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## Figure Skating: A History.

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University of Illinois Press, Urbana and Chicago, 2006. Hardcover. Condition: New. 472 pages. Hardcover, no dustjacket. New book. SPORTS. The only comprehensive history of figure skating in over forty years Figure skating, unique in its sublimely beautiful combination of technical precision, musicality, and interpretive elements, has undergone many dramatic developments since the only previous history of the sport was published in 1959. This exciting and information-packed new history explains skating's many technical and artistic advances, its important personages, its intrigues and scandals, and its historical high points. Abundant full-color and black-and-white photographs illustrate the text. James R. Hines divides his history into three periods separated by the World Wars. In the first section, he follows functional and recreational ice skating through its evolution into national schools, culminating in the establishment of the International Skating Union and the ascendancy of an international style of skating. The second section explains the changes that occurred as the sport expanded into the form we recognize and enjoy today, and the final section shows how skating became increasingly athletic, imaginative, and intense following World War II, as the main focus turned to skaters themselves. The profiles include some 148 World and Olympic Champions as well..



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