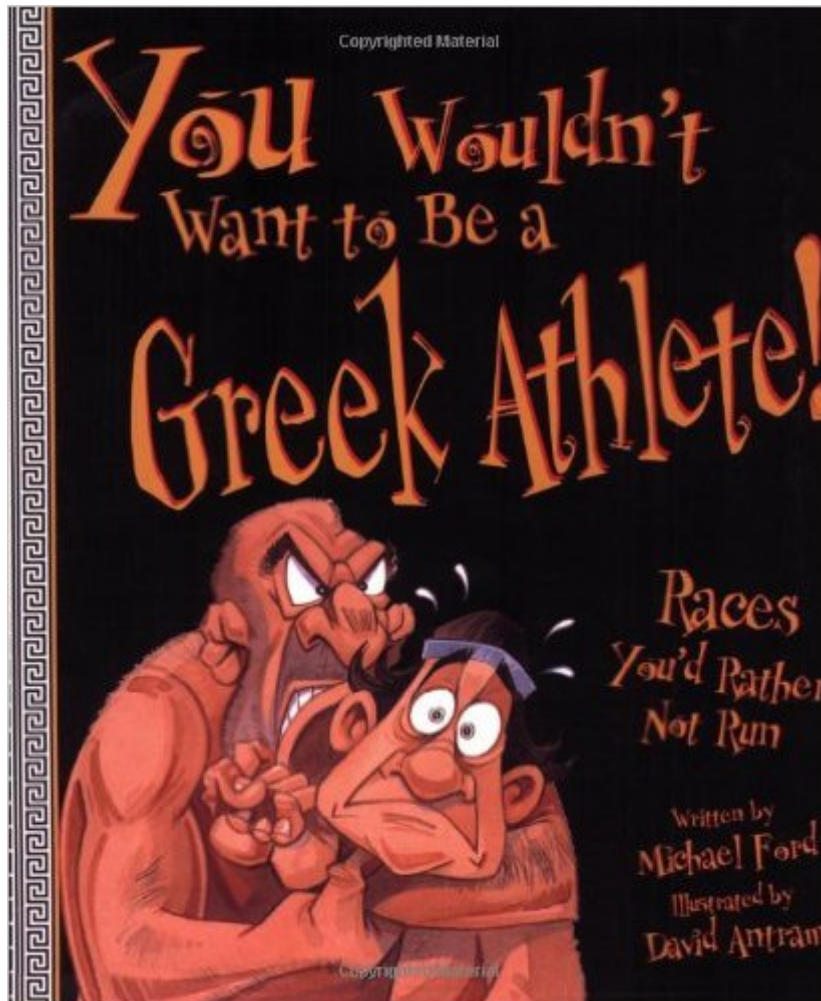


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# You Wouldn't Want To Be A Greek Athlete!: Races You'd Rather Not Run



## Synopsis

You (the reader) are a small boy living near Athens during the mid-5th century B.C. Your father sends you off to school to learn about the arts and athletics. It is his hope that someday you will honor the family by competing in the Olympic Games. As you train and compete in the games you will get an insider's look at what events are held, such as the pentathlon, running, and wrestling. After reading this book there will be no doubt in your mind that this is definitely a race you'd rather not run. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Cute and fun story to learn about life in Ancient Greece. My students love this series. Although, there are times at which they still want to be a Gladiator in Rome, or an Athlete in the first Greek Olympics, they love reading about the challenges they faced and just how difficult things were back then. True accounts with a humorous twist.

This book is part of the You Wouldn't Want to Be series, published by Scholastic, Inc. Like all of the books in the series, this one has lots of brightly colored illustration and gobs of great, off-beat humor. This book tells you all about being an ancient Greek athlete â€” everything from training through the stadium where the competitions will be held, the competitions themselves, and what it means to be a winning Greek athlete! Yeah, this is a fun book, one that tells the true story of being a

Greek athlete, but in a fun and funny manner that makes the book a real joy to read. So, if you have an older child or young adult who wants to read a definitely not-dry book on ancient history, then steer him or her to *You Wouldn't Want to Be a Greek Athlete!...theyâ™™ll thank you later!*

I bought this book for a class of middle school students. They learned facts while having fun.

Ancient history good for kids

One of my favorite series.

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