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Abstract : This book gives an account of the Olympic story from its beginning in 1894 to the present day, including an in-depth account of the 2012 London Olympic Games. The illustrated story covers the re-creation of the Olympic Games by Pierre de Coubertin.

often controversial fortunes of the governing body, formed in 1894, and the rules of the Olympics themselves since the first Games in 1896. It also tells the story of the historic competitors - from Spyridon Louis (the inaugural marathon winner) through to heroes as Jim Thorpe, Paavo Nurmi, Sonja Henie, Jesse Owens, Fanny Blankers-Koen, Zdeněk Pešek, Herb Elliott, Kip Keino, Mark Spitz, Franz Klammer, Sebastian Coe and through to Hicham El Guerrouj, Michael Phelps, Usain Bolt, Yu-na Kim and Mo'Nique. Detailed background is provided to the many crises: the Nazi Games of 1936; the massacre at Mexico City in 1968; the terrorist slaughter of Israelis at the 1972 Games; the boycotts; the advent of professionals from 1988; and the Ben Jonson and the ongoing threat of drug abuse. The mounting million-dollar investment in obsessed nations is also questioned. The book has 81 chapters, an index, and several appendices containing Olympic Games results and medals tables and other

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