

## Who Are Venus And Serena Williams Who Was

Traces the lives and athletic careers of the two sisters who are both champion tennis players whose skills on the court, sense of style, and strong opinions have changed the sport.

"The gripping story of Richard Williams, the father who raised and trained two of the greatest women in sports, Venus and Serena. He achieved greatness in spite of hardship and disadvantages to become a successful businessman, family man and tennis coach"--

"This one's a winner." --Chicago Tribune A 2019 ILA Teacher's Choices Reading List Selection! An inspiring picture book sports biography about two of the greatest female tennis players of all-time! Venus and Serena Williams: Best friends. Sisters. Champions. Everyone knows the names Venus & Serena Williams. They've become synonymous with championships, hard work, and with shaking up the tennis world. This inspirational true story, written by award-winning sports journalist, Howard Bryant, and brought to beautiful life by Coretta Scott Kind Award and Honor winner, Floyd Cooper, details the sisters' journey from a barely-there tennis court in Compton, CA, to Olympic gold medals and becoming the #1 ranked women in the sport of tennis. Here is a worthy ode to Venus and Serena Williams, the incredible sister duo who will go down in history as two of the greatest athletes of all time. "Alive with warmth and movement, these luminous, soft-edged scenes portray the sisters gradually growing into strong, capable women. A handsome sports biography." --Booklist "There is a sharp focus in the book on the two sisters' special bond and friendship; it lies at the heart of this biography, and the women's stories are remarkable. It's high time they had their own picture book tribute."--Kirkus

The tennis superstars talk about their lives, including what it takes to be successful, how they spend their money, dating, studying, and dealing with pressure.

The dynamic story of the Williams sisters, both top-ranked professional tennis players. Venus and Serena Williams are two of the most successful professional American tennis players of all time. Coached at an early age by their parents, the sisters have both gone on to become Grand Slam title winners. They have both achieved the World Number One ranking in both singles and doubles! Although completely professional and fiercely competitive, the sisters remain close. Who Are Venus and Serena Williams? follows the pair from their early days of training up through the ranks and to the Summer Olympic Games, where they have each won four gold medals—more than any other tennis players. This title in the New York Times best-selling series has eighty illustrations that help bring the exciting story of tennis champs Venus and Serena Williams to life.

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Traces the lives and tennis careers of Venus and Serena Williams, sisters who turned professional as teenagers and rose to the top of women's tennis while maintaining a strong family bond.

Provides an up-close look at these talented and celebrated tennis stars who rose to fame so quickly due to their amazing skills and determination to be the best in their field. Original.

Hello, Pluto! What's cold, dark, far away, and has a "heart" one thousand miles wide? Pluto! In this highly-visual Smithsonian book, kids can check out exciting information and sensational photographs transmitted by the New Horizons spacecraft on its historic fly-by of the distant and mysterious dwarf planet.

"A fresh, profound, and fun way to look at all things astro while also making spot-on observations about your pop culture faves."

—Cosmopolitan A soulful exploration of the twelve astrological signs embodied by our living "stars"—from divas to philosophers, poets to punks—and the ways they can help us better understand ourselves and each other, from the wildly popular astrology columnist for New York magazine's The Cut. Whether you believe in it or not, astrology's job has never been to give us a preordained vision of the future, nor to sort us into twelve neat personality types, but to provide the tools and language for delving into our weirdest, best, most thorny contradictions, and for understanding ourselves and each other in our full complexity. The stars and the planets then are more like mirrors that show us who we are, that give us an understanding of how to be and how to move through the world; how certain people do it differently, and what we can learn by studying them. In Madame Clairevoyant's Guide to the Stars, Claire Comstock-Gay brings the sky down to Earth and points to our popular "stars"—from Aretha Franklin to Mr. Rogers, from poets in Cancer to punk singers in Scorpio—to reveal what the sky has to teach us about being human. In this wise, lyrically written guide, she examines the twelve astrological signs, illuminating the ways each one is more complicated, beautiful, and surprising than you might have been told. Claire suggests that actually it's okay, and even important, to be a seeker, to hunger for self-knowledge, and if astrology is the vehicle for that inquiry, so be it. Madame Clairevoyant's Guide to the Stars offers a clear introduction to the basics and an innovative new framework for creatively using astrology to illuminate our lives on earth. It's a road map to our internal world, yes, but Claire also reminds us that it's still our job to navigate it. Combining both heavenly insights and the earthly wisdom of writers like Cheryl Strayed and Heather Havrilesky and the poetry of Patricia Lockwood and Mary Oliver, Madame Clairevoyant's Guide to the Stars offers a fresh, profound, and fun way to look at ourselves and others, and perhaps see each more clearly. And in that way, this book is not just beautiful, but transformative.

A riveting chronicle of trailblazing tennis champion and cultural icon Serena Williams's turbulent 2019 tour season and a revealing portrait of who she is, both on and off the court. Serena Williams is an undisputed global sports celebrity. Ranked #12 on ESPN's 2018 World Fame 100 list of popular athletes, thirty-seven-year-old Serena Williams is the only female in the top 20, and she's one of the highest paid athletes

in the world. The face of women's tennis for the past two decades, Serena is now waging battles on multiple fronts—against age, injuries, and opponents almost twenty years her junior, all while juggling her responsibilities as a new mom. Seeing Serena is an in-depth chronicle of Serena Williams' return to tennis after giving birth to her daughter, and an insightful cultural analysis of the most consequential female athlete of her time. Author Gerald Marzorati shadows her through her 2019 season, from Melbourne and the Australian Open, to Roland-Garros and Wimbledon, and on to the US Open as she seeks her 24th Grand Slam singles title. He writes about her tennis and her forays into fashion, investing, and developing her personal brand on social media. Seeing Serena illuminates Williams's singular status as the greatest women's tennis player of all time and—in a moment when race and gender are the most talked-about topics in America and beyond—a pop icon like no other. Marzorati is on the scene, observing her matches, and talking to her, her coach, her competitors, and former greats who have witnessed her for years. He observes her, listens to her, studies her, explores her roles in society and history—sees Serena fully, in all the ways she has come to matter.

Venus and Serena are sisters, arch rivals, and best friends who have reached the top and become champions in women's tennis.

An introduction to daily life aboard the International Space Station.

The basis of the Lifetime biopic Searching for Neverland: a compellingly candid memoir by Michael Jackson's former bodyguards that reveals amazing truths of the late superstar's last years—his life in seclusion with his children, his financial crises, his preparations for the This Is It tour, and the weeks leading up to his shocking death. Hounded by the tabloid media, driven from his self-made sanctuary at Neverland, Michael Jackson spent his final years moving from city to city, living with his three children in virtual seclusion—a futile attempt to escape a world that wouldn't leave him alone. During that time, two men served as the singer's personal security team: Bill Whitfield, a former cop and veteran of the security profession, and Javon Beard, a brash, untested rookie, both single fathers themselves. Stationed at his side nearly 24/7, their job was to see and hear everything that transpired, and to keep everyone else out, making them the only two men who know what 60 million fans around the world still want to know: What really happened to the King of Pop? Driven by a desire to show the world who Michael Jackson truly was, Whitfield and Beard have produced the only definitive, first-person account of Michael Jackson's last years: the extreme measures necessary to protect Jackson and his family, the simple moments of happiness they managed to share in a time of great stress, the special relationship Jackson shared with his fans, and the tragic events that culminated in the singer's ill-fated comeback, This Is It. The truth is far more compelling than anything you've yet heard. An indispensable piece of pop-culture history, Remember the Time is the story of a man struggling to live a normal life under extraordinary circumstances, the story of a father fighting to protect and provide for his children. Remember the Time is the book that dismantles the tabloid myths once and for all to give Michael Jackson back his humanity. Wildly fun and full of laugh-out-loud antics, this interactive sing-along is a zany romp sure to capture fans of Giraffes Can't Dance and Dragons Love Tacos. Shell we dance? Taco-bout irresistible! Jam out to the catchy, toe-tapping tune "Raining Tacos" from YouTube sensation Parry Gripp, featuring everyone's favorite treat! This spec-taco-ular, goofy song, with new, never-before-sung lyrics, is perfect for sharing, so grab a few friends—young or old—and get ready to crunch your way to a good time! It's raining tacos, from out of the sky. Tacos, no need to ask why. Just open your mouth and close your eyes. It's raining tacos!

A stirring picture book biography of Venus and Serena Williams that celebrates their achievements...and their sisterhood. This is the story of two sisters... who took the tennis world by storm, who achieved everything possible in the sport...and then some, and who stood by one another through thick and thin. Featuring illustrations by Ebony Glenn, Jay Leslie's Game, Set, Sisters! The Story of Venus and Serena Williams tells the inspirational story of two of the most beloved athletes in history. It takes us from their beginnings on a crumbling Compton tennis court to their shining achievements on the most prestigious stages and shows us that despite being served the most challenging hardships in life—illness, family, loss, racism—Venus and Serena always continued to swing back stronger.

A dual biography of the African American teenaged sisters who are revolutionizing the world of professional tennis with their colorful hair beads, fresh personalities, and growing talent for the game.

Combining talent, drive, and hard work, Venus Williams has mastered the game of tennis. How will that drive serve her off the court in her post-tennis career? For inspiration, Venus turned to an esteemed group of business leaders, politicians, and acclaimed artists, all of whom previously played competitive sports, and asked the essential questions: What principles that inspired you toward success as an athlete are helpful in life? In business? Here, that A-list group of visionaries responds with a useful array of tips woven through anecdotes from their athletic pasts that have been instrumental in their post-sports success. Venus also reflects on what she has learned from her own coaches, including her parents, and how their wisdom contributes to her own remarkable achievements.

Presents the lives and tennis careers of the two African American sisters whose unusual training by their father and striking appearances, as well as their remarkable skills at the sport, have made them standouts in the tennis world.

Serena and Venus Williams have captured the attention of the tennis crowd. This title contains photographs, their statistics and a list of career highlights for the sisters.

Ping and Pang are both Pandas, but they don't look a thing like one another and that's a problem. Each maintains they possess the true qualities of being a Panda; the correct color, the size and shape of their ears, the even fluffiness of their tails. It is only when they realize what they have in common do they slowly appreciate each other's differences. The analogy to today's political and racial climate points to acceptance of the other side's differences and finding common ground. PING MEETS PANG is an educational tool. It is an allegory about inclusiveness and acceptance of "the other" told through two pandas. The story is meant to spark discussions about multiculturalism and body positivity, and inspire the protection and conservation of pandas. Includes conversation starters for further instruction and participation!

Introduces the lives and accomplishments of two African American sisters who rose to the top of women's professional tennis.

Celebrated picture book biographer Jeanette Winter shares the story of champion tennis players—and sisters—Venus and Serena Williams. Before they were famous tennis stars, Venus and Serena Williams were sisters with big dreams growing up in Compton, California. In the early mornings, they head to the tennis courts, clean up debris, and practice. They compete in their first tournament and they both win. From there, the girls' trophy collection grows and grows. Despite adversity and health challenges, the sisters become two of the greatest tennis players of all time. This inspiring story of sisterhood, hard work, and determination is perfect for budding athletes or any young reader with a big dream.

Tennis instruction and brief history of the game from two of the best-known pros. Provides special attention inclusiveness of the modern game.

Venus And Serena sexy photos like no one ever seen them before!

From Maria Sharapova, one of our fiercest female athletes, the captivating—and candid—story of her rise from nowhere to tennis stardom, and the unending fight to stay on top. In 2004, in a stunning upset against the two-time defending champion Serena Williams, seventeen-year-old

Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon, becoming an overnight sensation. Out of virtual anonymity, she launched herself onto the international stage. "Maria Mania" was born. Sharapova became a name and face recognizable worldwide. Her success would last: she went on to hold the number-one WTA ranking multiple times, to win four more Grand Slam tournaments, and to become one of the highest-grossing female athletes in the world. And then—at perhaps the peak of her career—Sharapova came up against the toughest challenge yet: during the 2016 Australian Open, she was charged by the ITF with taking the banned substance meldonium, only recently added to the ITF's list. The resulting suspension would keep her off the professional courts for fifteen months—a frighteningly long time for any athlete. The media suggested it might be fateful. But Sharapova's career has always been driven by her determination and by her dedication to hard work. Her story doesn't begin with the 2004 Wimbledon championship, but years before, in a small Russian town, where as a five-year-old she played on drab neighborhood courts with precocious concentration. It begins when her father, convinced his daughter could be a star, risked everything to get them to Florida, that sacred land of tennis academies. It begins when the two arrived with only seven hundred dollars and knowing only a few words of English. From that, Sharapova scraped together one of the most influential sports careers in history. Here, for the first time, is the whole story, and in her own words. Sharapova's is an unforgettable saga of dedication and fortune. She brings us inside her pivotal matches and illuminates the relationships that have shaped her—with coaches, best friends, boyfriends, and Yuri, her coach, manager, father, and most dedicated fan, describing with honesty and affection their oft-scrutinized relationship. She writes frankly about the suspension. As Sharapova returns to the professional circuit, one thing is clear: the ambition to win that drove her from the public courts of Russia to the manicured lawns of Wimbledon has not diminished. Sharapova's *Unstoppable* is a powerful memoir, resonant in its depiction of the will to win—whatever the odds.

This is the story of Venus and Serena Williams two simple girls from Compton California who grew up to be the most famous tennis players in the world. The Williams sisters accomplished the dream of their father Mr. Williams who had a dream that his girls grow up to be professional tennis players he trained them from childhood to play tennis. The sisters become Grand Slam title winners and both were ranked as the Number One tennis player in the world both as singles and doubles competitions! They won Olympic gold medals, cash, and prizes that changed their lives forever. But all their success and triumphs did not come easy the girls had to train hard and practice everyday to sharpen their talents. They faced bullying and people saying mean things about them, draw ugly cartoons of them and wear insulting costumes to imitate them. but the Venus and Serena Williams never gave up they just keep smiling and winning. In this fully illustrated children's book we are inspired by their story to smile at all our haters and just keep winning. Enjoy this vibrant story in a beautiful heroic comic book style that promises to be an inspiring and exciting read.

A sports memoir from the man who coached the Williams sisters to tennis stardom explains the techniques and teaching tools he employed to make Venus and Serena household names.

Profiles the lives and careers of the sisters who have had sensational success in the world of professional tennis, looking at their childhoods, professional achievements, and interests outside of tennis.

Serena Williams is one of the biggest names in sports, but she grew up the littlest of five girls in her family. While sharing a room and playing tennis with her older sisters, Serena had to figure out how to be her own person—on and off the court. This empowering biography showcases the rise of the youngest Williams sister and how her family played a part in her path to becoming the strong woman and star athlete she is today. Bold, colorful illustrations highlight the tight sisterhood and tennis action of Serena's childhood and teenage years. This true story about a tennis icon will inspire littlest siblings everywhere to forge their own path and leave their mark.

An ALA Notable Book "This lovingly crafted picture book biography centers on the incredible bond between Venus and Serena Williams...An important selection for biography and sports collections." —School Library Journal (starred review) "Will appeal to children and sports fans of all ages." —Booklist (starred review) "Wife-and-husband team Cline-Ransome and Ransome celebrate tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams, focusing on their formative childhoods and the way their preparation and talent fundamentally changed the game." —The Horn Book (starred review) "Every page is splashed with vibrant color and eye-catching patterns, and the figures of the women themselves are full of energy, speed, and tension." —Shelf Awareness (starred review) "A beautifully composed biography of the Williams sisters, Serena and Venus...This is one biography that will struggle to stay on the shelf." —School Library Connection Venus and Serena Williams are two of the greatest tennis players of all time. Some say they're two of the greatest athletes of all time. Before they were world famous, they were little girls with big dreams. Venus and Serena Williams. Two peas in a pod. Best friends. Sisters. Six days a week they awoke before the sun came up to practice their serves and returns, to learn to run faster and hit harder. They were unstoppable. At age fourteen, Venus played her first professional match. Three years later, it was Serena's turn. It wasn't easy. Some tennis fans cheered for these two fresh faces, while those who were unhappy to see two black girls competing in a nearly all-white sport booed and taunted them. But they didn't let it stop them. With vibrant mixed media art, nonfiction superstars Lesa Cline-Ransome and Coretta Scott King Honor winner James E. Ransome share the inspirational story of two tennis legends who were fierce competitors on the courts, but close sisters above all.

ABOUT THE BOOK Venus and Serena Williams took the world by storm when they burst onto the tennis scene in the 1990s. Their rise stardom marked the realization of their father's dream. Richard Williams had dreamt his daughters would be professional tennis players, even before they were born. We could probably could imagined what his wife thought when he ran into the room and said to her, "Let's have kids and make them tennis players," especially when she wasn't even pregnant with them yet, from what he told Newsweek. Even when the Williams sisters were just under 5 years old, Mr. Williams recognized his daughters' raw talent. It took sheer determination and dedication from his little princesses to will them into tennis. Even though he didn't quite know how he was going to teach them, he knew he had to start somewhere. MEET THE AUTHOR Grace C. Williams is the Vice-President on the Board of Directors of GuidingLight. Growing up, her family always strongly believed in working in the community and giving back which is why she is also on the Board of Directors of RMSC Foundation in South Carolina. Ms. Williams studied at Troy State University where she holds a Bachelors degree in Communication Studies and working on her a Masters Degree at University of Maryland University College with a concentration on Public Relations. Ms. Williams has worked with nonprofit organizations for over 15 years and started her own small consulting services, GAW Consulting in 2001. She is currently working on her own new nonprofit organization called "Servicing our Sisters(SOS)." EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK In 1997, Venus became the first unseeded U.S. Open women's finalist in the Open era. She lost to Martina Hingis. In 2000, Williams won both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, paving the way for her to get a \$40 million contract with Reebok. Venus then went out and defended her titles. At the 2000 Olympic Games, in Sydney, Australia, Williams captured the gold medal in the singles competition, and then took a second one with Serena in the doubles event. In recent years, Venus has struggled with injuries - she competed in only a handful of tournaments in 2006 - but returned in 2007, winning the singles title at Wimbledon. She repeated the victory a year later when she defeated Serena for a fifth career Wimbledon championship, placing her fifth all-time in women's Wimbledon singles championships. A few months later, the Williams sisters teamed up to capture the doubles title at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Buy a copy to keep reading!

Describes the lives and careers and the tennis stars and sisters, discussing their Grand Slam wins, Olympic success, trend-setting, and rivalry.

Describes the lives of the two African-American sisters who stunned the professional tennis world with their rapid rise to the top.

A daring dog takes a whirlwind tour of Rome in search of freedom in new picture book from beloved storyteller Mac Barnett and masterful illustrator Claire Keane Paolo the dachshund is trapped. Though he lives in Rome, a city filled with history and adventure, he is confined to a

hair salon. Paolo dreams of the sweet life—la dolce vita—in the Eternal City. And then, one day, he escapes! Paolo throws himself into the city, finding adventure at every turn. Join our hero as he discovers the wonders of Rome: the ruins, the food, the art, the opera, and—of course—the cats. Readers will cheer the daring of this bighearted dog, whose story shows that even the smallest among us can achieve great things. The Williams sisters have been close since growing up together on the tough streets of southern California. But when Venus and Serena face each other on the tennis court, they each play to win. With their amazing talent and star power both on and off the court, the Williams sisters are among the biggest celebrities in the sports world. They're also two of the best tennis players to ever set foot on a court. Learn more about Venus and Serena's incredible journey to the top of the tennis world.

The days of tennis as a country club sport for the aristocracy have long passed, as have the pre-Open era days when black players faced long odds just to be invited to the four Grand Slam events. An entire generation of sports fans has grown up seeing Venus and Serena Williams as the gold standard in American professional tennis. Although the Williams sisters have done more than any other players to make tennis accessible to a diverse population, it's not as if the tennis revolution is over. When you watch tennis next, take a close look at the umpire, the person sitting in the high chair of authority at courtside. Look at the tournament referee and the tournament director, the officials who run the tournament. In those seats of power and influence, blacks are still woefully underrepresented. *Different Strokes* chronicles the rise of the Williams sisters, as well as other champions of color, closely examining how African Americans are collectively faring in tennis, on the court and off. Despite the success of the Williams sisters and the election of former pro player Katrina Adams as the U.S. Tennis Association's first black president, top black players still receive racist messages via social media and sometimes in public. The reality is that while significant progress has been made in the sport, much work remains before anything resembling equality is achieved. Watch a book trailer.

"Filled with fabulously British banter, wit, and heart, this delightful book is one of my must-read rom coms of the year." - Evie Dunmore, USA Today bestselling author of *Portrait of a Scotsman* "Virginia Heath's fun characters and situations will have you laughing out loud! Don't miss this wonderful read!" - Sabrina Jeffries, New York Times bestselling author The first in a new historical rom-com series, a handsome earl hires a fake fiancée to keep his matchmaking mother at bay, but hilarity ensues when love threatens to complicate everything. The last thing Hugh Standish, Earl of Fareham, ever wants is a wife. Unfortunately for him, his mother is determined to find him one, even from across the other side of the ocean. So Hugh invents a fake fiancée to keep his mother's matchmaking ways at bay. But when Hugh learns his interfering mother is on a ship bound for England, he realizes his complicated, convoluted but convenient ruse is about to implode. Until he collides with a beautiful woman, who might just be the miracle he needs. Minerva Merriwell has had to struggle to support herself and her two younger sisters ever since their feckless father abandoned them. Work as a woodcut engraver is few and far between, and the Merriwell sisters are nearly penniless. So when Hugh asks Minerva to pose as his fiancée while his mother is visiting, she knows that while the scheme sounds ludicrous, the offer is too good to pass up. Once Minerva and her sisters arrive at Hugh's estate, of course nothing goes according to his meticulous plan. As hilarity and miscommunication ensue while everyone tries to keep their tangled stories straight, Hugh and Minerva's fake engagement starts to turn into a real romance. But can they trust each other when their relationship started with a lie? The first book in the Merriwell Sisters series, *Never Fall for Your Fiancée* is a hilarious, sparkling historical romantic comedy from Virginia Heath.

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