

## Alex Morgan Amazing Athletes

The Olympic gold medal-winning soccer player details her path to success, from her childhood in California to her time on the United States' National team.

Many people believed NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers would quickly become a star when he joined the Green Bay Packers in 2005. But as the backup to Brett Favre, Aaron didn't get to play much during his first three seasons. When Aaron took over as starting quarterback in 2008, he showed that he belonged on the field. Aaron led his team to the playoffs in 2009. The next season, he guided the Packers to victory in Super Bowl XLV. Learn more about this amazing quarterback's journey from his childhood in California all the way to Super Bowl MVP. A biography on the life and accomplishments of snowboarder Shaun White, the first person to compete in both the Summer and Winter X Games.

"The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team has won four World Cups and four Olympic gold medals, set record TV ratings, drawn massive crowds, earned huge revenues for FIFA and U.S. Soccer, and helped to redefine the place of women in sports. But despite their dominance, and their rosters of superstar players, they've endured striking inequality: low pay, poor playing conditions, and limited opportunities to play in professional leagues. The National Team, from leading soccer journalist Caitlin Murray, tells the history of the USWNT in full, from their formation in the 1980s to the run-up to the 2019 World Cup, chronicling both their athletic triumphs and less visible challenges off the pitch. Murray also recounts the rise and fall of U.S. professional leagues, including the burgeoning National Women's Soccer League, an essential part of the women's game. Through nearly 100 exclusive interviews with players, coaches, and team officials, including Alex Morgan, Carli Lloyd, Hope Solo, Heather O'Reilly, Julie Foudy, Brandi Chastain, Pia Sundhage, Tom Sermanni, and Sunil Gulati, Murray takes readers inside the locker rooms and board rooms in engrossing detail. A story of endurance and determination, The National Team is a complete portrait of this beloved and important team."--provided by publisher.

A renowned sports surgeon offers expert advice for the prevention and treatment of sports-related injuries, explaining on a sport-by-sport basis the best methods for protecting the body for a lifetime of physical activity.

Inspire sports fans with the success stories of Amazing Athletes. Each attractive high-interest biography includes a description of a famous athlete's career from the beginning through his or her current achievements. Just right for reluctant readers.

Usain Bolt has been known as the fastest runner in the world since the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. The Jamaican sprinter earned this title when he set a world record and took home the gold medal in the Men's 100m race. Then he went on to win gold and set world records in the Men's 200m and Men's 4 x 100m Relay events. Usain will set out to prove that he is still the world's fastest person when he competes in the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England. Learn more about Usain's journey from his childhood in western Jamaica to the top of the sports world.

The Kicks' championship hopes are being sabotaged in the second book in a series that celebrates confidence and teamwork, from star soccer player and Olympic gold medalist Alex Morgan. Things are going wrong left and right for the Kentville girls' soccer team, and Devin's sure the girls from their rival team, the Pinewood Panthers, are behind the many mishaps. Can Devin get to the bottom of the mystery and stop the sabotage before her team's championship hopes disappear for good?

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Presents the life and accomplishments of the female basketball player.

Introduces the life and accomplishments of champion skateboarder Tony Hawk.

A star athlete shares her trailblazing account of triumph in the face of sexism, self-doubt, and injury, gives a remarkable global tour of the women's soccer world, and presents a stirring call-to-action to secure equal pay and conditions. When Susie Petruccelli won a place on Harvard University's soccer team, she felt on top of the world—talented, strong, and worthy. Unfortunately, after sustaining injuries and developing health problems, she felt her worth slip away. In this remarkable memoir, Petruccelli reveals how she battled her way back onto the field and continued to fight even after she hung up her cleats. She distills the significance of not giving up on oneself and inspires players of all sports who've faced injuries to persevere. She also brings to light the inequities and discrimination female athletes face that she's traveled the world to see and document firsthand, and introduces the international athletes and activists fighting for equal pay and conditions. In so doing, she reveals the progress made, as well as the battles ahead and the force of the movement. *Raised a Warrior* is the winner of the Vikki Orvice Prize and has been praised by a wide range of sports icons from Pelé to Billie Jean King.

Alex Morgan plays for the US National Team and for the Orlando Pride of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL). She is one of the top 10 goal scorers in US women's soccer history and won an Olympic gold medal in 2012. That same year, she was a US Soccer Athlete of the Year and a finalist for FIFA World Player of the Year. Off the field, Morgan connects with her fans through advocacy work. Learn how she trains, what her life is like outside of soccer, and more.

Learn all about one of the top stars of the U.S. Women's National Team in this action-packed book

Highlighting the pioneering efforts of women athletes, this board book edition features simpler text and Rachel Ignatofsky's signature beautiful illustrations to give young girls the perfect role models to grow up with while inspiring a love of sports. The collection includes diverse women across various sports, time periods, and geographic location.

Give tennis star Serena Williams the gravity defying torso of the American Olympian Simone Biles and the famous goal-scoring feet of soccer star Alex Morgan. *Sports-Match: Women* features the greatest stars from the most popular sports in this fun mix-and-match illustrated book.

Printed on heavy board and laminated, *Sports-Match: Women* will stand up against the most enthusiastic, young sports fans. Including full images with capsule biographies, the book features world renowned athletes, from the Olympics to the pro leagues. With one thousand possible athlete combinations, *Sports-Match* will get active kids excited about books in a whole new way. Featured athletes include Serena Williams, Simone Biles, Alex Morgan, Katie Ledecky, Misty Copeland, Alyson Felix, Breanna Stewart, Lindsey Vonn, Kerri Walsh Jennings, and Danica Patrick. Sports include tennis, gymnastics, soccer, swimming, ballet, track, basketball, skiing, volleyball, and car racing.

Renowned sports journalist Dan Wetzel shoots and scores with *Epic Athletes: Lionel Messi*, an inspiring young readers biography of a soccer great who rose from an underdog to a champion! Featuring comic-style illustrations by Jay Reed! Lionel Messi has taken the soccer world by storm. He scored the most goals in a season. He's racked up championships. There was even a statue built in his honor. Despite the accolades, he's still hungry for more goals, more championships, more opportunities to shine on the soccer pitch. Messi's drive to succeed has motivated him ever since he first stepped on his local, worn down field as a kid. Yet his success didn't come without bumps in the road. Diagnosed with a career-threatening medical condition at ten, Messi refused to give up on his dream, and went on to amass one of the greatest careers in sports history. Filled with sports action and bold illustrations, this thrilling biography details the rise of a living soccer legend. Praise for *Epic Athletes* \* "An unusually informative and enjoyable sports biography for young readers." —Booklist, starred review for

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Epic Athletes: Stephen Curry

When Alex Morgan was eight years old, she dreamed of becoming an Olympian. In 2012, that dream came true when she helped the United States Women's National Team (USWNT) win the soccer gold medal at the Olympic Games in London, England. In 2015, Alex and her USWNT teammates beat Japan in the championship match to win the World Cup. Alex is also an author, a model, and much more. Read all about Alex's life and her path to soccer stardom.

In Epic Athletes: Simone Biles, celebrated sports journalist Dan Wetzel scores a perfect ten with this uplifting young reader's biography of gold medal gymnast Simone Biles! Featuring comic-style illustrations from Marcelo Baez! At the 2016 Summer Olympics, Simone Biles dazzled gymnastics fans across the globe with each jaw-dropping flip, twist, and dismount. Her record-breaking performance catapulted her to the top of the sport, and she quickly became a hero to young people. But well before Simone faced Olympic trials on the balance beam and rings, she confronted real-life challenges as a kid, as she moved in and out of foster care. With the support and love of her grandparents, plus her unwavering drive to make history on the ultimate stage in sports, she grew into an incredible role model and activist—and one of the greatest athletes of our time. Filled with sports action and bold comic-style illustrations, this inspiring biography recounts the incredible life of a world class gymnast. Praise for Epic Athletes: \* "Wetzel knows how to organize the facts and tell a good story. . . an unusually informative and enjoyable sports biography for young readers." —Booklist, STARRED review of Epic Athletes: Stephen Curry

With help from his older brother Larry, nine-year-old Ben learns to cope with his nervousness about the Kickers League playoffs.

The Olympic runner, actress, filmmaker and writer Alexi Pappas shares what she's learned about confidence, self-reliance, mental health, embracing pain, and achieving your dreams. "Heartbreaking and hilarious."—Mindy Kaling • "A beautiful read."—Ruth Reichl • "Essential guidance to anyone dreaming big dreams."—Shalane Flanagan • "I couldn't put it down."—Adam Grant run like a bravey sleep like a baby dream like a crazy replace can't with maybe When "Renaissance runner" (New York Times) Alexi Pappas—Olympic athlete, actress, filmmaker, and writer—was four years old, her mother died by suicide, drastically altering the course of Pappas's life and setting her on a search for female role models. When her father signed his bereaved daughter up for sports teams as a way to keep her busy, female athletes became the first women Pappas looked up to, and her Olympic dream was born. At the same time, Pappas had big creative dreams, too: She wanted to make movies, write, and act. Despite setbacks and hardships, Pappas refused to pick just one lane. She put in a tremendous amount of hard work and wouldn't let anything stand in her way until she achieved all of her dreams, however unrelated they may seem to outsiders. In a single year, 2016, she made her

Olympic debut as a distance runner and wrote, directed, and starred in her first feature film. But great highs are often accompanied by deep lows; with joy comes sorrow. In *Bravey*, Pappas fearlessly and honestly shares her battle with post-Olympic depression and describes how she emerged on the other side as a thriving and self-actualized woman. Unflinching, exuberant, and always entertaining, *Bravey* showcases Pappas's signature, charming voice as she reflects upon the touchstone moments in her life and the lessons that have powered her career as both an athlete and an artist—foremost among them, how to be brave. Pappas's experiences reveal how we can all overcome hardship, befriend pain, celebrate victory, relish the loyalty found in teammates, and claim joy. In short: how every one of us can become a bravey.

Odell Beckham Jr.—New York Giants wide receiver—shocks National Football League (NFL) fans with his incredible catches. In a 2014 game versus the Dallas Cowboys, Odell made a one-handed touchdown reception that earned his game jersey a spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. But he is more than just a showman on the field. Odell was named Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2014, and his performance only improved in 2015. Learn more about Odell's journey to stardom.

Professional soccer player Alex Morgan of the Portland Thorns FC is a World Cup and Olympic champion.

From star soccer player and Olympic gold medalist Alex Morgan comes the New York Times bestselling first book in an empowering, fun-filled middle grade series about believing in yourself and working as a team. Twelve-year-old Devin loves to play soccer. If she hadn't just left Connecticut to move across the country, she would have been named seventh-grade captain on her school soccer team. But now that Devin is starting seventh grade in Kentville, California, all bets are off. After all, some of the best players on the US national team come from California. She's sure to have stiff competition. Or so she thinks. When Devin shows up for tryouts, she discovers that the Kentville Kangaroos—otherwise known as the Kicks—are an absolute mess. Their coach couldn't care less whether the girls win or lose. And Devin is easily one of the most talented players. The good news is, Devin quickly makes friends with funny, outgoing Jessi; shy but sweet Zoe; and klutzy Emma. Can Devin and her newfound friends pull together and save the team from itself?

Audisee® eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and text highlighting for an engaging read aloud experience! Although she's just 4 feet, 11 inches tall, Gabby Douglas made a larger-than-life impact on the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Gabby dominated the gymnastics all-around competition with her flawless execution and amazingly high flips, winning gold by a landslide. In early 2012, this pint-sized powerhouse was ready to quit gymnastics for good, but she kept going. Competing at the Olympics at just sixteen years old, she became the best female gymnast in the world. Read about this incredible athlete's journey from Virginia Beach to London gold.

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An easy-to-read, photo-filled biography of "Shaq" especially for young readers.

Profiles the life and accomplishments of Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant.

Known as one of the best soccer players in the world, at age 14, she became known as "Baby Horse" for her amazing speed. Her talent helped her to score a lot of goals and receive many awards for her high school and college teams. As a professional soccer player, she has helped her teams win a World Cup and an Olympic gold medal. From super soccer star to author of a children's book series, Alex Morgan has a promising future ahead of her. Randy's Corner books introduce nonfiction to preschool and early elementary school students. most popular athletes. Starting her soccer career Alex Morgan has also become one of the world's

In *Epic Athletes: Kevin Durant*, award-winning sports journalist Dan Wetzel tells the inspirational true-life story of an NBA superstar in this thrilling biography for young readers! Featuring comic-style illustrations by Marcelo Baez! In 2016, Kevin Durant shocked the basketball world when he decided to sign with the Golden State Warriors. Many questioned why one of the league's best players would join a team that was already stacked with talent—didn't he want to make a name for himself as the sole leader of a team? Kevin would have the last laugh, winning two championships and putting to rest any questions about his incredible legacy. In choosing to tune out the noise, he instead set his sights on success, maintaining the same winning attitude that has helped him achieve and overcome ever since he was kid. Even after his father abandoned the family when he was a young boy, when he was told he was too skinny to make an impact in the NBA, Kevin ignored the critics and forged his own path to victory. Filled with sports action and comic-style illustrations, this inspiring biography recaps the life of one of the most talented scorers in NBA history.

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Ask most of the millions of pre-teen soccer-playing girls in America if they plan to make the U.S. Women's National Team someday and the answer for them - and most of their parents - will be a resounding "Yes!" Among the most successful international teams in any sport in the past three decades, the USNWT has emerged as a collective cultural icon, with its individual members redrafting the very definition of female across the globe. With the lines blurring between male and female behavior, girls are competing ferociously and celebrating wildly without apology. Women are demanding gender and racial equity, while dressing and speaking authentically, and loving however and whomever they choose. The reality is that making the National Team is about as likely as winning the lottery. Of the tens of millions of soccer players since the team was formed in 1985, fewer than 250 women have ever made it to the highest level as of 2020. In *Raising Tomorrow's Champions*, one of those players, 16-year professional Joanna Lohman, joins current soccer dad and 40-year journalist Paul Tukey to share the team members' stories, from the early pioneers like Michelle Akers, Brandi Chastain and Mia Hamm, who are now parents themselves, to modern-day household names like Abby Wambach, Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe. For a true picture of what makes these women champions, Joanna and Paul also talked to their parents, coaches and teammates. The result of this unprecedented access to the National Team is an

intimately revealing portrait of what it takes to make it to the top, not just in soccer, but in life. Not every child will make the most elite team, but the choices they - and their families - make in the face of challenge and adversity may define their childhood, their high school experiences, their college options, and their path forward in life. Not every child will necessarily even play soccer, but the lessons shared within *Raising Tomorrow's Champions* can help him or her become accomplished, authentic, and satisfied adults no matter what path they choose.

Praise for *Mind Gym* "Believing in yourself is paramount to success for any athlete. Gary's lessons and David's writing provide examples of the importance of the mental game." --Ben Crenshaw, two-time Masters champion and former Ryder Cup captain  
"Mind Gym hits a home run. If you want to build mental muscle for the major leagues, read this book." --Ken Griffey Jr., Major League Baseball MVP  
"I read *Mind Gym* on my way to the Sydney Olympics and really got a lot out of it. Gary has important lessons to teach, and you'll find the exercises fun and beneficial." --Jason Kidd, NBA All-Star and Olympic gold-medal winner  
In *Mind Gym*, noted sports psychology consultant Gary Mack explains how your mind influences your performance on the field or on the court as much as your physical skill does, if not more so. Through forty accessible lessons and inspirational anecdotes from prominent athletes--many of whom he has worked with--you will learn the same techniques and exercises Mack uses to help elite athletes build mental "muscle." *Mind Gym* will give you the "head edge" over the competition.

LeBron James has been a National Basketball Association (NBA) superstar since he joined the Cleveland Cavaliers as a teenager in 2003. In 2010, after turning Cleveland into a winning team, LeBron left his hometown to play with the Miami Heat. In Miami, LeBron and his teammates won the NBA Finals in 2012 and 2013. In 2014, LeBron returned to Cleveland to try to bring a championship to the city. Read all about LeBron's remarkable journey.

In *Epic Athletes: Stephen Curry*, acclaimed journalist and bestselling author Dan Wetzel tells the inspiring, electrifying story of the NBA superstar, beginning a new series of sports biographies for young readers! Featuring comic-style illustrations by Zeke Peña!  
When you think of Stephen Curry, one word comes to mind: greatness. From shooting three-pointers with laser precision to his clutch ability to hit buzzer-beaters time and again, he has established himself as one of the best players in pro basketball. But greatness was never a guarantee for Steph. The son of a talented NBA player, he dreamed of one day playing professionally just like his dad. Yet Steph, who was always smaller and weaker than the competition, was told over and over that he would never be talented enough to be a college star or NBA player--let alone the MVP of the entire league. Through tenacity and hard work, he proved them all wrong and went on to dismantle the record books. With the high energy of a TV commentator, and featuring dynamic comic-style illustrations, this engaging biography tells the story of an NBA All-Star and the path he took to achieve his dreams. \* "Wetzel knows how to organize the facts and tell a good story. . . an unusually informative and enjoyable sports biography for young readers." —Booklist (starred review) A Junior Library Guild selection!

Kicking off his new series of sports biographies for young readers, journalist Dan Wetzel tells the inspiring true life story of a US Women's Soccer star in *Epic Athletes: Alex Morgan*. Featuring graphic-style illustrations by Cory Thomas! Fierce competitor.

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World Cup winner. Role model. U.S. Women's Soccer star Alex Morgan has earned each of these impressive titles throughout her incredible career. As a young girl growing up in Southern California, she dreamed of being a professional soccer player, fighting to compete on the international stage against the world's greatest athletes. Flash forward to the present and Alex Morgan has emerged as the face of U.S. Women's soccer, famous for her clutch, late-game goals, and an inspiration to kids across the country. Bestselling author Dan Wetzel details the rise of an American champion in this uplifting biography for young readers, complete with dynamic comic-style illustrations.

From the World Cup to the Olympics, from Mia Hamm to Carli Lloyd to Alex Morgan, here is the ultimate guide to Women's Soccer for young sports fans from an award-winning sports journalist. The moment the U.S. Women's Soccer team won the World Cup in 1999, the team's--and the sport's--popularity exploded in America. The Americans' electrifying rise to the top marked the biggest women's sporting event in our nation's history. Players like Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain instantly became international stars, setting the stage for the arrival of future greats like Carli Lloyd, Abby Wambach, and Alex Morgan. And with women's professional leagues continuing to take shape in America, as well as the skyrocketing popularity of the U.S. Women's National Team, there's no doubt that women's soccer has captivated fans across the country and beyond. Featuring Top Ten Lists and stunning photos of history-making moments, this comprehensive collection catalogs the rise of women's soccer in America; the greatest American players such as Mia Hamm, Hope Solo, and Alex Morgan; the greatest international stars, including Marta and Homare Sawa; the future class of superstars; and the most thrilling World Cup and Olympic matches. This is the perfect book for young sports fans eager to kick off their soccer schooling. Praise for *Champions of Women's Soccer*: \* "Killion has distilled the best of the best moments and biographical information into an easy-to-read and exciting look at the players and moments in women's soccer. . . . Sports fans will be overjoyed, but the superhero-comics crowd might also be pleasantly surprised by these modern-day wonder women. A must-have for any biography section." --Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW "The focus on women athletes represents a much-needed perspective in sports books for tweens and will be a welcome addition." --School Library Journal "This is an engaging read, perfect for fans of soccer and women's sports." --VOYA "Whether new to the sport or a devoted fan, readers will find an overview of recent and current stars in professional women's soccer in this enthusiastic guide." --Booklist

This is the illustrated story of 23 soccer players who worked together to become World Cup champions and heroes to millions of men, women, boys, and girls across America and around the world. In July 2019, a record number of people all around the world tuned in to watch the Women's World Cup, which took place in France. Fifty-two games, twenty-four teams, four weeks . . . one winner. Megan Rapinoe had waited for this day since she attended a World Cup game as a teenager, and Alex Morgan had set her sights on a World Cup victory of her own as she watched Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain, and Team USA win in 1999. Years of hard work, determination, and practice put Megan, Alex, and their teammates in the perfect position, and they took full advantage. Rose Lavelle, Tobin Heath, Alyssa Naeher, Crystal Dunn, Ali Krieger, Julie Ertz, Carli Lloyd, and the rest of the US Women's National Team returned home from France with the title, the trophy, and their nation's pride, becoming the first team in history to

win four Women's World Cup titles! New York City threw a parade in their honor, and fans lined the streets, clapping and cheering and chanting their names. These women were on top of the world—they'd come so far. They'd achieved their dreams! World Cup Women highlights Team USA's tournament experience and provides a glimpse into what shot them to the top . . . and what may keep them there a little longer.

Right out of college, Abby Wambach shot to fame in the United States soccer scene. In 2002, she was picked second in the Women's United Soccer Association draft by the Washington Freedom. She also became a leading scorer on the US Women's National Team. After winning the 2012 FIFA Women's World Player of the Year award and two Olympic gold medals, Abby is still going strong. She holds the world record for international goals. Follow Abby's story from her beginnings at University of Florida to becoming an international soccer superstar.

"Abby Wambach has always pushed the limits of what is possible. Named by Time magazine as one of the most influential people of 2015, the iconic soccer player captured the nation's heart when she led her team to its recent World Cup Championship. Admired for her fearlessness and passion, Abby is a vocal advocate for women's rights and equal opportunity, pushing to translate the success of her team to the real world. She has become a heavily requested speaker to a wide a range of audiences, from college students to executives at Fortune 500 companies. In *Forward*, Abby recounts her own decisions, wins, losses, and the pivotal moments that helped her become the world class athlete and leader she is today. Wambach's book goes beyond the soccer field to reveal a soulful person grappling universal questions about how we can live our best lives, and become our truest selves. Written with honesty and heart, *Forward* is an inspiring blueprint for individual growth and rousing call to action"--  
Introduces the life and accomplishments of basketball guard Kobe Bryant, whose high scoring game helped bring the Los Angeles Lakers three straight world championships.

Jose Altuve is the superstar second baseman for the Houston Astros. But when he first tried out for the team, he was cut on the first day. People thought he was too short to be a professional baseball player. But Altuve didn't give up. In 2016, he won his second batting title and was voted Player of the Year. Altuve works incredibly hard to keep his body strong and quick—but he also loves to have fun. Learn how Altuve became one of baseball's best athletes and how he spends his time on and off the field.  
From the celebrated star of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, an inspiring, uplifting, and candid memoir of how she got there In 2015, the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team won its first FIFA championship in sixteen years, culminating in an epic final game that electrified soccer fans around the world. It featured a gutsy, brilliant performance by team captain and midfielder Carli Lloyd, who made history that day, scoring a hat trick three goals in one game during the first sixteen minutes. But there was a time when Carli almost quit the sport. In 2003 she was struggling, her soccer career at a crossroads. Then she found a trusted trainer, James Galanis, who saw in Carli a player with raw talent, skill, and a great dedication to the game. What Carli lacked were fitness, mental toughness, and character. Together they set to work, training day and night, fighting, grinding it out. No one worked harder than Carli. And no one believed in her more than James. Despite all the naysayers, the times she was benched, moments

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when her self-confidence took a nosedive, she succeeded in becoming one of the best players in the world. This candid reflection on a remarkable turnaround will take readers inside the women's national team and inside the head of an athlete who willed herself to perform at the highest levels of competition."

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