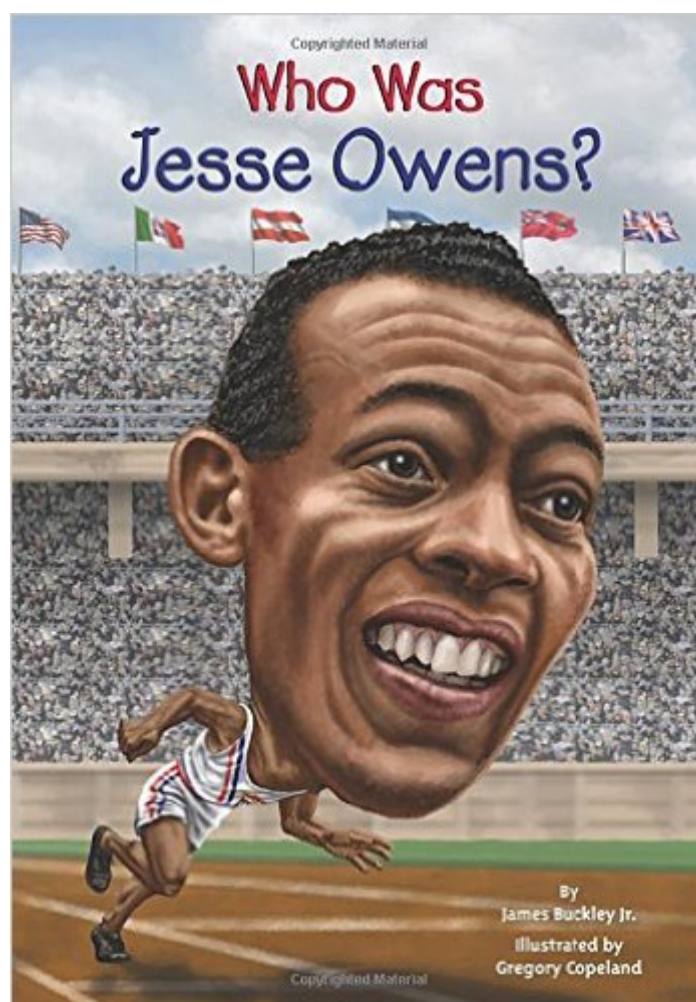


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# Who Was Jesse Owens?



## Synopsis

At the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics, track and field star Jesse Owens ran himself straight into international glory by winning four gold medals. But the life of Jesse Owens is much more than a sports story. Born in rural Alabama under the oppressive Jim Crow laws, Owens's family suffered many hardships. As a boy he worked several jobs like delivering groceries and working in a shoe repair shop to make ends meet. But Owens defied the odds to become a sensational student athlete, eventually running track for Ohio State. He was chosen to compete in the Summer Olympics in Nazi Germany where Adolf Hitler was promoting the idea of "Aryan superiority." Owens's winning streak at the games humiliated Hitler and crushed the myth of racial supremacy once and for all.

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My Kindergarten daughter had to do a research project for black history month. She and I read this book together. It is written more for 2nd-4th grade level I would say in terms of reading level, but it worked well for us and she understood the language. We both learned a lot and enjoyed the book. There are lots of interesting facts that can be used in reports. Perfect for a book report.

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This is a great series for your kids to learn about historical figures. Highly recommended by my son's teacher and used in the classroom and for reports.

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