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Book Review: Historical Dictionary of the Olympic Movement (3rd Edition)

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The third edition of the *Historical Dictionary of the Olympic Movement* presents readers with a comprehensive reference guide covering the modern Olympic movement, including chronologies, dictionary entries, appendixes, and references.

The chronological timeline outlines key events related to the Olympic movement starting with the Ancient Olympic Games and continuing through the 21st Winter Olympics of 2010. There is also a second chronology which provides valuable information on the Summer Olympiads and Winter Olympic Games. The brief descriptions of each event include specifics about the site selection, the number of participants, notable individual performances, and other prominent happenings.

The book contains a dictionary that has hundreds of entries on the sporting events, governing organizations, officials, participating countries, memorable events, and many of the most decorated athletes of the Olympic Games. Each entry provides background information on the subject and details the related Olympic significance.

The appendixes and reference section are also full of pertinent information. They provide tables and lists, including such items as former IOC members, presidents, and Olympic Order and Cup recipients. The reference section lists several scholarly works covering the Ancient and

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Modern Olympic Games.

The authors were founding members of the International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH). Bill Mallon and Ian Buchanan each served terms as president of the ISOH and both have been recognized for their contributions to the Olympic movement by being awarded with the Olympic Order in Silver. The Olympic Order is the supreme individual honor accorded by the International Olympic Committee.

The Historical Dictionary of the Olympic Movement is a useful, quick reference guide to the Modern Olympic Games. The dictionary provides historical information that can meet the educational needs of a student while also providing the historian or sport enthusiast with a relatively easy read. The chronologies, dictionary, and appendixes are all formatted to make accessing information quick and trouble-free.

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