



Announcing a new book on Australian racewalking

Love it or hate it, you can't ignore it. Racewalking is perhaps the most controversial of all Olympic disciplines and is a sporting event that regularly provokes spirited attacks from media and armchair sportsmen.

This book is not written for those people. Rather, it is written for all those devotees of the sport who have a real understanding of this athletic endeavour and years of sacrifice needed to attain real proficiency.

From William Murray in 1912 to Nathan Deakes in 2005, Victoria continues to be the walking powerhouse in Australia. Over 40 Victorian based walkers have represented Australia in the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games and other major international competitions.

This is the story of these elite sportmen and sportswomen. It is also the story of Australian racewalking which is, at the time of writing, our most successful Track and Field event. Walking provided the only two individual Track and Field medals awarded to Australia in the 2004 Olympic Games. Nearly one quarter of the Australian team to go to the 2005 IAAF World Championships will be walkers.

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- * 196 pages
- * 80 photographs
- * 43 biographies
- * enough statistics to dazzle even the most devoted statistician
- * controversies and little known facts
- * a bargain price of only \$15 (\$20 pp Australia)

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The book features profiles of the following Victorian based walkers who each represented his/her chosen country at the highest levels of international competition.

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