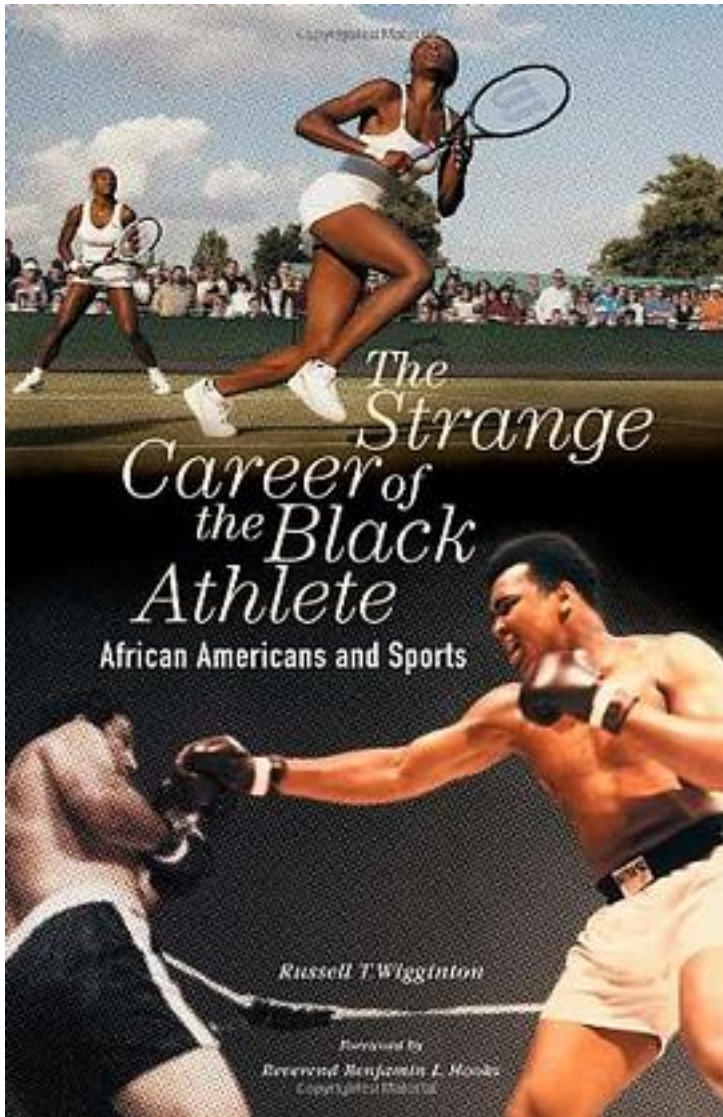


# The Strange Career of the Black Athlete



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Few realize that some sports were integrated, or even dominated by blacks, before becoming dominated by whites. Such sports include example, horse racing, golf, hockey, and tennis. This book provides a lens through which to view the historical context and specific circumstances of African Americans' presence in various sports. The author asks why sport has at times challenged the status quo with regard to race and civil rights, and at other times reinforced it. To that end, he analyzes various sports and asks "why" and "when" has each sport responded differently. Wigginton examines how blacks broke these color barriers, how they were able to maintain representation, and how the entrance of blacks into these sports changed the public's perception. The answers to these questions shed light on why America remains preoccupied with sports, race, and the seemingly integral relationship between the two.

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