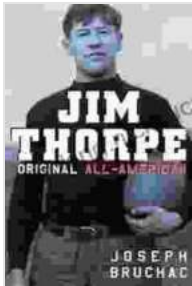


# Jim Thorpe: The Original All-American by Joseph Bruchac



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Jim Thorpe was a Native American athlete who excelled in football, baseball, and track and field. He was the first Native American to win an

Olympic gold medal and is considered one of the greatest all-around athletes of all time.

Thorpe was born in 1888 in the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma. He was a gifted athlete from a young age, and he excelled in football, baseball, and track and field at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania. In 1912, Thorpe competed in the Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden. He won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon, and he also competed in the high jump, long jump, and pole vault. Thorpe's performance in the Olympics made him a national hero, and he was hailed as the "greatest athlete in the world."

After the Olympics, Thorpe played professional football for the Canton Bulldogs and the New York Giants. He was also a successful baseball player, and he played for the New York Giants and the Boston Braves. Thorpe retired from professional sports in 1928, and he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1963 and the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1983.

Thorpe died in 1953 at the age of 64. He is buried in the Sac and Fox Nation Cemetery in Oklahoma. Thorpe's legacy as a great athlete continues to inspire people today, and he is considered one of the most iconic figures in American sports history.

### **Thorpe's Athletic Achievements**

Thorpe was a truly gifted athlete, and he excelled in a wide variety of sports. He was a star football player at Carlisle, and he helped the team win the national championship in 1911. Thorpe was also a talented baseball player, and he played professionally for several years. In track and

field, Thorpe was a world-class performer. He set world records in the pentathlon and decathlon, and he also competed in the high jump, long jump, and pole vault.

Thorpe's performance in the 1912 Olympics was truly remarkable. He won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon, and he also finished fourth in the high jump and seventh in the long jump. Thorpe's performance in the decathlon was particularly impressive. He set a world record in the event, and he won by over 700 points.

Thorpe's athletic achievements are even more impressive when you consider the fact that he was competing against some of the best athletes in the world. Many of the athletes who competed in the 1912 Olympics were world record holders, and Thorpe was able to defeat them all.

Thorpe's athletic achievements are a testament to his incredible talent and determination.

## **Thorpe's Legacy**

Thorpe's legacy as a great athlete continues to inspire people today. He is considered one of the most iconic figures in American sports history, and his story is a reminder of the power of the human spirit. Thorpe's achievements are a testament to the fact that anything is possible if you have the talent, determination, and courage to pursue your dreams.

Thorpe's legacy is also important for Native Americans. He was the first Native American to win an Olympic gold medal, and he helped to break down barriers for Native Americans in sports. Thorpe's achievements inspired other Native Americans to pursue their dreams, and he helped to pave the way for future Native American athletes.

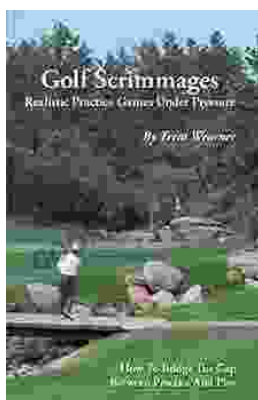
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