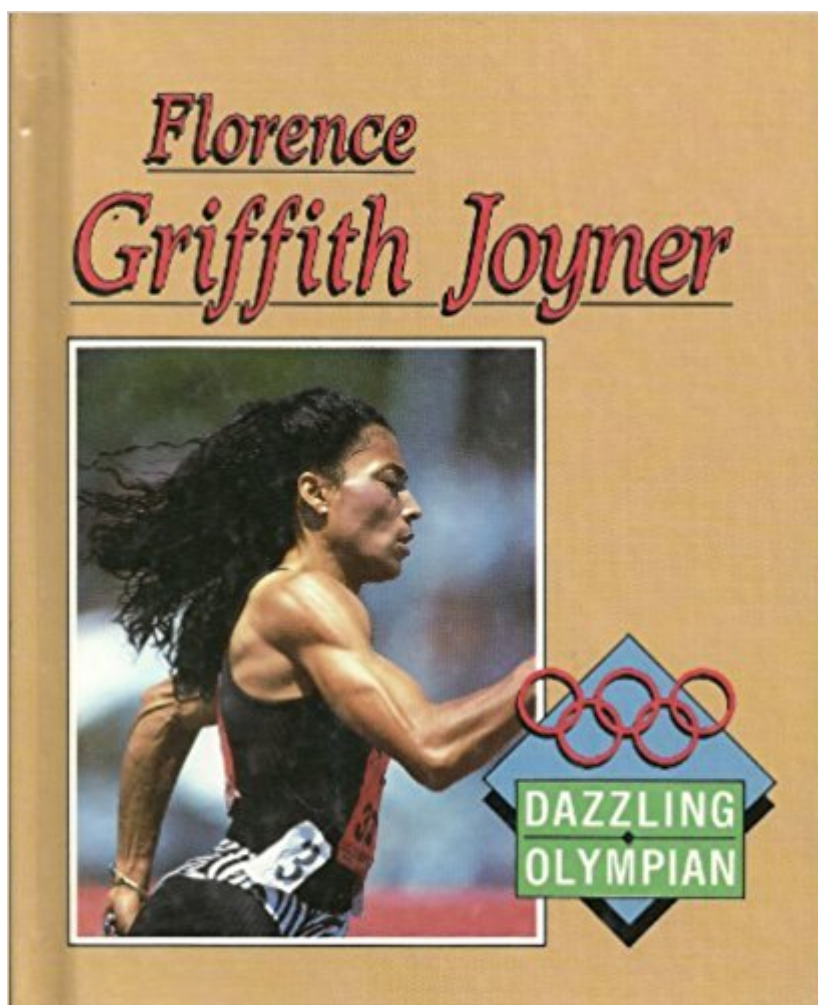




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Synopsis

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My 5th grader seemed to enjoy it. Trying to get a 10 YO to read is a challenge. Bought this in hope of finding inspiration. At least she read it.....

it was good. geared for grade schoolers.

very simple read about a phenomenal woman... the colorful pictures and descriptive captions enhance her story in this elementary biography.

(3 elementary students: ...): It's a very interesting book. It tells about Flo Jo's one-legged suits and her unique personal style. It inspires people never to give up on something you love a lot. There were times when Flo Jo was worried she wouldn't be able to compete, but somehow she persevered through the difficult times. In this book you will find out that Flo Jo made many new world records in running. (We don't understand how she could sign autographs with her six-inch long fingernails!!) Flo Jo wasn't allowed to run in the hand off relay because her fingernails were too long. In the end, the the coaches let her keep them (the second time). We would recommend this book for people who are looking for a good biography and love running. We think the reading level for this book is appropriate for grades 3 and up, or as a Read Aloud for grades 2 and up.

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