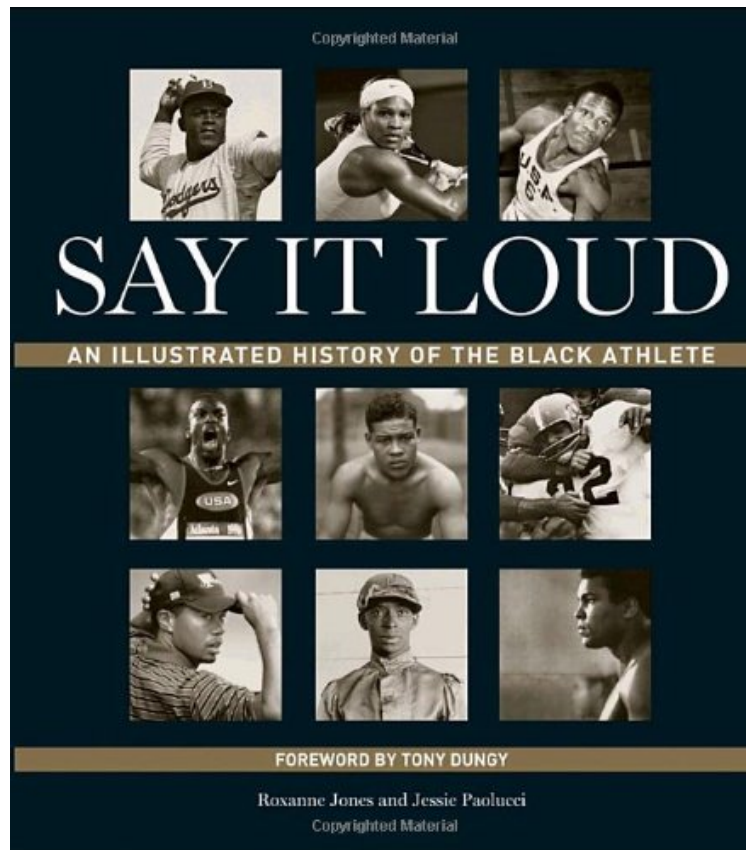


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Hatshepsut to Queen Nzingha to Harriet Tubman to Ida Bell Wells. From Buddy Bolden to the great Louis Armstrong. The Great Black Jockies to the great William Felton Russell. My point? This is a great book! It is invaluable as a teaching tool, historical reference for young children, teenagers, especially Black children who will not get this information in the public school system! So, in a few words, read it for yourself! And, please by no means rely on anyone who has not even opened the book!! Have a magnificent day!!

They are heroes, stars, agitators, and entertainers; mentors, innovators, history-makers, and record-breakers. They are the men and women whose physical gifts buoyed the spirits of a people and lifted up the soul of a nation. *Say It Loud* pays tribute not only to such household names as Jackie, Ali, Michael, Tiger, Venus, and Serena but to the forgotten many who made their success and glory possible. Profiled in these pages are figures whose accomplishments changed the game and transcended the playing field: Charlie Sifford and Lee Elder, who blazed paths on the PGA tour's fairways; Moses Fleetwood Walker, the last African-American in professional baseball for nearly a half century before the color barrier finally fell in 1946, and Rube Foster, whose Negro National League shined a light on black stars during that benighted period; Paul Robeson, the first black football All-America, who later became a versatile artist and activist, and Fritz Pollard, whose list of gridiron firsts could fill its own book; Junius Kellogg, whose integrity protected college basketball's in the 1950s; Althea Gibson, who brought her overpowering game from the streets to Wimbledon's Centre Court, and Dr. Robert "Whirlwind" Johnson of Richmond, Virginia, who nurtured Gibson, Arthur Ashe, and others in order to make a permanent place for blacks in a "white" game. *Say It Loud* salutes African-American athletes who fought tirelessly not just to be the best at their games but to make their country that didn't want them a better place. Featuring an Introduction by Super Bowl-winning coach Tony Dungy and scores of rare photographs, *Say It Loud* is a deeply inspiring testament to an extraordinary athletic heritage.

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