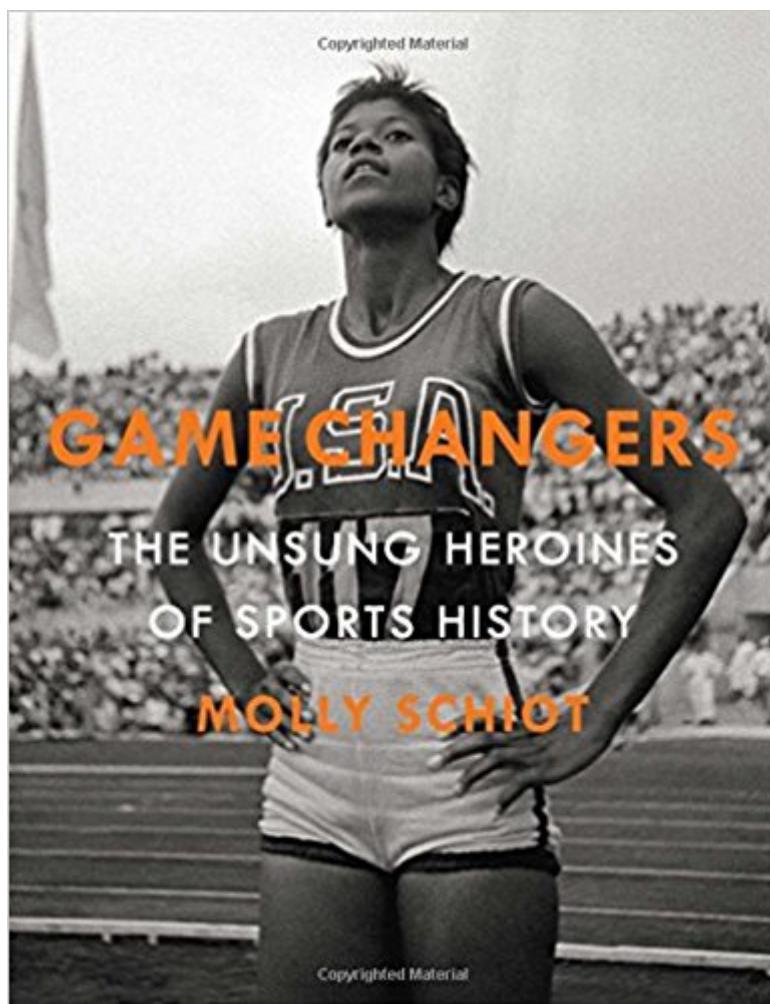


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Game Changers: The Unsung Heroines Of Sports History



Synopsis

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BookPage Based on the Instagram account @TheUnsungHeroines, a celebration of the pioneering, forgotten female athletes of the twentieth century that features rarely seen photos and new interviews with past and present game changers including Abby Wambach and Cari Champion. Two years ago, filmmaker Molly Schiot began the Instagram account @TheUnsungHeroines, posting a photo each day of a female athlete who had changed the face of sports around the globe in the pre-Title IX age. These women paved the way for Serena Williams, Carli Lloyd, and Lindsey Vonn, yet few today know who they are. Slowly but surely, the account gained a following, and the result is Game Changers, a beautifully illustrated collection of these trailblazers rarely-before-seen photos and stories. Featuring icons Althea Gibson and Wyomia Tyus, complete unknowns Trudy Beck and Conchita Cintron, policymaker Margaret Dunkle, sportswriter Lisa Olson, and many more, Game Changers gives these “founding mothers” the attention and recognition they deserve, and features critical conversations between past and present gamechangers—including former US Women’s National Soccer Team captain Abby Wambach and SportsCenter anchor Cari Champion—about what it means to be a woman on and off the field. Inspiring, empowering, and unforgettable, Game Changers is the perfect gift for anyone who has a love of the game.

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"A thoughtful, exhaustively researched and long-overdue tribute to the women who have paved the way for the likes of Serena Williams, Abby Wambach, Simone Biles and more." *espnW* "The embrace of women's sports sometimes feels almost like a political act. . . . Molly Schiot's *Game Changers: The Unsung Heroines of Sports History* is so valuable." *The Wall Street Journal* "Featuring an epic roster of female athletes, Molly Schiot's *Game Changers* is a stirring tribute to the record setters, barrier breakers and milestone makers who opened the way for the women competitors of today. . . . Packed with classic photographs, Schiot's book is a gold-medal gift idea for the sports fan." *BookPage* "We read it, realized it was much more than a coffee-table read, and loved it." *Outside Magazine* "An eye-opening introduction to female sports achievements that too often are forgotten too quickly or barely recognized." *New York Journal of Books*

Molly Schiot is a Los Angeles based filmmaker, who parlayed her dedication to telling women's stories into the Instagram account, *TheUnsungHeroines*. She is the creator of the *Check You Out* series for Paper Magazine, which has featured comedy duo and Portlandia stars Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstien, and actress Malin Akerman, and recently directed an ESPN 30 for 30 short, *Our Tough Guy*, about the life of one of the NHL's most fearsome players, John Wensink. *Game Changers* is her first book.

This book is phenomenal. It will open your mind and your heart to the incredible legacy of powerful, resilient, and dignified women that have come before us. Now, more than ever, we have a responsibility to share these images and stories, to build a commonly held history of women's achievements in athletics and everything else. Molly Schiot has written these stories in clear and accessible vignettes and paired them with AMAZING PHOTOS. It is a total joy to read and has already started some really fun conversations at work. Young athletes, old athletes, women, men, and everyone in between will find moments of awe and inspiration in this book.

This well-written and informative book is a "must read", especially for parents with daughters. I

learned about so many courageous women athletes who are truly heroines and game changers. Many of these women I had never heard of, such as Conchita Cintron, the bullfighter. I have four sons, three of whom are parents of daughters. Each son will get a copy to share with his girls!

Thoughtful and insightful...Grew up into sports in the 60's..loved reading about my swimming heroes and hearing about the unsung women who were pursuing their dreams. Many had single handedly excelled when there were no role models to emulate..Great examples of women who persevered and triumphed!

This book should be in libraries and bookshelves everywhere. Great gift for anyone, too! As a father who has a young daughter, I clearly recognize the need for girls and young women to have strong role models, to provide inspiration and help empower them. Game Changers is full of amazingly talented people who did what they love to do and -- with this book -- are finally getting some of the recognition they have long deserved.

I read it and then I donated it to a local school library. Our children-both girls and boys- can only benefit from knowing more of our collective history. Even just looking through the photographs gives a sense of the many, often unsung, women who have achieved much in athletics over the decades.

This book is fabulous. It should be given to every girl and woman this holiday season. I wish it had existed back when I was growing up in the sixties -- it might have changed my life! Brava to Molly Schiot for taking on this neglected subject, which begs for a film series.

Bought this book for a student. So worth it! Beautiful and full of great stories. Included a free poster too! I definitely recommend.

Great collection of magnificent stories of how women have overcome such adversity.

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