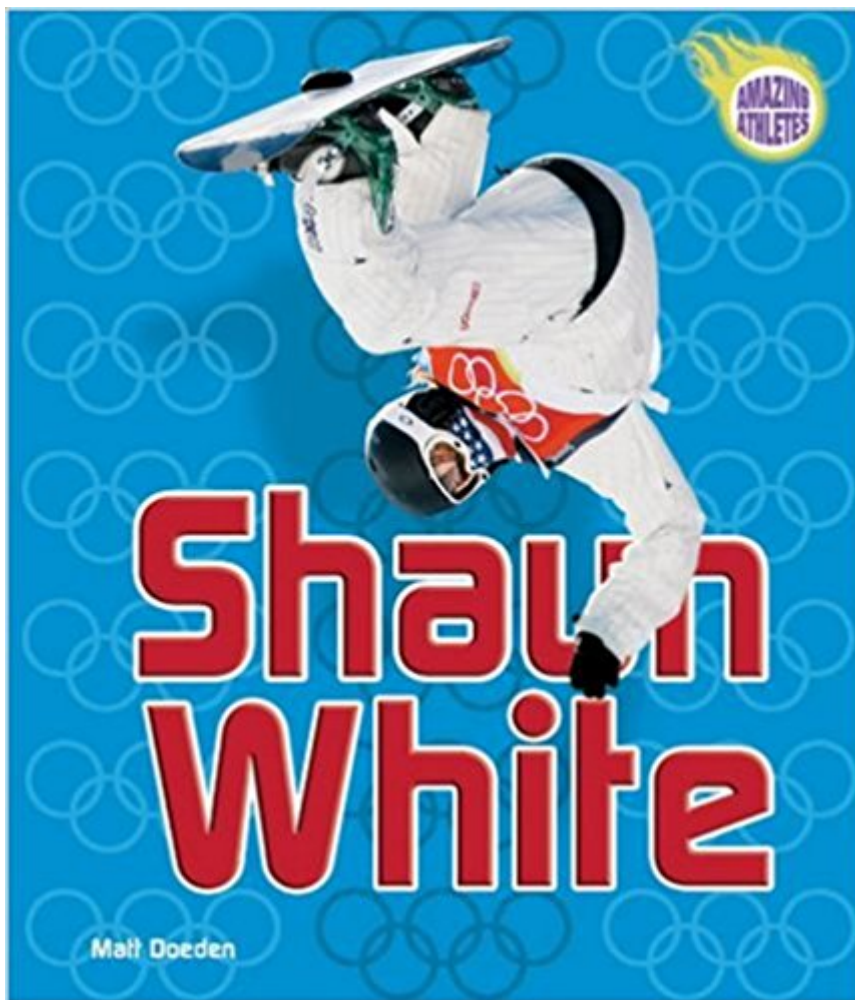




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# Shaun White (Amazing Athletes)



## Synopsis

On snowboarder Shaun White's first run on the halfpipe at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada, he set the high score and secured the gold medal. On his second run, which people called a "victory lap," Shaun set an even higher score to destroy the competition. But Shaun is more than a two-time Olympic snowboarding champion. He's also a world-class skateboarder. As the first person to compete in both the Summer and Winter X Games, Shaun is the biggest star in two sports. Learn more about his high-flying skills and unique personality.

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•This biography of the snowboarder who, at 19, was nicknamed the "Flying Tomato" at the 2006 Winter Olympics offers a brief account of White's early passion for skateboarding and snowboarding, and his rise to become a champion athlete. The book includes a time line of "Selected Career Highlights" and average-quality color photos. Skateboarding and snowboarding fans will be drawn to this title for reports or browsing.  
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Matt Doeden was born in southern Minnesota and lived parts of his childhood in Golden Valley, Minnesota, and Madison, Minnesota. He studied journalism at Mankato State University, where he

worked at the college newspaper for three years. In his senior year, he served as the paper's Sports Editor, which put him in charge of the entire sports section, the sports writers, and the photographers. He covered mostly college sports, but also the Minnesota Vikings, who held training camp at MSU. His work allowed him to meet and interview people like Dennis Green, Cris Carter, Robert Smith, and more. Matt went on to work as a sports writer for the Mankato paper, and then he got a job as an editor with a small children's publisher called Capstone Press, and in 2003 he decided to start his own business as a freelance writer and editor. Since then Matt has written and edited hundreds of books. Lots of them are on high-interest topics like cars, sports, and airplanes. He also writes and edits on geography, science, and even math.

As a third grade teacher, I'm always on the hunt for a great biography. This book was perfect! It had a great balance of pictures and facts, giving my third graders enough information to complete nonfiction biography writing, but also keeping them entertained. :)

I was expecting more on "How To -s" I would recommend this book to those who want a bio of Shaun

When Shaun White was born in 1986, no one would ever think he would become a world famous athlete because he was a sickly baby in need of heart surgery. Tetralogy of Fallot is a "heart problem that affects the supply of oxygen in the blood" and he needed heart surgery when he was an infant. He soon turned into a very active little boy who loved to participate in all kinds of sports, including skateboarding. Shaun was into skiing, along with the rest of his family, and when he saw snowboarders at Bear Mountain in his native California he was hooked. The only problem was that he was only six-years-old and the resort wouldn't consider giving him lessons until he was twelve. No sweat . . . his father, Roger, took the lessons and in turn taught Shaun. Of course his mother was not happy with the idea and said he could only ride fakie. Shaun had found his sport and by the time he was seven he started to win championships. If you watched him in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, you saw some hot moves. He was catching some big air and stunned the world by landing his final trick, the Double McTwist 2060. According to Peetu Piiroinen, who placed second, "It's impossible to beat Shaun unless he falls." Shaun was a "snowboarding natural" when he was a youngster and, as amazing as it seems, appears to get better every year. In this book you will learn about his childhood, the competitions and titles he took, his "career" in skateboarding (he was a two-sport star), when he turned pro, his X Games medals, and you'll learn many other

interesting facts about one of the best extreme sports athletes out there! This fantastic book about Shaun White, a "high-flying" extreme athlete, will thrill the young reader. The newly revised edition is up to date and includes his 2010 successes and even includes a picture of him as he appears on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. The layout of the book is very appealing with numerous full color photographs and informative sidebars. For example, in one sidebar we learn about how Shaun and his brother designed a room at Target House at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In the back of the book is an index, a glossary, selected career highlights, and additional recommended book and websites to explore. If you have a youngster in your house who is a fan of White's or loves extreme sports, this is one hot book you should take a look at!

I bought this book for my 10 year old to use for his Biography Project on Shaun White. The book was perfect for this project because it gave him very specific information about Shaun White (dates, awards, etc.) in a format that was easy for him to read and enjoy at the same time. Not an easy feat for us! He was very successful not only on the project, but scored 100% on the AR test for the book afterwards because he was able to retain the information. P.S. Shipping was fast and timely!

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