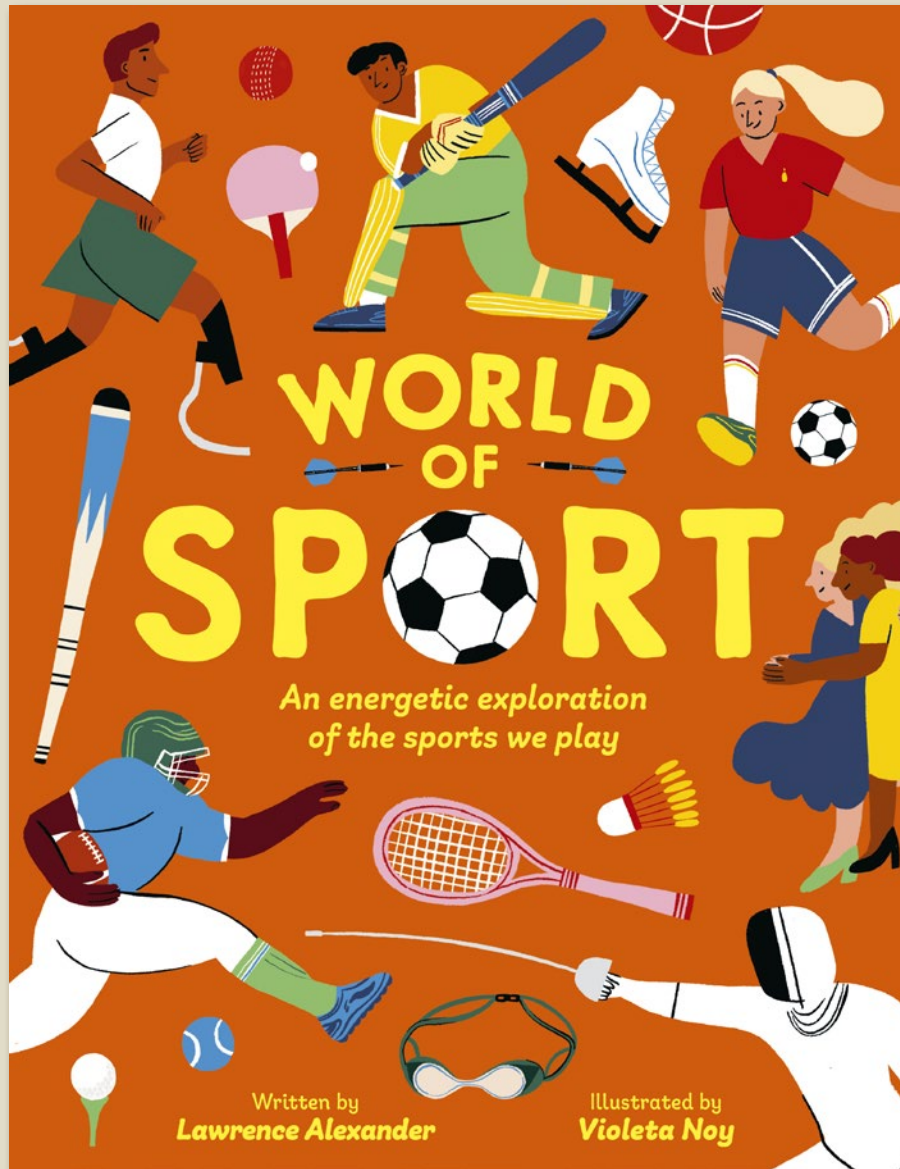


# World of Sport



**In this beautifully illustrated book, learn about the incredible variety of sports that are played around the world.**

- A lively, inspiring and fact-filled exploration of a globally unifying topic: sport! From ancient times to today, covering every corner of the world.
- Featuring extensive coverage of women's sports and sporting heroes, plus sports from different, lesser-known regions and cultures around the world.
- Positioned to publish in time for the 2024 Olympic Games.
- With vibrant, energetic illustrations from Violeta Noy, author and illustrator of *The Right One*.

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**TRACK AND FIELD SPORTS**  
Track and field sports take place outdoors on a running track. Track events are running competitions and in field events, athletes compete in jumping and throwing events.

**JAVELIN**  
The javelin is a spear-like object used in track and field events. The first javelin was made of wood and was used in ancient Greece. The modern javelin was invented in 1880 in Sweden. It is now made of aluminium and has a steel shaft.

**LONG JUMP**  
The long jump is one of the track and field events. It is a jumping event where the athlete jumps as far as possible into a sandpit. The long jumper must land with both feet in the sandpit. The long jumper must also land with both feet in the sandpit.

**GALINA CHISTAKOVA**  
Galina Chistakova is a Russian long jumper. She won the gold medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics. She is the only woman to have won the gold medal in the long jump.

**DISCUS**  
One of the most beautiful events in the ancient world is called the Discobolus or 'discus thrower'. The statue is a Greek statue of a young man throwing a discus. It is a statue of a young man throwing a discus.

**JAN SZENT**  
The javelin was invented by Jan Szentpály. He was a Hungarian physicist. He invented the javelin in 1880. He was a Hungarian physicist.

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL**  
American football is a team sport that is played in the United States. It is a contact sport where players use their bodies to move the ball. It is a contact sport where players use their bodies to move the ball.

**AIK OF THE GAME**  
The aikido is a martial art that was developed in Japan. It is a martial art that was developed in Japan. It is a martial art that was developed in Japan.

**MEET THE TEAM**  
There are 11 players on the field. They are the quarterback, running back, wide receiver, tight end, offensive line, defensive line, defensive back, and special teams.

**MAKING A PLAY**  
The quarterback is the most important player on the team. He is the one who starts every play. He is the one who starts every play.

**TOO READY**  
The running back is the second most important player on the team. He is the one who carries the ball. He is the one who carries the ball.

**RUGBY**  
Rugby is a team sport that is played in many countries. It is a contact sport where players use their bodies to move the ball. It is a contact sport where players use their bodies to move the ball.

**BASEBALL**  
Baseball is a team sport that is played in the United States. It is a bat-and-ball game where the goal is to score runs by hitting the ball. It is a bat-and-ball game where the goal is to score runs by hitting the ball.

**CRICKET**  
Cricket is a team sport that is played in many countries. It is a bat-and-ball game where the goal is to score runs by hitting the ball. It is a bat-and-ball game where the goal is to score runs by hitting the ball.

**BASE PITCH**  
The base path is the path that the runner runs on. It is a path that the runner runs on. It is a path that the runner runs on.

**MITTAL BIKASH RAJ**  
Mittal Bikash Raj is a Indian cricketer. He is a batsman and a bowler. He is a batsman and a bowler.

**HOW SPORT BEGAN**  
People have always enjoyed getting together and competing to find out who's the strongest, fastest or best at something. Humans have been playing sport since ancient times.

**WHAT WAS THE FIRST SPORT?**  
Can you see any ancient cave paintings on the map? We don't know for certain what the world's first sport was, but we can guess from these ancient artworks.

**GRAND BEGINNINGS**  
The first competitive sport we know about was recorded in a famous story, the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, from 2100 BC. In it King Gilgamesh fights a wild man to see who is stronger.

**Pateca puripateka**  
Pateca puripateka was played in the ancient Mexican city of Teotihuacan as long ago as 1500 BC. It was a bit like hockey except the ball was on fire!

**In chunky, played for centuries by Native Americans**  
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**Surfing has been popular in the Pacific for hundreds of years**  
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