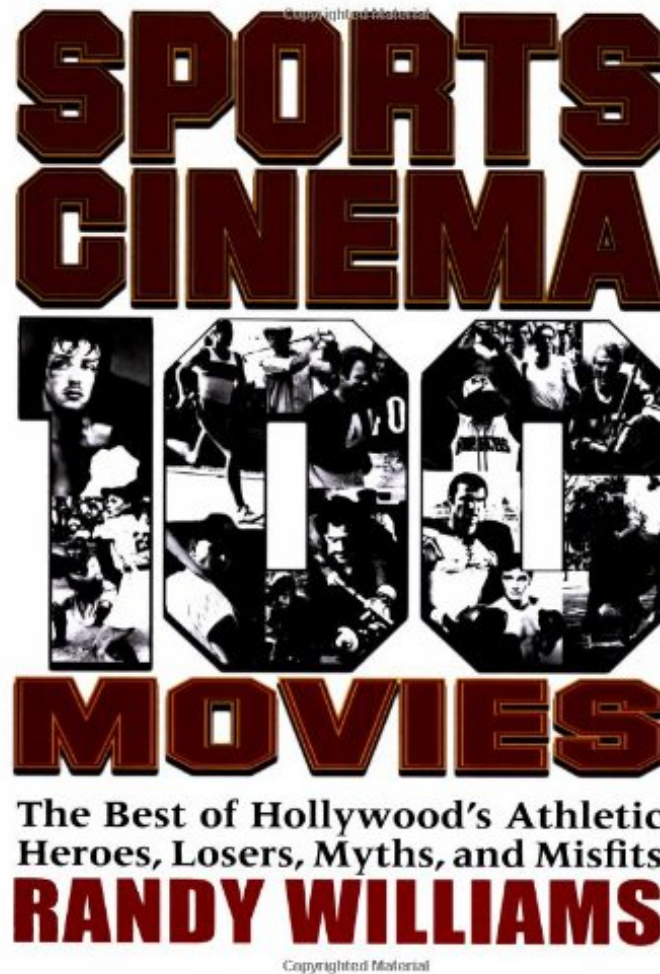


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy SerpinusVery pleased.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy michael w. fergusonGreat book! Enjoyed very much.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Knockout!!By Jeff BettencourtWilliams book is an in depth look at sports related films. Although the theme of competitive sports is a consistent link throughout his list of 100 movies, the varied themes that

intertwine these films tell the stories of their times as well as illuminate the universal experiences that we all share to some degree. Williams provides the reader with a background in film history, a look at the creative process, and he also reveals the life affirming stories that are not always apparent on the field of play but play out in these films. Besides the well thought out and illuminating text, there are many accompanying photos in this intelligently written reference to the greatest sports films. I don't necessarily agree with all of his choices, I would think that the original version of Angels in the Outfield should have found a place somewhere in the top one hundred as well as the Dizzy Dean story, Pride of St. Louis. That being said, I discovered the film entitled This Sporting Life in Sports Cinema which I was not aware of, and found it to be a remarkable movie. I wish I could find Phar Lap as well. If you are looking for an intelligent take on sports themed movies, this is a book worthy of your time, you won't be disappointed.

(Limelight). From All the Right Moves to Olympia , from Caddyshack to Rocky , Sports Cinema is an in-depth companion guide celebrating movies centered on sports-oriented stories, characters, events, or backdrops, complete with more than 400 black-and-white movie stills. Beginning with The Freshman (1925), Mr. Williams counts down his top movie picks from more than nine decades, based upon hundreds of hours of film watching and his expertise as a lifelong sports fan and sports writer for national and international publications, including Sports Illustrated, The Hollywood Reporter, Olympic Review, Reuters , and the Washington Post . Enhancing his chapter-by-chapter explorations of each film are sports-themed sections, including "The Players," which lists cast members; "The Game," which provides a synopsis of each movie; "Instant Replay," which includes movie commentary by Mr. Williams, as well little-known trivia; and "All-Star Moments," which offers movie highlights. Casual moviegoers, sports fans, and film buffs will get "the story behind the film" from those involved, including actors, directors, and various cast members in the "Post-Game Comments" section.