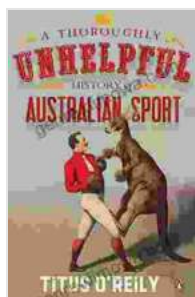


# The Thoroughly Unhelpful History of Australian Sport

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### **Chapter 1: The Early Days**

The first chapter of the book covers the early days of Australian sport, from the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788 to the end of the 19th century. This was a time of great change and upheaval, as Australia transitioned from a penal colony to a self-governing nation. Sport played a major role in this transformation, as it helped to unite Australians and give them a sense of national identity.

Some of the most popular sports in the early days of Australian history included cricket, footy, and horse racing. Cricket was introduced to Australia by the British, and it quickly became the national sport. Footy, a hybrid of rugby and Gaelic football, was developed in Australia in the 1850s. Horse racing was also a popular pastime, and the Melbourne Cup, first run in 1861, is still one of the most prestigious horse races in the world.

### **Chapter 2: The Golden Age**

The second chapter of the book covers the Golden Age of Australian sport, from the early 20th century to the 1950s. This was a time of great success for Australian athletes, as they won medals at the Olympic Games and dominated international cricket and tennis.

Some of the most famous Australian athletes of the Golden Age include Sir Donald Bradman, Don Bradman, and Dawn Fraser. Bradman is widely

regarded as the greatest cricketer of all time, and he scored more than 29,000 runs in his career. Fraser was a swimmer who won four gold medals at the Olympic Games. She was the first woman to win three gold medals at a single Olympic Games.

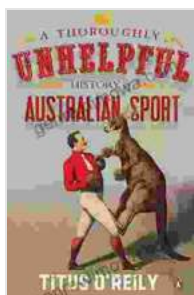
### Chapter 3: The Modern Era

The third chapter of the book covers the modern era of Australian sport, from the 1960s to the present day. This has been a time of continued success for Australian athletes, as they have won more medals at the Olympic Games and continued to dominate international cricket and tennis.

Some of the most famous Australian athletes of the modern era include Cathy Freeman, Ian Thorpe, and Ash Barty. Freeman won the gold medal in the 400 meters at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Thorpe is a swimmer who won five gold medals at the Olympic Games. Barty is a tennis player who won the French Open and Wimbledon in 2019.

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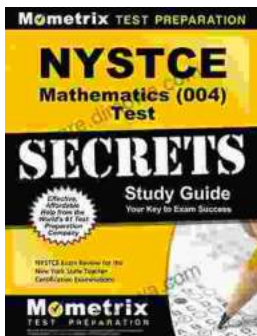
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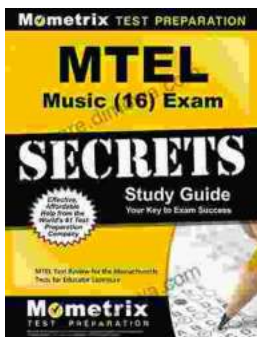
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