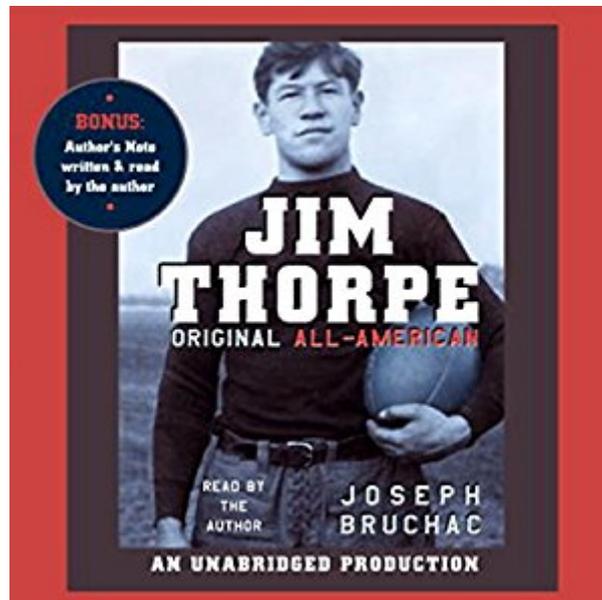


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# Jim Thorpe, Original All-American



## Synopsis

Jim Thorpe was one of the greatest athletes who ever lived. He played professional football and Major League baseball, and won Olympic gold medals in track and field. But his life wasn't easy. Born on a reservation, he endured family tragedy and was sent to various Native American boarding schools. Jim ran away from school many times, until he found his calling under the now-legendary coach Pop Warner. This is a book for history buffs as well as sports fans—an illuminating and lively read about a truly great American by award-winning author Joseph Bruchac. "The novel is a superb blend of fiction and nonfiction, rooted in the author's usual careful research." —Kirkus Reviews

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## Customer Reviews

This book is written at a junior high level, but the topic and writing are captivating for adults to read as well as kids at the junior high level. Unlike other books about Jim Thorpe, this book takes the reader on a journey through what every day life could have been like for Jim Thorpe from childhood through his early adulthood. Jim Thorpe is a great role model for everyone, and this book is a great introduction to his life.

Based on phone reviews from my grandson & his mom, this is a great read, packed with credible history of growing-up-Oklahoma in Indian Country, forced into Boarding School horrors off reservation -- and habitually running away. Jim Thorpe, however, ultimately turned into what many consider the best athlete of his day - perhaps even the last century. "Very well written", says my

daughter, who picks it up after her son falls asleep to polish off another chapter.

I really enjoyed reading about Jim Thorpe. Although I knew he was famous in the world of football, I had no idea how skilled he was in the various other athletic arenas. Although it was a little redundant at times, I gained a lot of knowledge and empathy for all that Native Americans went through and encountered in this country as a minority race in the world of sports.. I recommend it as essential reading for sports fans and anyone interested in the historical role of Native Americans in sports.

Bought as a donation for a book drive my grandson was doing for a local school library.Great story of an American football hero.

I enjoyed reading about Jim Thorpe in this book because the author does a good job of not boring the reader with too many dates and details while still giving interesting descriptions. I chose four stars because it isn't the most exciting book but it is a fun animated story that draws the reader in with twists, foreshadowing, and good dialogue. I suggest this book to any football fans who want to know more about the history of the game and heroes of it. Thanks for taking this into account.

It is well written. Jim Thorpe has always been my favorite athlete. He accomplished what no other athlete accomplished by winning both the Pentathlon and the Decathlon events. I saw the movie when I was a child when it first came out.

Bought this for my husband and he has not put this book down.He loves it.

Fast shipping. Bought it for my 14 year old son. He has to read so many points each week for AR. Reading is not his favorite thing but he loves sports and really liked this book.

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