

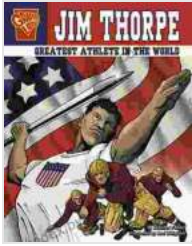
Uncover the Inspiring Legacy of Jim Thorpe: A Graphic Biography by Jennifer Fandel

A Journey Through the Life of a Legendary Athlete



Prepare to be captivated by the extraordinary life of Jim Thorpe, an athlete whose name is synonymous with excellence and resilience. Jennifer

Fandel's graphic biography, "Jim Thorpe," paints a vivid portrait of this legendary figure, capturing his athletic triumphs, personal struggles, and enduring legacy as a symbol of Native American pride.



Jim Thorpe (Graphic Biographies) by Jennifer Fandel

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The Early Years: From Poverty to the Olympics

Born in the Sac and Fox Nation in 1887, Jim Thorpe's childhood was marked by poverty and discrimination. Despite these challenges, his athletic prowess emerged at a young age. As a student at Carlisle Indian Industrial School, he excelled in football, track and field, and baseball, earning a reputation as one of the most versatile athletes of his time.

Olympic Glory and Football Fame

Thorpe's athleticism reached its zenith at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics. He became the first Native American to win Olympic gold medals, triumphing in the pentathlon and decathlon. Upon his return to the United States, he joined the professional football team Canton Bulldogs, solidifying his status as a football legend.

A Stolen Victory and the Loss of Medals

Thorpe's Olympic triumphs were short-lived. In 1913, the International Olympic Committee stripped him of his medals after learning that he had played professional baseball before the Olympics. This ruling cast a shadow over his career, but Thorpe's spirit remained unyielding.

Overcoming Adversity and Finding Redemption



Despite the disappointment of losing his medals, Thorpe continued to pursue his athletic dreams. He played professional football and baseball for several years and later became a successful businessman. He also dedicated himself to promoting Native American rights and education.

Legacy as an American Icon

Jim Thorpe's impact extended far beyond sports. He became a symbol of Native American pride and resilience, inspiring generations of athletes and activists. In 1982, his Olympic medals were reinstated, restoring his rightful place as one of the greatest athletes of all time.

Jennifer Fandel's Captivating Narrative

Jennifer Fandel's graphic biography brings Jim Thorpe's life to life through stunning artwork and a compelling narrative. She captures the complexities of his character, from his athletic brilliance to his personal struggles. Fandel's portrayal of Thorpe's determination, resilience, and unwavering spirit is both inspiring and deeply moving.

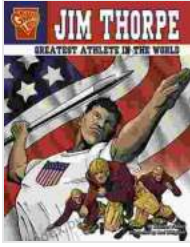
A Must-Read for Sports Enthusiasts and History Buffs

Whether you're a sports enthusiast, a student of history, or simply someone who appreciates an inspiring story, "Jim Thorpe" is a must-read. Jennifer Fandel's graphic biography offers a unique and unforgettable glimpse into the life and legacy of one of America's greatest athletes and cultural icons.

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