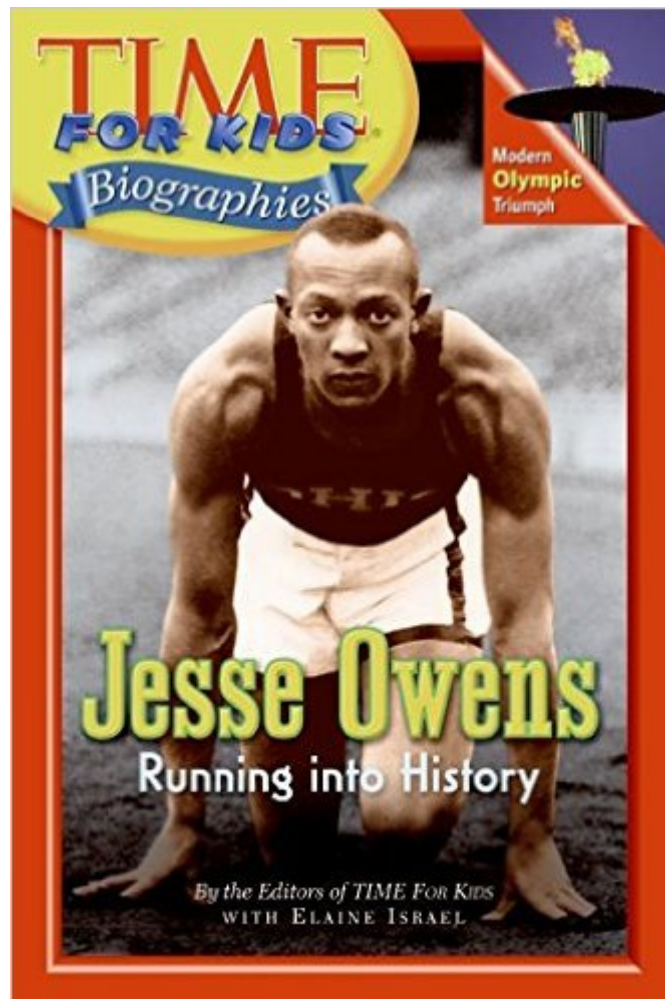


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# Time For Kids: Jesse Owens: Running Into History (Time For Kids Biographies)



## Synopsis

Take a close-up look at Jesse Owens, an African American track star "and one of the greatest athletes of all time. Interviews with experts and lively writing deliver the accurate reporting you expect from Time For Kids®. Historical and contemporary photographs capture the life and times of this remarkable Olympic-medal winner.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Overall a good biography. However, I was disappointed that the author & publisher felt it necessary to include the fact that Jesse Owens "got his girlfriend pregnant". This is a book for kids, and Jesse Owens' story is just as compelling without that detail. I will be very cautious when purchasing another "Time for Kids" book.

It was 1936. The Olympic Games were being held in Berlin, Germany, with Nazi leader Adolph Hitler in power. The "superhuman" German athletes were destined to dominate the competition. But U.S.A.'s track-and-field star Jesse Owens set out to prove them wrong. The Europeans had heard of the 5-foot 10-inch, 165-pound athlete whose famous high-stepping running style made it seem like he was "dancing on hot coals." Owens broke three world records during that Olympics - in the

broad jump, 200-meter race, and the 400-meter relay. He became the first American ever to win four gold medals at a single Olympics. This biography by the magazine editors of TIME for Kids is filled with fascinating facts. For example, when he was born in 1913 on a cotton farm in Alabama, Jesse was actually named James Cleveland Owens. His first grade teacher misheard him when he told her his name; she thought he said "Jesse". Young readers will find the magazine format of the book appealing and easy to read. It also includes historical and contemporary photographs, educational sidebars on topics like Olympics History and the Great Depression, and an interview with Olympic gold medalist Michael Johnson (Track-and-Field). Johnson calls Owens one of the greatest and credits him with "paving the way for all other African American athletes."

Recommended for sports fans of ages!

This book was perfect for my third grader that had to do a project on him!

My son is autistic and we are starting to read more grown up books. He loves these series of books, especially the ones about famous athletes. Please keep them coming!

classy little book with pics and facts that were useful and informative about jesse. a sure hit with young and old alike!

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