. Over the course of 4 Olympic Games and throughout her career as a world champion triathlete, Taormina refined her exceptional technique as a student of the sport, studying the world's best swimmers using underwater photographs and video analysis. From Johnny Weissmuller to Michael Phelps, the world's fastest swimmers share two common elements: high stroke rate and a high-elbow underwater pull. Many swimmers and triathletes neglect the underwater pull, distracted by stroke count or perfecting less critical details like body position, streamlining, and roll. *Swim Speed Secrets* focuses on producing power—the most crucial element of swimming—to help triathletes and swimmers overhaul their swim stroke and find the speed that's been eluding them. With a commonsense approach that comes from decades of practice and years of hands-on coaching experience, Taormina shows swimmers how to transition to faster swimming. *Swim Speed Secrets* includes: The best drills to cultivate a more sensitive feel for the water Dryland and strength building exercises to develop arm position and upper body musculature Crisp photos of Olympic swimmers and variations in their high-elbow underwater pull Clear descriptions of the key moments of the underwater pull Tips that helped her perform at a world-class level for two decades Sheila Taormina's *Swim Speed Secrets* brings the focus back where it belongs—to a powerful underwater stroke. With this approach, triathletes and swimmers can stop swimming for survival and break through to new levels of speed and confidence in the water.

A vibrant portrait of American swimmer Michael Phelps—the dominant athlete at the 2004 Olympics—who has relentlessly pushed himself, promoted his sport, and appears poised to ultimately accumulate the most gold medals in Olympic history Before he was old enough to have a driver's license, Michael Phelps had a world record. Before he ever took a college class or turned 20, he had earned distinction by winning 8 medals—6 gold and 2 bronze—at the Athens Olympics, the most in non-boycotted Games. Along the way, he captivated an American television audience and confounded the critics who questioned his ambition. *Amazing Pace*: • provides the most revealing look yet at a young man who became a world-class athlete before he had the chance to grow up—by respected Baltimore Sun journalist Paul McMullen, who followed Phelps's rise from an obscure 14-year-old to the most scrutinized competitor at the world's biggest sporting event • details the plotting of his career, from turning professional at age 16, to the management of the first crises he encountered Paul McMullen's 5 years of observation add dramatic context to the life of a young

athlete whose rise to prominence coincided with the tumult of the first Summer Olympics after 9/11. No Olympian has ever earned 10 gold medals in a career, but Michael Phelps is on pace to achieve that milestone at the 2008 Games in Beijing, China.

Beneath the Surface My Story Simon and Schuster

In *No Limits*, Michael Phelps - perhaps the greatest Olympic competitor the world has ever seen - will show us the secrets to his remarkable success, from training to execution. Behind his tally of Olympic gold medals - more than any athlete throughout history - lies a consistent approach to competition, a determination to win, mental preparation, and a straightforward passion for his sport. One of his mottos is 'Performance is Reality', and it typifies his attitude about swimming. *No Limits* goes behind the scenes to explore the hard work, sacrifice, and dedication that catapulted Phelps into the international spotlight. Phelps will share remarkable anecdotes about family, his coach, his passion for the sport, and the wisdom that he has gained from unexpected challenges and obstacles. Highlighting memorable races and valuable lessons from throughout his career, Phelps offers candid insight into the mind and experiences of a world champion. *No Limits* will inspire anyone to follow their passion straight to the finish line.

Improve your fitness level, achieve your swimming goals, and maximize your workouts with the help of four-time Olympic gold medalist Janet Evans! Whether you have been swimming laps for years, want to get back into the water, or have a competitive streak for masters meets or triathlons, Janet Evans' *Total Swimming* has you covered. A total of 60 workouts and 12 progressive programs allow you to tailor your swim sessions by distance, intensity, and goal. The gold-medal information also details proper stroke technique, advantages of various gear, concepts such as interval sets and training phases, and making each workout more productive by stretching, building core strength, warming up, and cooling down. So dive into Janet Evans' *Total Swimming* and begin training with one of swimming's all-time legends.

Kids will be delighted to learn all about this amazing athlete's achievements. This title will cover Michael Phelps's early years, how he got started in swimming, and his 28 Olympics medals that he's earned throughout the years. Colorful full-bleed photographs, extra fun facts about Phelps, and a glossary complete this title. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. *Abdo Kids Jumbo* is an imprint of *Abdo Kids*, a division of *ABDO*.

The Olympic swimmer reveals the wild and challenging journey that took place between two gold medals: "Inspiring, humorous, and often profound."—*People Magazine* Anthony Ervin is an Olympic swimmer who won the gold at nineteen—and that may be one of the least interesting things about him. An athlete of Jewish and African-American descent who is also a practicing Buddhist, he auctioned off the medal he won in Sydney to help raise funds for victims of the 2004 tsunami. He had grown up battling Tourette's syndrome, and later struggled with suicidal depression, drinking and drugs, and a period of homelessness. This blend of memoir and biography, written by Ervin in collaboration with trainer Constantine Markides, is part spiritual quest, part self-destructive bender involving Zen temples, fast motorcycles, tattoo parlors, and rock 'n' roll bands—revealing the journey that preceded his remarkable 2016 Olympic comeback as the oldest individual gold medal winner in swimming. Winner of the 2018 Buck Dawson Author Award presented by the International Swimming Hall of Fame "Gripping... Readers will understand the psyche and life of

elite athletes as never before.”—Library Journal “A celebrated Olympian recounts how he rose to the top of his sport, crashed, and found redemption...The author never flinches at revealing his less-than-perfect past, and the humility he demonstrates at coming to terms with his own egotism and personal shortcomings makes the book frequently compelling. A provocative and refreshingly honest redemption memoir.”—Kirkus Reviews

In *The 100 Greatest Swimmers in History*, John Lohn profiles some of the biggest names the sport has ever seen, from Mark Spitz and Tracy Caulkins to Katie Ledecky and Michael Phelps. Each swimmer is ranked based on achievements such as Olympic medals, world and European championships, and world records. Lohn provides insight into how these swimmers became the best in their sport by detailing their accomplishments, finest performances, records, and noteworthy biographical information. This new, updated edition contains results from the two most recent World Championships and the 2016 Olympic Games, and while many athletes further cemented their top-100 status, some newcomers also made their way into the rankings—including Katie Ledecky, who launched herself high up the list with her dominating performances. *The 100 Greatest Swimmers in History* also features a new section highlighting the top coaches in the sport and includes multiple appendixes that serve as wonderful references for information such as world and Olympic medal counts of the profiled swimmers. Fans, coaches, athletes, and sport historians alike will find this an indispensable resource.

Michael Phelps, nicknamed the Flying Fish, is the most decorated Olympian of all time with a total of 28 medals. He has broken several world records in swimming and is now known as the greatest swimmer of all time. Diagnosed with ADHD at a young age, Phelps has broken the mold by overcoming the stigma surrounding the disorder. Although he retired from swimming after the 2016 Summer Olympics, Phelps still serves as a role model and a source of inspiration for young people around the world. This book provides readers with photographs and a timeline that give insight into Phelps's record-setting career.

From the moment I am born, I am like no-one else around me. I am a fish out of water. Even in the pool. Leisel Jones is rightly regarded as one of the greatest breaststrokers ever. At just fifteen, she won two silver medals at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000; she went on to win gold at Athens and Beijing, and at London 2012 became the first Australian swimmer to compete at four Olympics. For the first time, Leisel candidly describes what it's like to be thrust into the limelight so young. She reveals the constant pressure she was under – from coaches, from the media and from herself – to be perfect. Despite the highs of her swimming stardom, she suffered depression, and at one time planned to take her own life. In London, criticised in the media for her weight, and appalled by the bullying and dysfunction in the Australian swim team, Leisel nevertheless handled herself with great composure. She has emerged with maturity and good humour, having finally learnt how to be herself and live with confidence. *Body Lengths* is the inspiring story of an Australian sporting hero, told with humour, optimism and style. Longlisted, 2016 Australian Book Industry Awards ‘There were times when it wasn't easy for Leisel, but she came through as one of the greatest swimmers of all time.’ —Ray Warren

'Swimming, success and sadness - all wrapped up in the bio of one of our greatest athletes.' —Cosmopolitan 'Gripping, confronting and important, *Body Lengths* is a masterfully told story that will leave you with a disturbing new look at elite sport and at life. If you are not afraid of dark places – of seeing the flaws that exist in us all – you won't be able to put the book down.' —Crossing the Line 'Gold, silver and blues' —Herald Sun 'Many autobiographies claim to be no holds barred, but we're pressed to think of many that are as searingly honest as Leisel Jones' account of her struggles with isolation and suicidal anguish. One of Australia's greatest Olympic swimmers is known to the world for her sunny public persona and athletic grit, but outside of the pool and limelight, her path hasn't been easy. *Body Lengths* exposes some of the darker aspects of competitive sport, but what stuck with us was Jones' courage to speak her truth – as well as her disarming humility and passion.' —iBooks, Best Books of October 'A compelling and thought-provoking story, Leisel's honesty is remarkably heroic and poignant.' —Layne Beachley AO 'Lethal Leisel was an incredible role model and an inspiration for my generation. She epitomises the Olympic dream!' —Sally Fitzgibbons 'Leisel gives a fascinating and candid account of her time as an elite swimmer and what it was like to be thrust into the limelight at such a young age. She writes engagingly of the personal high and low points, the relationships and friendships, and the huge demands of maintaining her fitness and training over the years.' —The City Leisel Jones retired from swimming in 2012 as the winner of three Olympic gold medals, and many Commonwealth and world championship medals. She was a commentator at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and in 2015 was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. Felicity McLean is the author of several books. She has written for the Daily Telegraph, the Courier Mail, the Big Issue and more.

Most books on AI focus on the future of work. But now that algorithms can learn and adapt, does the future of creativity also belong to well-programmed machines? To answer this question, Marcus du Sautoy takes us to the forefront of creative new technologies and offers a more positive and unexpected vision of our future cohabitation with machines. Autobiography of Olympic swimmer, Katie Hoff. "Blueprint" is a candid account of the extraordinary life and athletic journey of one of America's greatest athletes and a champion in every way—the remarkable two-time Olympian Katie Hoff. "As a young swimmer growing up in Maryland, I was so fortunate to see first-hand the grace of Katie in and out of the pool. Her honesty and passion about her sporting and personal life shine through the pages of this well-written book, making it a must-read." -Katie Ledecky

At the end of the 19th century, Jim Crow laws still separated blacks from whites, and the excesses of the Gilded Age created an elite upper class. Major Taylor, a young black man, wanted to compete in the nation's most popular and mostly white man's sport, cycling. Birdie Munger, a white cyclist who once was the world's fastest man, declared that he could help turn the young black athlete into a champion. Taylor faced racism at nearly every turn. Kranish shows how

Taylor indeed became a world champion, traveled the world, was the toast of Paris, and was one of the most chronicled black men of his day. -- adapted from jacket

The champion cyclist recounts his diagnosis with cancer, the grueling treatments during which he was given a less than twenty percent chance for survival, his surprising victory in the 1999 Tour de France, and the birth of his son.

This is a new edition of Greg Louganis's 1995 #1 New York Times bestselling autobiography and Literary Guild Selection. It is the unflinchingly honest first-person account of a man breaking free of a lifetime of silence and isolation. Born to a young Samoan father and Northern European mother, and adopted at nine months, Greg began diving at age nine, and at sixteen won a silver medal at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. But despite his astonishing athletic skill, Greg struggled with late-detected dyslexia, prejudice toward his dark skin coloring and anguish over his homosexuality, which he felt compelled to hide. Being in the spotlight intensified his difficulties with relationships and substance abuse. However, Louganis went on to win double gold medals at the 1984 and 1988 Olympics. His triumph at the 1988 Olympics came several months after he tested positive for HIV. This is the haunting, searingly candid story of the world's greatest diver. This new edition includes a new foreword.

A powerful story of the unprecedented athletic feats and accomplishments of the St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols, one of the greatest baseball players to ever live . . . and the faith that has made them possible.

Michael Phelps is an American sports hero, perhaps the greatest Olympic athlete the world has ever known. His unprecedented eight gold medals in the 2008 Summer Olympics have made him a superstar. But his journey to Olympic immortality is every bit as compelling as his achievements in the pool. From learning to cope with ADHD to the story of how Phelps became the greatest swimmer ever, Phelps' tale is told in full detail here for the first time. The author, Bob Schaller, has known Phelps and his coach for more than eight years, and has extensively interviewed him, along with his mother, sisters, coach, and teammates. Filled with revelations, career statistics, and insightful analysis of how Phelps achieved the seemingly impossible, this is a must-read for anyone who wants to learn the complete story behind the legend.

In California, a team of talented young men begin pursuing the most elusive dream in sports, the Olympic Games. The pressure steadily increases as two best friends (a mentor and his protégé) reach the top of the world rankings and unexpectedly find themselves direct competitors. Their teammates include an emerging star methodically plotting to retrace his father's path to Olympic glory, as well as a super-extraordinary athlete desperate to walk away from it all. Led by one of the most passionate coaches in sports, a brilliant and explosive strategist on a personal quest for redemption, this team of dark horses and Olympic favorites works through escalating rivalries, joyous triumphs, and heartbreaking setbacks. Author P. H. Mullen chronicles their

journey to the 2000 Olympic Games and presents one of the most powerful and moving sports books ever written. Boldly sweeping in literary power and pace, this startling book will permanently change how you view the Olympic athlete. It is a fascinating world of suspense and emotion where human desire for excellence rules over all, and where there are no second chances for glory. But above all, *Gold in the Water* is a triumph of the human spirit.

Stubble scruffed up their chins. Tobacco wads ballooned their cheeks. The 1993 Philadelphia Phillies had the look of a slow-pitch softball team itching to kick some serious butt. They did kick butt, too, on and off the field. "They lived the life of professional baseball players as fully as it can be done," manager Jim Fregosi said. Though they weren't a photogenic bunch, their mugs were everywhere, on *Baseball Today*, on David Letterman, and on *Saturday Night Live*. Even President Clinton quipped about them. The newly revised edition of Robert Gordon's and Tom Burgoyne's *More Than Beards, Bellies, and Biceps: The Story of the 1993 Phillies* tells the complete story of this gang of baseball throwbacks that quickly seduced the hometown fans. By season's end they had won over the rest of the country, too. America's Most Wanted Team became America's Team in a heart-thumping World Series against Toronto. The '93 Phils drew more spectators than any other Philadelphia franchise in the city's century-and-a-quarter of professional sports. *More Than Beards, Bellies, and Biceps* offers the story of a team that burned the candle at both ends and lit up a city like a firecracker.

See how to achieve stronger starts, more explosive turns, and faster times! *Swimming Anatomy* will show you how to improve your performance by increasing muscle strength and optimizing the efficiency of every stroke. *Swimming Anatomy* includes 74 of the most effective swimming exercises, each with step-by-step descriptions and full-color anatomical illustrations highlighting the primary muscles in action. *Swimming Anatomy* goes beyond exercises by placing you on the starting block, in the water, and into the throes of competition. Illustrations of the active muscles for starts, turns, and the four competitive strokes (freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke) show you how each exercise is fundamentally linked to swimming performance. You'll also learn how exercises can be modified to target specific areas, improve your form in the water, and minimize common swimming injuries. Best of all, you'll learn how to put it all together to develop a training program based on your individual needs and goals. Whether you are training for a 50-meter freestyle race or the open-water stage of a triathlon, *Swimming Anatomy* will ensure you enter the water prepared to achieve every performance goal.

From his perspective as a journalist and a true fan, Bob Costas, NBC's award-winning broadcaster, shares his views on the forces that are diminishing the appeal of Major League Baseball and proposes realistic changes that can be made to protect and promote the game's best interests. In this cogent--and provocative--book, Costas examines the growing financial disparities that have resulted in nearly two-thirds of the teams in Major League Baseball having virtually no chance of contending for the World Series. He argues that those who run baseball have missed the crucial difference between mere change and real progress. And he presents a withering critique of the positions of both the owners and players while providing insights on the wild-card system, the designated-hitter rule, and interleague play. Costas answers each problem he cites with an achievable strategy for restoring

genuine competition and rescuing fans from the forces that have diluted the sheer joy of the game. Balanced by Costas's unbridled appreciation for what he calls the "moments of authenticity" that can still make baseball inspiring, Fair Ball offers a vision of our national pastime as it can be, a game that retains its traditional appeal while initiating meaningful changes that will allow it to thrive into the next century.

The four-time Olympic Gold medalist and her parents trace the inspirational story of how she became both a legendary athlete and a happy and confident woman, achievements that were accomplished by doing things their own way and making the right choices for their family. --Publisher's description.

From legendary Olympic gold medalist Dara Torres comes a motivational, inspirational memoir about staying fit, aging gracefully, and pursuing your dreams. Dara Torres captured the hearts and minds of Americans of all ages when she launched her Olympic comeback as a new mother at the age of forty-one—years after she had retired from competitive swimming and eight years since her last Olympics. When she took three silver medals in Beijing—including a heartbreaking .01-second finish behind the gold medalist in the women's 50-meter freestyle—America loved her all the more for her astonishing achievement and her good-natured acceptance of the results. Now, in *Age Is Just a Number*, Dara reveals how the dream of an Olympic comeback first came to her—when she was months into her first, hard-won pregnancy. With humor and candor, Dara recounts how she returned to serious training—while nursing her infant daughter and contending with her beloved father's long battle with cancer. Dara talks frankly about diving back in for this comeback; about being an older athlete in a younger athletes' game; about competition, doubt, and belief; about working through pain and uncertainty; and finally—about seizing the moment and, most important, never giving up. A truly self-made legend, her story will resonate with women of all ages—and with anyone daring to entertain a seemingly impossible dream.

Eight medals, including six gold and two bronze. Michael Phelps used the Olympic Games in Athens as his breakout event. Already known in the swimming world for the summer of 2003 when he set seven world records in 41 days, Michael's record-tying medal haul made him a mainstream name. He's well on his way to his ambitious goal of "changing the sport of swimming," but despite Michael's pre-eminence in the pool, his story is not a swimming diary but a take of adversities overcome and redemption through persistence.

Eat Right, Swim Faster is the ultimate nutrition resource for competitive swimmers of all ages. It is a smartly written book of highly practical and very accessible information for swimmers interested in what food can do for them in their pursuit of maximum performance in the water. Rather than insisting that readers wade through a tangle of highly technical terminology, *Eat Right, Swim Faster* provides an abundance of sound, practical advice, in a straightforward, non-academic tone. *Eat Right, Swim Faster* draws on the very latest sports nutrition research as well as the very personal experience of the author—a registered dietitian, sports nutritionist, swim coach, athlete, and mother of three competitive swimmers. Readers can therefore be confident they're receiving the smartest, most up-to-date information on the foods and drinks that will serve them—and their swimming

performance—best.

A breakaway bestseller since its first printing, *All Souls* takes us deep into Michael Patrick MacDonald's Southie, the proudly insular neighborhood with the highest concentration of white poverty in America. Rocked by Whitey Bulger's crime schemes and busing riots, MacDonald's Southie is populated by sharply hewn characters like his Ma, a miniskirted, accordion-playing single mother who endures the deaths of four of her eleven children. Nearly suffocated by his grief and his community's code of silence, MacDonald tells his family story here with gritty but moving honesty.

Comines the stories of Rune, the greatest violinist who played the Ghost of Skull Hill to sleep; Robin who must recruit the Ghost to aid their cause; and Nightingale who joins forces with T'fyr, a nonhuman with the face of a raptor

The inspiring story of Brad Snyder's journey from the Naval Academy to Afghanistan, from being blinded by an IED explosion to winning Paralympic gold. In Afghanistan, Lieutenant Brad Snyder had one of the world's most dangerous jobs: to find and destroy enemy bombs, as an elite US Navy Special Operations warrior. On September 7, 2011, the former Naval Academy captain of the swim team stepped on an improvised explosive device while helping save the lives of his patrol's Afghan counterparts. The subsequent explosion left Snyder permanently blind. Through unrelenting pain, hard work, and dedication, Snyder qualified for the US Paralympic Team and on September 7, 2012—none year to the day after suffering his devastating injury—he won a gold medal in men's swimming for Team USA in London. Brad Snyder's journey from darkness to light embodies the courage of America's new "Greatest Generation" and serves as an inspiration to all of us.

Often characterized as David facing Goliath on the tennis court, at 5'9" and 150 pounds Michael Chang is used to playing with the big hitters. What he lacks in stature, he makes up for in determination. A serious contender at any Grand Slam event, his bold statement of faith in God makes him a role model we can all look up to. "What's nice," Michael says, "is that, as long as my priorities are straight, I'm able to go out with the mentality to really leave the winning and losing up to the Lord." In *Holding Serve* readers get a unique glimpse at Team Chang, Michael's powerful family unit that he credits with much of his success. Michael also shares the story of how he became a Christian and the central role his faith has played in his achievements.

Bob Bowman, best known as the coach for the record-breaking run of Michael Phelps, is one of the most successful coaches in sports history. He is lauded for his intense personality, incredible dedication to his athletes, and his ability to nurture talent in athletes who have the heart and drive to win. This is his motivational book about winning in all walks of life and what you have to do to get there. He presents ten key concepts that all people should live by. Illuminating his lessons with spirited anecdotes, Bowman will teach you how to get gold out of every day by setting goals and getting motivated to achieve them. He will explain that taking risks is the key to success in any pursuit, and coach you on how you can become more risk-tolerant. By following *The Golden Rules*, you will learn to visualize in order to achieve your goals, and that above all else, dedication to your training, your job, or whatever area it is you are seeking to triumph in is paramount for success.

With his record-breaking eight gold medals won for swimming in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, Phelps became an international sensation. In this picture book, Phelps explains the mind-boggling statistics of his years of training in terms young kids can understand. Full color.

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This book is the first complete history of swimming that looks at multiple aspects of the sport, including the top swimmers, major moments, controversies, developments, innovations, and more. Leading up to the 2020/2021 Olympic Games, it is the most up-to-date resource on competitive swimming.

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