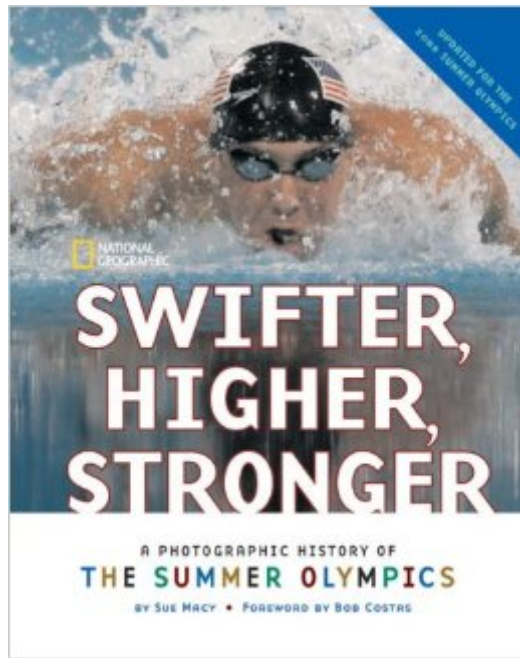


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# Swifter, Higher, Stronger: A Photographic History Of The Summer Olympics



## Synopsis

Let the games begin again! Acclaimed sports writer Sue Macy's comprehensive portrait of the Summer Olympics has now been fully updated for the 2008 games in Beijing, China. This new edition includes a complete retrospective of the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. The new text will also incorporate updates to all charts and records, as well as fun facts and anecdotes from the most recent Olympics and training, making this a perfect Olympics history handbook as the 2008 Games unfold historically in China. *Swifter, Stronger, Higher (Updated Edition)* paints a dramatic and fascinating picture of the Summer Olympics. Absorbing narrative and vivid photographs tell stories of tragedy, triumph, scandal, and of course, action from over a century of the modern games! A foreword by sportscaster Bob Costas, five new interior photos (more than 100 total), at-a-glance information on each Olympiad, a map of Olympic sites, a chart of record-setters, and a rich guide to further resources round out this exceptional update to a gold-medal title.

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## Customer Reviews

Thankfully, Sue Macy is one of those authors who loves to recount amazing performances and jumped at the chance when her editor suggested writing a history of the Summer Olympics. Macy says, "Even today, the first strains of the Olympic Fanfare (actually called Bugler's Dream, by Leo

Arnaud) send chills up my spine."Every four years, these superb athletes show their desire and determination as they compete for the honor of their country. Millions watch as they give their all to make history. *Swifter, Higher, Stronger: A Photographic History of the Summer Olympics* recounts some of those memorable moments, and controversies, too! And it highlights the athletes who somehow raise the bar. What I love about this book is learning the story of the Olympics and the Olympic movement. It's interesting to find out how the Olympics have changed over time. You'll find out how Pierre de Coubertin resurrected the ancient Olympics, and how Alice Milliat campaigned for more women's events. There's a fantastic Olympic snapshots section that summarizes the highlights of the Games. The photographs are amazing and capture the heart and emotion that these athletes pour into the Games. And for anyone looking for more, the end of the book provides an annotated source list that will satisfy your thirst for more events and statistics. Macy has a knack for sports history. This is an enjoyable read that shares the emotional and historical aspect from over a century of the Olympic games. After reading this book, when the Summer Olympics roll around again in 2012, perhaps just like Macy, you'll get chills up your spine when the Olympic fanfare trumpets across the stadium.

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