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Grey House Publishing announces *Working Americans, 1880-2009, Volume X: Sports and Recreation*

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication, *Working Americans 1880-2009, Volume X: Sports and Recreation*, the tenth volume in an open-ended series. Like its predecessors, this edition profiles the lives of Americans – how they lived, how they worked, how they thought – decade by decade.

All ten volumes, regardless of economic status or time period, offer a unique, almost uncanny, look at those Americans whose talents, desires, motivations, struggles, and values shaped – and continue to shape – this nation. Without exception, the nearly 300 individuals profiled in this *Working Americans* series are working toward their version of the American dream.

Sports & Recreation covers 21 different activities, including highly competitive team sports like football and hockey, individual sports like archery and tennis, and more recreational activities like fishing and bowling.

Volume X: Sports & Recreation takes you:

- ‡ Into the world of a Yale University oarsman in 1893;
- ‡ To France, where YMCA's Robert Meek worked to boost troop morale during World War I by organizing baseball games.
- ‡ Up close and personal with New York sportswriter Alan Miller 1938;
- ‡ To the Olympics in Helsinki, Finland in 1952, where Harrison Dillard compete in hurdling;
- ‡ Into the St. Louis Cardinal's stadium in 1962, where Charles Plautard sold hotdogs to be close to the game;

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- Υ To the high school hockey field where coach Frankie Parsons saw his team win the championship in 1998; and
- Υ On a trip to Las Vegas in 2009 with Alfredo Lenzi's pool team.

Arranged in 12 decade-long chapters, this newest *Working Americans* includes three **Profiles** per chapter. Each profile offers personal insight using *Life at Home*, *Life at Work* and *Life in the Community* categories, which are followed by historical and economic data of the time. **Historical Snapshots** chronicle major milestones. Various **Timelines**, outline the progress of a variety of sports. **News Features** puts sporting events and recreational activities in context. These common elements, as well as specialized data, such as **Selected Prices**, in currency of the time, punctuate each chapter and act as statistical comparisons between decades. The 36 men and women profiled in this volume represent 18 American states, and a wide variety of ages and occupations. In addition, four countries showcase the international community: France during World War I; and Germany, Finland, and Italy during various Olympic Games. The Table of Contents following this Introduction provides a detailed list.

All ten *Working Americans* volumes are “point in time” books, designed to illustrate the reality of that particular time. Some Americans portrayed in this 10th volume realized the American dream and some did not. Many of their stories continue.

Praise for earlier volumes:

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- Booklist

“Derks adds to the genre of social history known as “history from the bottom up,” which examines the lives of ordinary people... Recommended for all college and university library collections.”

- Choice

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