

**NEW BOOK PUBLICATION RELEASE**

**DEAF ATHLETES AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES**

**OF 143, 862 ATHLETES OLYMPIANS, ONLY 30 WERE DEAF**

THIS IS THE FIRST EVER BOOK ABOUT DEAF OLYMPIANS SINCE THE OLYMPIC GAMES STARTED IN 1896!

**MESSAGE FROM AUTHOR**

A new book is being published and released.  
It is titled

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During my countless appearances at various international and national sporting events, including the Deaflympic Summer and Winter Games, held in different parts of the globe, I had often been approached by many people who had been asking me the same questions such as, Was there any deaf athlete who participated at the Olympic Games? If so, who was he/she? In what sports did he/she compete? What did he/she accomplish at the Olympic Games? Now, this book will finally provide answers to these relevant questions.

Throughout the illustrious Olympic history, there was a very small group of athletes who not only impressed and astonished the world with their athletic prowess, but also for a very different reason: they didn't let their hearing and/or speech handicap interfere with becoming an Olympian.

According to my thorough statistical research work done at the premises of the Lausanne, Switzerland-based Olympic Studies Centre, from 1896 through 2018, a total of 143,862 athletes (106,086 men and 37,776 women), had their privilege in taking part at various editions of the Olympic Summer and Winter Games competitions between these years. Of this huge figure of 143,862, only a very tiny numeric fraction of thirty (30) was athletes, who had their hearing and/or speech handicap and who, too, participated at such prestigious Games. These successful sports people had been proud to represent their respective countries in fifteen (15) various sports at the Games.

The book includes 30 deaf Olympians coming from the following countries: USA (9 athletes), Great Britain (3) and Italy (3), Australia (2), Estonia (2), Soviet Union (2), South Africa (2),1 each – from China, Germany, Hungary, Finland, Russian Federation, Mexico, Portugal, Czech Republic. Each athlete, who had the honor of participating at the Olympic Games, had his/ her own remarkable story, and now this book is focusing on each of those 30 Olympic participants who had not only overcome the odds, but also their hearing and/or speech handicap. It should also be noted that the whole deaf sports world community has always been proud to bask in these elite athletes' Olympic glory. Through my long time and extensive, arduous and self-financed research work done at various locations I was able to factually compile and accurately narrate the unique accomplishments of these extraordinary athletes – twenty three (23) men and seven (7) women, whose inspiring personal backgrounds are now being shared in the book pages. Also featured in the book pages are many photos, interviews, selected newspaper stories and much more, which describe and showcase off the heroic deaf athletes, who performed at the world's biggest sporting competition stage - the Olympic Games.

**Cost: \$34.95**

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