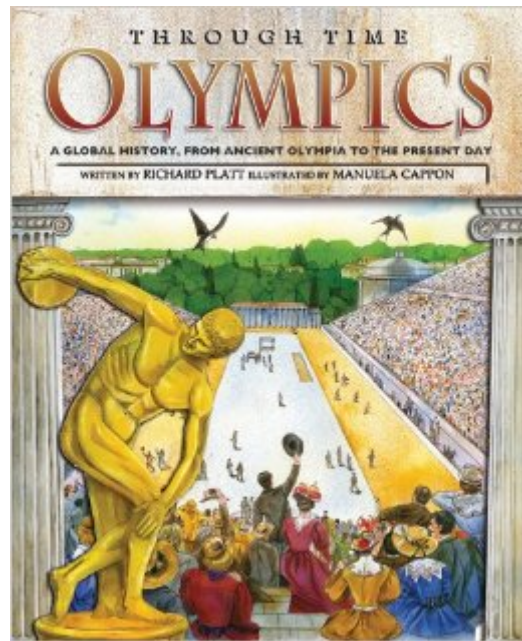


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# Through Time: Olympics



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

I had high hopes for this book because I have been trying (without much luck) to find a children's book about the Olympics for my four year old. The book has two-page spreads dedicated to various Olympics games throughout the years (mostly summer games, with mention of one winter games). There is some useful information about the ancient Olympics through the 2012 Olympics in London,

but some of the content is questionable for children. When describing the ancient Olympics, the author mentions that the games sometimes attracted unsavory characters such as "good-time girls." This is the exact language used and while not specifically saying prostitute, I didn't feel it appropriate to have to tell a young child what a "good-time girl" was or why that phrase has a negative connotation. As well, the author highlights more political issues for some of the Olympics such as the Nazi presence/Hitler at the Berlin 1936 Olympics and the Munich Massacre at the 1972 games. While historically important to note, these are given pretty prominent spreads - especially the Munich Massacre which has a full page picture of masked gunmen with hostages in helicopters. This information could have been noted in a side-bar without an illustration. I think it is important to expose children to a full range of historical events, but with this being a PICTURE book, I was expecting something that could be enjoyed by younger children without much editing on my behalf. Out of all the Olympics games that have been held, all the various sports played, all the records broken, all the amazing stories of humanity that could have been told; I felt like more space than necessary was given over to non-sporting, tragic events. I was disappointed with this book and returned it to the store from where I purchased it.

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