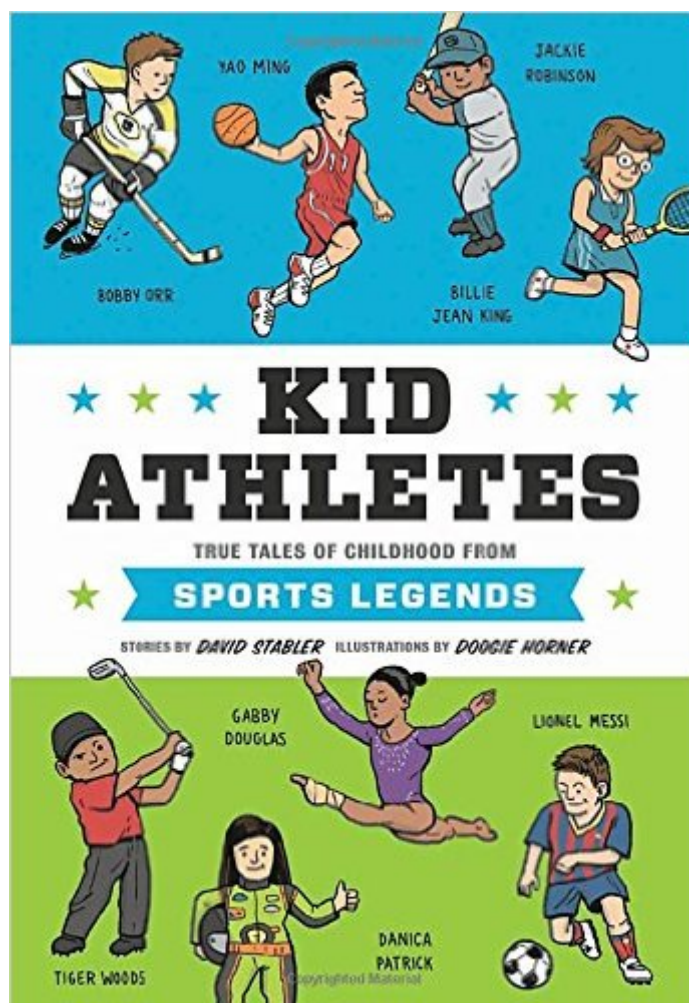


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# Kid Athletes: True Tales Of Childhood From Sports Legends (Kid Legends)



## Synopsis

Forget the gold medals, the championships, and the undefeated seasons. When all-star athletes were growing up, they had regular-kid problems just like you. Baseball legend Babe Ruth was such a troublemaker, his family sent him to reform school. Race car champion Danica Patrick fended off bullies who told her "girls can't drive." And football superstar Peyton Manning was forced to dance the tango in his school play. Kid Athletes tells all of their stories and more with full-color cartoon illustrations on every page. Other subjects include Billie Jean King, Jackie Robinson, Yao Ming, Gabby Douglas, Tiger Woods, Julie Krone, Bruce Lee, Muhammad Ali, Bobby Orr, Lionel Messi, and more!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

I always assume that when famous athletes are deemed "role models", it relates to their behavior as adults. In reality, they probably should be given more credit for the obstacles they faced and overcame as youngsters. KID ATHLETES does just that. Presented in an entertaining and relatable manner that is sure to appeal, the book shows how the world's greatest athletes faced the same difficulties all kids deal with growing up. KID ATHLETES provides a well-rounded list of individuals that most kids will likely recognize (save a few). While some will inevitably question the

omission of some sport stars (like Mia Hamm or Tim Tebow, for example), I felt the athletes selected for the book were suitable enough as they covered a wide variety of sports that are sure to widen the scope of a child's view of athletics (baseball, basketball and football, as well as soccer, tennis, boxing and even sumo wrestling). Each entry describes the childhood of a specific athlete and addresses a particular hurdle that was cleared on their paths to greatness. The stories are well presented, fun and never too serious. The writing is easy to follow and understand. The artwork (with caricatures of the athletes as children) adds a degree of humor and "cuteness" that kids should appreciate. I was initially caught off-guard as many of the art injections serve as part of the story being told and not simple eye candy.

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