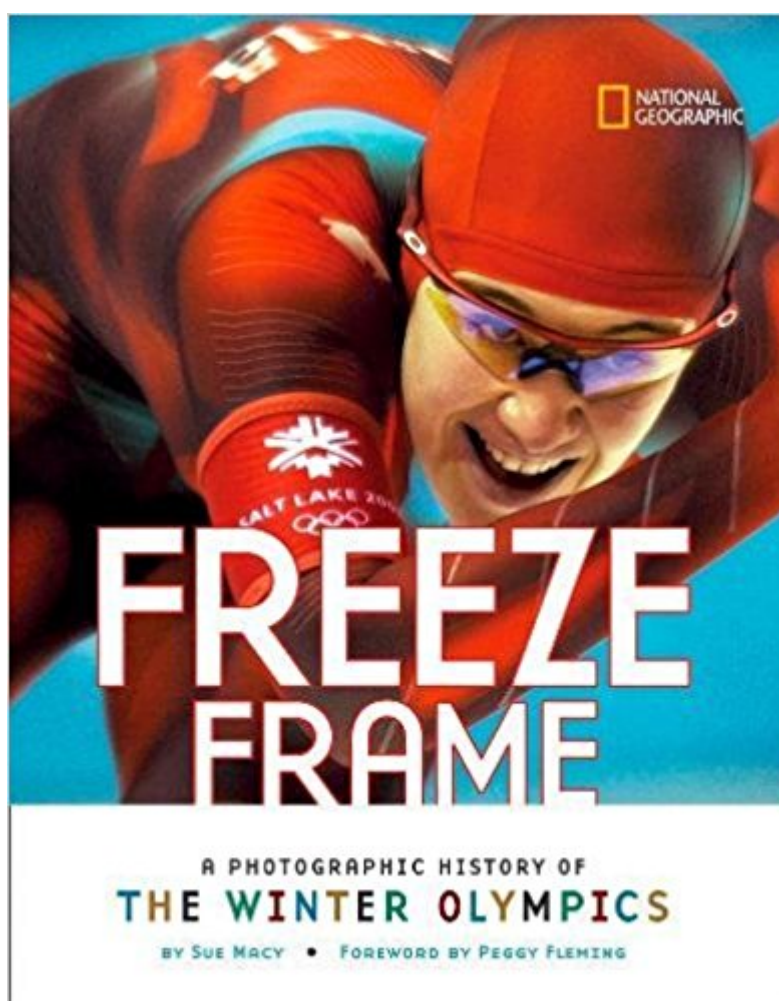


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Synopsis

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This book on the games and the past participants and their performances from the beginning at Chamonix, France in 1924 to the present has spectacular photographs and

clear, captivating prose. It presents a carefully researched history along with the triumphs and tragedies of the participants and can be enjoyed for the photographs (small action shots to full spreads), the stories of individual accomplishments, or the snapshot highlights of each of the games. The vivid color and black-and-white illustrations depict the joy and intensity of the athletes. A map showing the location of the games, charts of facts about winners, and an annotated bibliography of book and Web sites support the information. A foreword by Peggy Fleming and a detailed index add to the appeal and usefulness of the book.

—Janice C. Hayes, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro

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Gr. 6-9. Just in time for the 2006 games in Italy comes this lively, heavily illustrated survey of the Winter Olympics, by the author of *Higher, Faster, Stronger: A Photographic History of the Summer Olympics* (2004). Following an introductory section covering the events that led up to the first winter game are chapters centering on the inevitable battles with weather, dramatic sports legends and scandals, and the inclusion of snowboarding and other dangerous, "extreme" events in the competition. A final section offers brief summaries of each Winter Olympics, starting with the 1908 and 1920 winter games. Macy's easy, anecdotal style is both substantive and captivating. There is plenty of information to support reports here, but the fascinating details and the open layouts, filled with color images of athletes through the century, will pull in browsers gearing up for the games. Source information and suggested resources close this timely, handsome offering, which will attract both reluctant and strong readers long past the games' close.

Gillian Engberg

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