



***Sport: Step by Step* - Benedicte Mathieu and Myrtille Rambion**

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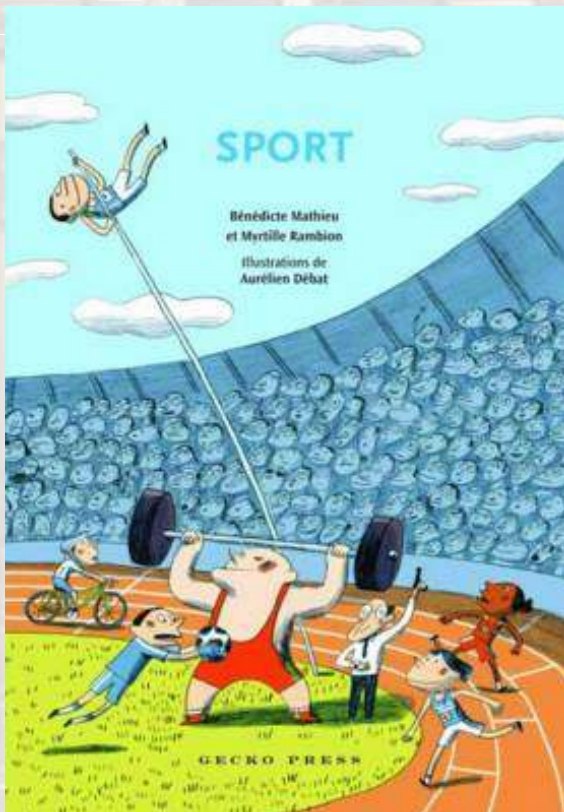
There's a wealth of information in this overview of sports. It's packed full of facts about sports for all seasons, locations, ages and abilities.

Interesting details pepper every page. Did you know that a rugby ball was originally made from a pig's bladder? Or that the ancient Greek philosopher and mathematician Pythagoras was also a champion wrestler and coach? Or that the sport of rowing began with races between 'watermen' who rowed taxi boats up and down London's River Thames in the 18th century?

Background information reveals that sport involves more than just the physical activities of athletes. Politics in sports is discussed, sponsorship, news coverage, amateur teams and sporting careers. John Saker, former captain of the All Blacks men's basketball team, has included facts about New Zealand's sporting interests. Colourful, cartoon-style illustrations add detail and humour to the text.

Other titles in the Step-by-Step series can be collected to build a set of reference books for home or school use.

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.



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