

Book Reviews

Remley, Mary L. *Women In Sport: An Annotated Bibliography and Resource Guide, 1900-1990*. Boston: G. K. Hall & Co., 1991. Pp. 210. \$35.00.

The author attempts to provide a selective, annotated bibliography of works as a reference guide to the sporting practices of women. As a professor of kinesiology, coordinator of graduate programs, a teacher of women's studies and sport history courses at Indiana University, and a past president of the North American Society for Sport History, Dr. Remley is eminently qualified for the task.

This book is an updated and revised edition of the original 1980 publication. Given the prolific nature of women's and sports studies over the past decade the work is both timely and necessary. Remley has greatly expanded the content and employed a new and improved format. New chapter introductions place the literature within the context of contemporary events. The alphabetical order of works in the first edition has been replaced with a year by year chronology of publications. The integration of instructional pieces, biographies, and more philosophical commentaries presents greater insight into the historical development and transformation of women's sport over time.

The first four chapters are divided into chronological periods: 1900-1930, 1931-1960, 1961-1975, and 1976-1990. The author employs a positive tone in her descriptions, and although not overtly judgmental in her evaluations, she provides enough information for the discerning reader to draw his or her own evaluative conclusions. The final chapter provides an extensive list of periodicals, sports organizations, and halls of fame that feature, or at least include, women in sport. Phone numbers for such organizations are lacking, however. Three separate indexes, arranged by author, title, and subject matter are extremely helpful in locating information.

As the title suggests this work is not all-inclusive. Only the Olympic listings address the years preceding the twentieth century. Indicative of the recent growth of women's sports, treatment of chronological periods is uneven, with the period between 1961-1990 (chapters 3 and 4) comprising the brunt of the contents. The collection is largely American, with minimal references to English or Canadian titles.¹ Ethnic and minorities are treated within the mainstream rather than separately; but the author presents a comprehensive survey of all sports, especially in the organizational and halls of fame listings. Films and conference proceedings have been deleted from the first edition.

1. See Helen Lenskyj, *Women, Sport and Physical Activity: Research and Bibliography*, (1988) for a more comprehensive collection of Canadian sources.

There is no inclusion of archival collections, and most of the selections are already familiar to sport historians; but the book serves as a handy reference source, useful to librarians, undergraduate programs, and general readers.

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