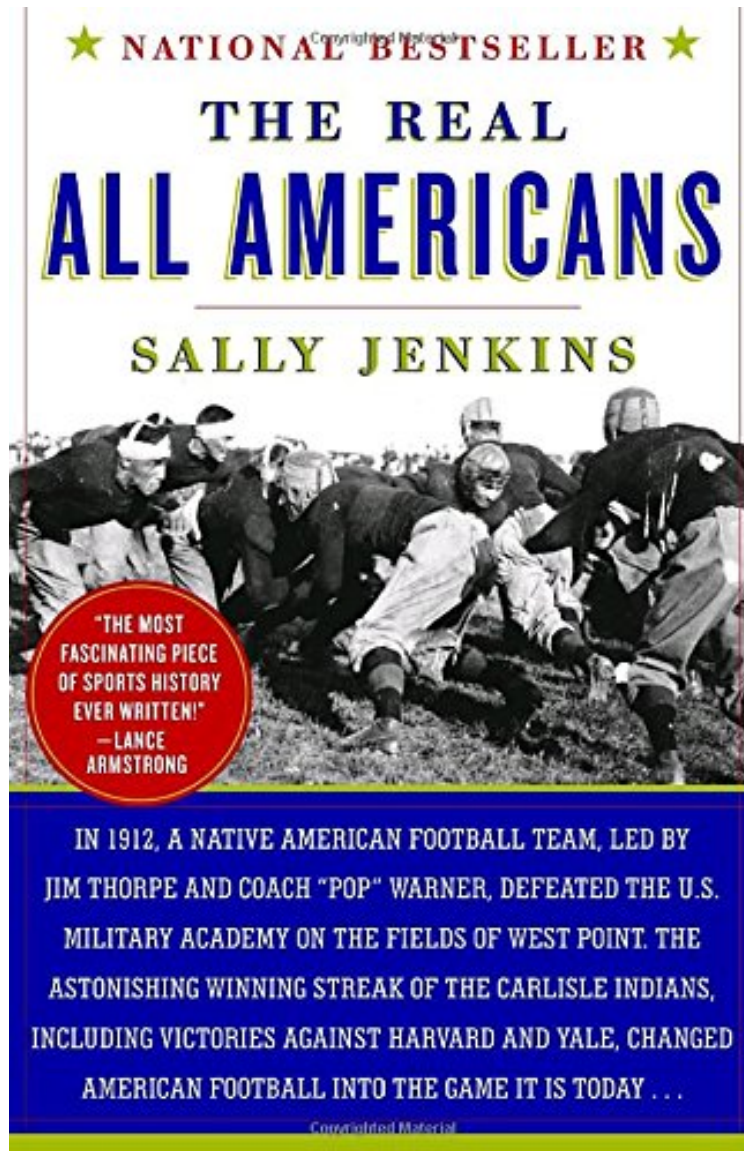


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Sally Jenkins : The Real All Americans before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Real All Americans:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The "Real" All Americans at CarlisleBy WBAdrianThis is an outstanding book about the Carlisle football team of the early 1900's, principally because it describes the history of Richard Henry Pratt and his "experiment" with prisoners at Fort Marion, Florida, that led up to his founding and building of the Carlisle Indian School in 1879. While the author (Jenkins) accepted the faulty narrative that Pratt's

design for Carlisle was to destroy Indian languages, cultures and children, she was generally accurate in describing the educational development of Carlisle under Pratt's leadership and the deterioration of education after Pratt was removed in 1904. Jenkins acknowledged the crucial role of Albert Exendine, a Delaware Indian student at Carlisle who mentored Jim Thorpe and was instrumental in the success of the Carlisle football team. Exendine was born in Indian Territory (now Bartlesville, Oklahoma) and preceded Thorpe at Carlisle four years earlier. He was the first Indian to complete a law degree at Dickinson College (in Carlisle) and became a successful football coach and Indian activist who believed that the removal of Pratt and the closing of Carlisle (1918) "set Indian education back 100 years." (pg. 306). Scholars of the history of Indian education have badly missed Pratt's legacy at Carlisle, and Jenkins' book gives a reasonably balanced story for readers to decide. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Real All Americans: The Team That Changed a Game, a People, a Nation By Kindle Customer I was so delighted to see Sally Jenkins on Cspan Book TV talking about her book and immediately ordered several copies. It is an excellent historical account of the Native American athletes educated at Carlisle Indian School and reveals much about the aftermath of the colonization of the U.S. Superintendent Pratt was a quintessential colonial master who inspired some of his students to excel beyond their wildest dreams. It affords a probing look in to that era, an era not usually described in the general history of the U.S. Jim Thorpe was probably the best known athlete of his time and after winning many awards he was disgraced and only many years after his death was his family able to recover some of his reputation. The book offers insights into class and race of that time and of the present. Athletic ability brilliance can provide a way out of poverty but the colonial masters still control the game. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not really a football book--something better By Dougpound First off--it's not a football book. It certainly covers football--which can be interesting--but maybe that's 20% of the book. Most of it is a great book on the challenges of the Carlisle School and the Native American community post Civil War until around 1920. I get that's a harder way to market a book, but either way, it's well worth reading.

Sally Jenkins, bestselling co-author of *It's Not About the Bike*, revives a forgotten piece of history in *The Real All Americans*. In doing so, she has crafted a truly inspirational story about a Native American football team that is as much about football as Lance Armstrong's book was about a bike. If you'd guess that Yale or Harvard ruled the college gridiron in 1911 and 1912, you'd be wrong. The most popular team belonged to an institution called the Carlisle Indian Industrial School. Its story begins with Lt. Col. Richard Henry Pratt, a fierce abolitionist who believed that Native Americans deserved a place in American society. In 1879, Pratt made a treacherous journey to the Dakota Territory to recruit Carlisle's first students. Years later, three students approached Pratt with the notion of forming a football team. Pratt liked the idea, and in less than twenty years the Carlisle football team was defeating their Ivy League opponents and in the process changing the way the game was played. Sally Jenkins gives this story of unlikely champions a breathtaking immediacy. We see the legendary Jim Thorpe kicking a winning field goal, watch an injured Dwight D. Eisenhower limping off the field, and follow the glorious rise of Coach Glenn "Pop" Warner as well as his unexpected fall from grace. *The Real All Americans* is about the end of a culture and the birth of a game that has thrilled Americans for generations. It is an inspiring reminder of the extraordinary things that can be achieved when we set aside our differences and embrace a common purpose.

From Publishers Weekly In this sprawling, heavily researched sports tale, author and Washington Post reporter Jenkins (*It's Not About the Bike*, with Lance Armstrong) covers more than a half-century—from mid-19th century battles between the U.S. Army and Native Americans to the 1918 closing of Pennsylvania's seminal Carlisle Indian Industrial School—telling the long-buried story of Carlisle's football team (the Indians, natch), which defied tradition and arguably did more to shape the modern collegiate game than any of its Ivy League competitors. Founded in 1879 by Army Lt. Col. Richard Pratt, an abolitionist who believed Native Americans deserved a visible place in U.S. society, Carlisle introduced fans and opponents to shoulder pads, the forward pass and the reverse option. Led by renowned coach Glenn "Pop" Warner and player Jim Thorpe, regarded as one of the greatest athletes America has produced, the Indians' struggles, especially with racial and political bigotry, prove surprisingly prescient (think Don Imus). That said, Jenkins shoehorns so much peripheral history that football often takes a back seat; in addition, her detached narration gives the book a term-paper feel, made all the more obvious by the enthusiasm and pride she details in her subjects. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From School Library Journal Adult/High School—Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner may be familiar names, but it's unlikely that teens have heard of U.S. Army Captain Richard Henry Pratt or the Sioux leader American Horse. Jenkins introduces readers to these figures and others in her vivid social history of the decline of American Indian culture and the development of college football. Her lively writing features unbiased descriptions of major historical figures, thumbnail sketches of minor personalities, and cameos by Mark Twain and President Eisenhower. The book opens with familiar events—the battles between Native Americans and U.S. Army soldiers over Western territories and the abysmal treatment Native American tribes received at the hands of the government. Less widely known is Captain Pratt's dream of providing educational opportunities for Indians and his founding of the Carlisle Indian Training School in Pennsylvania.

Jenkins's strength is in her sports writing; the most compelling sections of the book are descriptions of the Indians at Carlisle inventing new plays and prevailing against all odds in pivotal games against Harvard and West Point. The volume is enhanced by an eight-page spread of black-and-white photos with detailed captions. *All Americans* is a history book of heartbreaking stories that will appeal to teens interested in football or Native American history; it also has value as a narrative nonfiction supplement to the U.S. history curriculum.—Sondra VanderPloeg, Tracy Memorial Library, New London, NH Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist Why do football fans remember Jim Thorpe but forget the school he played for? In the untold story of Carlisle Indian School, Jenkins uncovers a pivotal episode in the nation's history. Founded by an army captain intent on civilizing savages, Carlisle perpetuated oppressive policies that legitimated the subjugation of Native American tribes. Yet even as Carlisle humiliated students by forcing them to cut off their braids, it allowed them to exact an unexpected kind of vengeance: football. In a positively electric style, Jenkins recounts how Carlisle's undersized football squad stunned powerhouses such as Harvard and West Point. Of course, Thorpe figures prominently in Carlisle's triumphs. But so, too, do other Carlisle athletes--including halfback Alex Areas and quarterback Gus Welch--whose courage and guile embolden Coach "Pop" Warner in revolutionary innovations, such as the forward pass and the double-wing formation. Defying bigoted journalists and dishonest referees, Carlisle storms its way right into Teddy Roosevelt's White House. How often does a book attract both sports fans and cultural historians?^B Bryce Christensen Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved