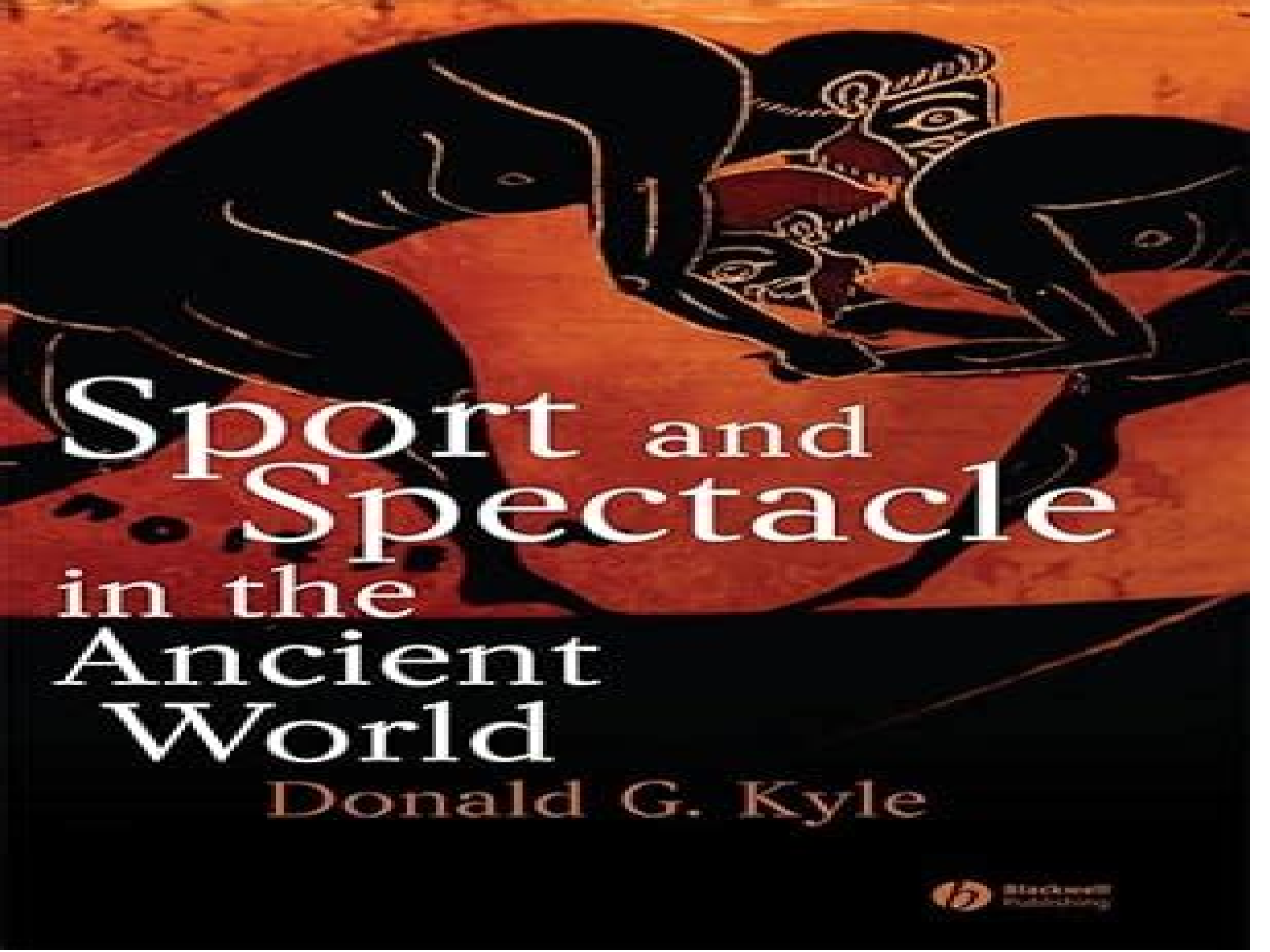




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Sport, Bodily Culture and Classical Antiquity in Modern Greece

Eleni Fournaraki, Zinon Papakonstantinou, 2014-06-03 Ancient Greece was the model that guided the emergence of many facets of the modern sports movement including most notably the Olympics Yet the process whereby aspects of the ancient world were appropriated and manipulated by sport authorities of nation states athletic organizations and their leaders as well as by sports enthusiasts is only very partially understood This volume takes modern Greece as a case study and explores in depth issues related to the reception and use of classical antiquity in modern sport spectacle and bodily culture For citizens of the Greek nation state classical antiquity is not merely a vague legacy but the cornerstone of their national identity In the field of sport and bodily culture since the 1830s there had been persistent attempts to establish firm and direct links between ancient Greek athletics and modern sport through the incorporation of sport in school curricula the emergence of national sport historiographies as well as the initiatives to revive in the 19th century or appropriate in the 20th the modern Olympics Based on fieldwork and unpublished material sources this book dissects the use and abuse of classical antiquity and sport in constructing national gender and class identities and illuminate aspects of the complex modern perceptions of classicism sport and the body This book was previously published as a special issue of the International Journal of the History of Sport

Jesus, Paul, Luke-Acts, and 1 Clement

David L. Balch, 2023-06-19 In this book the author draws on two original sources on a Greek biographer historian and rhetorician Dionysius of Halicarnassus as well as on Pompeian domestic art and architecture Generally NT scholars read texts but Greeks and ancient Romans loved beauty The walls and floors of their houses were decorated with thousands of colorful frescoes and mosaics art that two millennia later is still on display in Pompeii Christians lived and worshipped in those typical houses relating the art to NT texts generates many

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Dictionary of Daily Life in Biblical & Post-Biblical Antiquity:

Wild Animals & Hunting Edwin M. Yamauchi, Marvin R. Wilson, 2022-05-17 This unique reference article excerpted from the larger work Dictionary of Daily Life in Biblical and Post Biblical Antiquity provides background cultural and technical information on the world of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament from 2000 BC to approximately AD 600 Written and edited by a world class historian and a highly respected biblical scholar each article addresses cultural technical and or sociological issues of interest to the study of the Scriptures Contains a high level of scholarship Information and concepts are explained in detail and are accompanied by bibliographic material for further exploration Useful for scholars pastors teachers and students for biblical study exegesis or sermon preparation Possible areas covered include details of domestic life technology culture laws or religious practices Each article ranges from 5 to 20 pages in length For the complete contents of Dictionary of Daily Life in Biblical and Post Biblical Antiquity see ISBN 9781619708617 4 volume set or ISBN 9781619701458 complete in one volume

The Anthropology of Sport Niko Besnier, Susan Brownell, Thomas F. Carter, 2018 Few activities bring together physicality emotions politics money and morality as dramatically as sport In Brazil s stadiums or parks in China on Cuba s baseball diamonds or rugby fields in Fiji human beings test their physical limits invest emotional energy bet money perform witchcraft and ingest substances making sport a microcosm of what life is about The Anthropology of Sport explores not only what anthropological thinking tells us about sports but also what sports tell us about the ways in which the sporting body is shaped by and shapes the social cultural political and historical contexts in which we live Core themes discussed in this book include the body modernity nationalism the state citizenship transnationalism globalization and gender and sexuality Provided by publisher

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