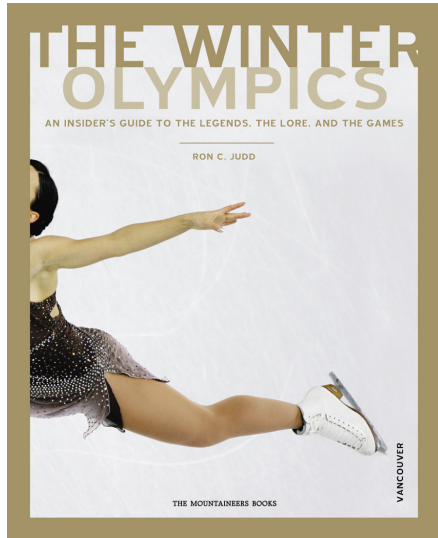




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The History, the Legend and the Lore of the Winter Games in Ron Judd's New Book Release *The Winter Olympics*

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON— Acquire a comprehensive knowledge of Winter Olympic history and be the conversation starter at any gathering between now and Vancouver 2010. In Seattle Times' columnist Ron Judd's new book, *The Winter Olympics: An Insider's Guide to the Legends, the Lore, and the Game* (The Mountaineers Books, February 2008, \$18.95) discover the intricacies of the sports from downhill skiing to figure skating and ice hockey, and key competitor profiles from years past.

Divided into two main sections – Ice Sports and Snow Sports -- Judd breaks down the rules of each competition, and what it takes to be an Olympic Gold Medal speed skater or cross-country skier. Ice Sports combine Bobsled, Luge and Skeleton, Curling, Figure Skating, Ice Hockey, and Speed skating, and cover everything from a flashback to the bobsled competition in the Salt Lake 2002 Olympics, to a candid interview with Dick Button about his favorite figure skaters over the years –(*hint-they are Russian, and two time Olympic Gold Medalists in 1988 and 1994*). Touching on the scandals that rocked the sport and surged viewer ratings, from Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan at the 1994 Lillehammer games, to Jamie Sale and David Pelletier at the 2002 Salt Lake competition, Judd leaves no ice pick unturned.

The Snow Sports cover Alpine, Cross-Country and Freestyle Skiing, Ski Jumping and Snowboarding while highlighting Norwegian speed --Alpine ski legend, and four time Olympic Gold Medalist, Kjetil Andre Aamodt, and Bjorn Daehlie, the eight time gold medalist in Cross-Country Skiing.

From stomach-churning accounts of gruesome accidents on the bobsled and speed skating track, combined with competition anecdotes and athlete profiles, Ron Judd's compendium of the Winter Games will appeal to Olympiphiles everywhere, as well as die hard fans of individual competitors. Fields of Play, Record Books, and History's Hits and Misses are included for each sport profiled, as well as travel and tourism tips for the Sea to Sky Games in 2010.

Ron Judd is a newspaper columnist, Olympic journalist, and the author of several non-fiction books, including hiking guides, and two humorous compendiums--*The Roof Rack Chronicles*, and *The Blue Tarp Bible*. Judd writes the weekly "Trail Mix" column for the *Seattle Times*, focusing on the great outdoors and the Northwest. He lives in Bellingham, WA.

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