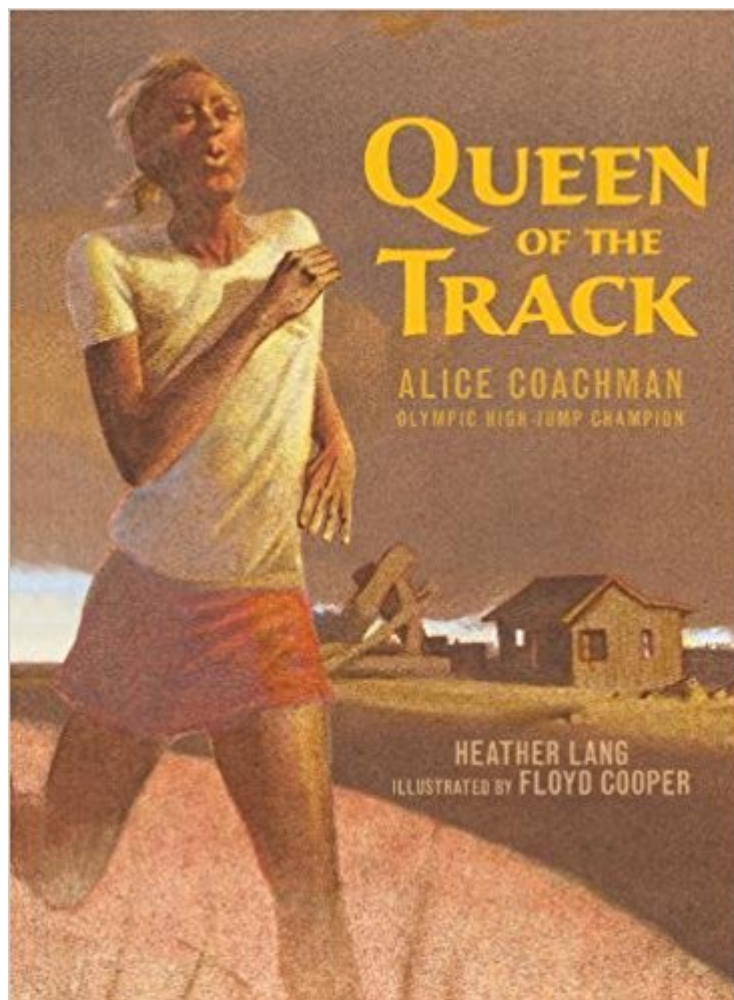




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Queen Of The Track: Alice Coachman, Olympic High-Jump Champion



Synopsis

As this year's Olympics draw near in Rio de Janeiro, athletes from around the world are training hard to overcome the competition, just as Alice Coachman did for the 1948 Olympics in London. This inspirational nonfiction book by Heather Lang is a story of perseverance and unwavering ambition that follows Coachman on her journey from rural Georgia, where she overcame adversity both as a woman and as a black athlete, to her triumph in Wembley Stadium. With her strong determination and innate athletic talent, Alice raced her way to the top of the track and field world and, leaping over all hurdles in her path, went on to become the first African American woman to take home the gold medal. This amazing journey is complemented by Floyd Cooper's pastel illustrations that serve to represent Coachman's incredible struggles. School Library Journal says: "Lang brings her subject's early years to life through small details | Cooper's pastels keep to a brown, grainy palette, recalling the Georgia dirt on which the track star ran as a child."

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Heather Lang loves to research and write about real women who overcame extraordinary obstacles and never gave up on their dreams. Her picture book biographies include, *Swimming with Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark*, *Fearless Flyer: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine*, *The Original Cowgirl: The Wild Adventures of Lucille Mulhall*, and *Queen of the Track: Alice Coachman, Olympic High-Jump Champion*. Heather also writes web articles for the National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance. When she is not writing, she loves to go on adventures with her husband and four children. Visit Heather at heatherlangbooks.com. Floyd Cooper is a recipient of the 2009 Coretta Scott King Award.

Inspiring read for our kids, age 6.5 and 3.5. We are always looking for books with African or African American role models or characters. This book was a great find. RIP Alice. Amazing talent and spirit.

Sensitively written and beautifully illustrated, this story of Alice Coachman's passion for track and determination to develop her talent offers inspiration for all young readers.

Satisfied with purchase.

This is a lovely book about Alice Coachman the first African American woman to win an Olympic gold medal. The pictures are nice and the story is easy to understand. Young readers will enjoy this book. This book will inspire everyone who reads it to aspire to achieve your goals in life. Highly recommended.

Debut author Heather Lang and Coretta Scott King award-winning illustrator Floyd Cooper have done a remarkable job of bringing Olympic medalist Alice Coachman to life for young readers. Coachman's life-long determination and dedication to her sport will inspire readers of all ages. This timely book is a must read. It belongs in every classroom and library in America.

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This is a wonderful and inspiring story, especially for kids. With the Summer Olympics this summer,

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