



# The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal

*David Halberstam*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal

*David Halberstam*

**The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal** David Halberstam

"Astonishing . . . Moving . . . One of the best books ever written about a sport."

\*Walter Clemons

Newsweek

"A PENETRATING, FASCINATING AND REMARKABLY SUSPENSEFUL NARRATIVE."

\*David Guy

Chicago Tribune

In *The Amateurs*, David Halberstam once again displays the unique brand of reportage, both penetrating and supple, that distinguished his bestselling *The Best and the Brightest* and *October* 1964. This time he has taken for his subject the dramatic and special world of amateur rowing. While other athletes are earning fortunes in salaries and/or endorsements, the oarsmen gain fame only with each other and strive without any hope of financial reward.

What drives these men to endure a physical pain known to no other sport? Who are they? Where do they come from? How do they regard themselves and their competitors? What have they sacrificed, and what inner demons have they appeased? In answering these questions, David Halberstam takes as his focus the 1984 single sculls trials in Princeton. The man who wins will gain the right to represent the United States in the 84 Olympiad; the losers will then have to struggle further to gain a place in the two- or four-man boats. And even if they succeed, they will have to live with the bitter knowledge that they were not the best, only close to it.

Informative and compelling, *The Amateurs* combines the vividness of superb sportswriting with the narrative skills of a Pulitzer Prize-winning correspondent.

"RIVETING."

\*Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

The New York Times

"[A] MASTERFUL JOB . . . Maintains the suspense to the very last stroke . . . Halberstam makes us care about the four men, their disappointments and the brutal testing of their friendships."

\*Dan Levin

Sports Illustrated

 [Download The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Thei ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Th ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal David Halberstam**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Eric Chabot:**

Do you have favorite book? In case you have, what is your favorite's book? E-book is very important thing for us to know everything in the world. Each guide has different aim or perhaps goal; it means that book has different type. Some people really feel enjoy to spend their the perfect time to read a book. They may be reading whatever they have because their hobby is usually reading a book. Why not the person who don't like reading through a book? Sometime, individual feel need book when they found difficult problem or perhaps exercise. Well, probably you will need this The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal.

#### **Denise Rutledge:**

Now a day people who Living in the era just where everything reachable by connect with the internet and the resources in it can be true or not require people to be aware of each information they get. How a lot more to be smart in acquiring any information nowadays? Of course the reply is reading a book. Studying a book can help persons out of this uncertainty Information specifically this The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal book because book offers you rich info and knowledge. Of course the data in this book hundred % guarantees there is no doubt in it you know.

#### **Arthur Daniel:**

Can you one of the book lovers? If yes, do you ever feeling doubt when you find yourself in the book store? Attempt to pick one book that you never know the inside because don't ascertain book by its protect may doesn't work this is difficult job because you are afraid that the inside maybe not as fantastic as in the outside seem likes. Maybe you answer may be The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal why because the great cover that make you consider in regards to the content will not disappoint you actually. The inside or content is usually fantastic as the outside as well as cover. Your reading 6th sense will directly guide you to pick up this book.

#### **Herbert Knight:**

Don't be worry in case you are afraid that this book will filled the space in your house, you could have it in e-book approach, more simple and reachable. That The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal can give you a lot of pals because by you taking a look at this one book you have point that they don't and make you actually more like an interesting person. This book can be one of one step for you to get success. This publication offer you information that might be your friend doesn't recognize, by knowing more than additional make you to be great people. So , why hesitate? We should have The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal.

**Download and Read Online The Amateurs: The Story of Four  
Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal David  
Halberstam #CTFYA08W94S**

## **Read The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal by David Halberstam for online ebook**

The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal by David Halberstam Free PDF download, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal by David Halberstam books to read online.

### **Online The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal by David Halberstam ebook PDF download**

**The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal by David Halberstam Doc**

**The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal by David Halberstam Mobipocket**

**The Amateurs: The Story of Four Young Men and Their Quest for an Olympic Gold Medal by David Halberstam EPub**