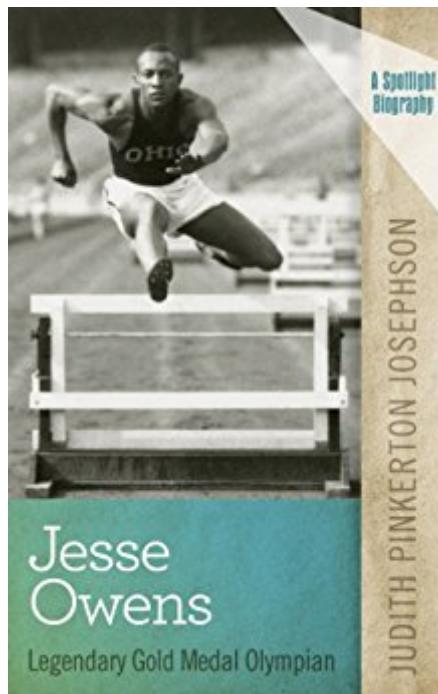


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# Jesse Owens: Legendary Gold Medal Olympian (A Spotlight Biography)



## **Synopsis**

"I always loved running," said track and field legend Jesse Owens, who as a boy could outrun all his playmates. That blazing speed helped Owens set track records in junior high, high school, and on into college at Ohio State University. At one Big Ten meet, he smashed three world records and tied a fourth in 45 minutes. By the time Owens competed in the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany, people used words like "express" and "comet to describe him. Germany's leader, Adolf Hitler, and his Nazi party believed that Jews, African-Americans, and other groups were inferior beings. Jesse Owens proved them wrong by winning four gold medals. This previously published biography contains updates, revisions, new cover and photos, and hyperlinks. Jesse Owens succeeded in spite of the racism of his day, poverty, and other obstacles. He met these issues with strength, perseverance, and grace. A man of determination and courage, he rose above the bigotry of the era to become a consummate athlete, humanitarian, friend and role model for youth, and ambassador of sports.

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This impeccably-researched biography taught me so much about Jesse Owens. The book is not just for sports fans. The author highlights Mr. Owens' strong character as she tells the story of his humble childhood and navigation of racial and social obstacles as an adult. We could all use a good read about a fine human being who models grace and dignity til the end.

Judith Pinkerton Josephson has done her research, providing young adult readers with a well-rounded picture of this gifted Olympian athlete who made history at the 1936 Olympics. Jesse Owens, the man, led by example and went on to become a humanitarian, mentor, family man, sports ambassador, and friend to many. What an inspirational story!

Josephson's telling of Jesse Owens' story will entice school aged children to share how a brave man overcame discrimination to accomplish athletic greatness. Great addition to any library.

Jesse Owens was an American hero, and his story "while unique to its era" provides a timeless lesson. This biography is a solid go-to book for the YA market!

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