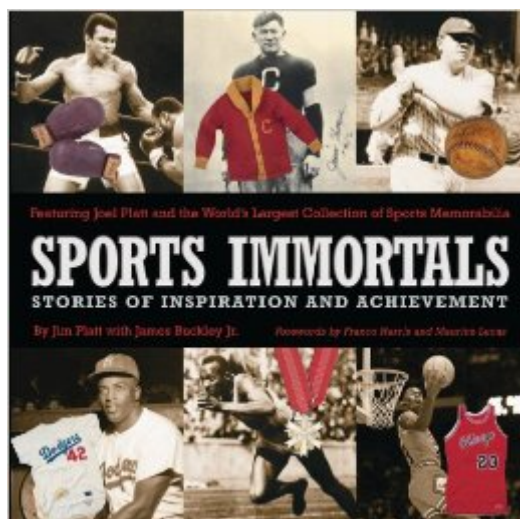


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# Sports Immortals: Stories Of Inspiration And Achievement



## Synopsis

Honor the greatest athletes of all time with the world's supreme collection of sports memorabilia. Sports Immortals spans more than a century of athletic achievement and contains more than a million mementos, including uniforms, gear, autographs, artifacts, tickets, programs, cards, games, and more. You'll follow the path of sports history as you move through each chapter and discover the stories of more than 100 inspirational athletes, including: -Jack Johnson -Muhammad Ali -Jim Thorpe -Walter Payton -Jesse Owens -Wayne Gretzky -Dale Earnhardt -And more! Your beloved sports heroes will come to life through the beautiful full-color photography and in-depth detail of Sports Immortals. No sports fan should be without it. For the first time, this collection is being presented to the public in this visually stunning book. The living memories on these pages represent the lifelong vision of collector Joel Pratt, who has worked tirelessly since childhood to gather sports memorabilia as the nucleus for a museum to honor sports legends. In this book, athletes come to life through the stunning depth of the Sports Immortals collection and through beautiful, full-color photography. Revisit sports history and be inspired by the stories of great athletes every time you turn the page.

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Truly an exceptional gathering of sports legends and their respective histories, Sports Immortals takes us on a tour that even sports-phobic individuals will love. From baseball and football, to skating and NASCAR, the pages capture the essence of the cultural phenomenon that we take for

granted today. Unexpectedly, most interesting are the pages which highlight not the obvious modern-day heroes, but rather the legends of yester-year, such as Jack Johnson (1910 African-American prize fighter) or Don Budge (1930's tennis champion). Although some of the accompanying pictures are seemingly boring at first glance, they take on new life when you realize that these are actual items in Joel and Jim Platt's museum collection. And that, of course, is the point of the book--to make us realize that these individuals are real and not simply the intangible "stuff of legend." In particular, the photos and supplemental annotations at the end of the book illustrate not only the diversity and amazing progress of the sports world (check out the 1864 ice skates!), but also the incessant controversies that accompany it (must-see letter of Jack Johnson's confession of throwing the big fight). I now display the book proudly on my coffee table for all to view. What more can I say....the only thing better is to go to Boca Raton, FL to see it for real.

I received a copy of this book from my friend. This book is full of great stories and photographs of the greatest athletes of all time. The book goes beyond the typical information you have seen in the past and opens the door to interesting stories about the author's father, who has collected an amazing amount of incredible memorabilia. The photographs of the items in Joel Platt's collection amazed me. His story and moments with these athletes is also very inspirational. I recommend this book and hope to one day see Joel realize his dreams of opening his Sports Immortals museum so that I can enjoy the full extent of his collection.

Wow! What a great book. Inspiring stories from the greatest athletes in the world. The stories are well written and enjoyable to read. It is quite evident that the book is a result of many years of hard work, dedication and a labor of love. The layout is awesome and the pictures are even better. It is a great gift for all ages.

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