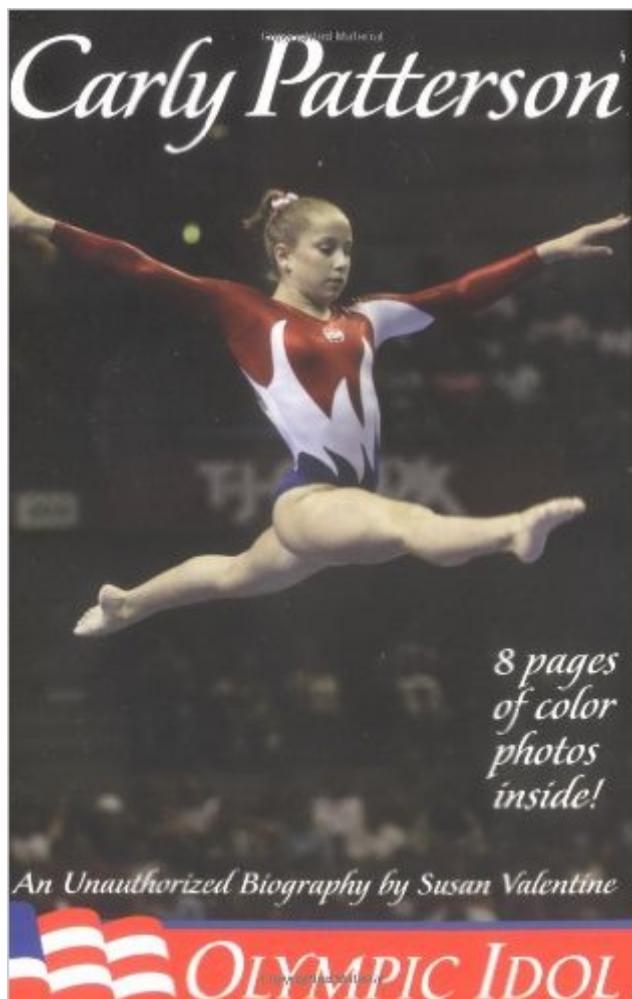


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This book is basicly a compliation of all the articles that have been written about Carly Patterson up to the 2004 American Cup. As a long time gymnastics fan, I found this book included no information that I had not already heard. That being said...it is a good book, despite the fact that it was written before the Olympics. It includes some fine photos, and for people who like to collect Carly memorabilia, this book is for you.

As a Carly Patterson fan, I picked up this book at the library when I was bored and finished it in about 25 minutes. It doesn't, as other reviewers mention, go up to the 2004 Athens Olympics- it goes up to the 2004 American Cup. Also included are some information about Carly's early life, start in gymnastics, earlier meets, etc. Most of the meet information was compiled from articles already written about Carly. It also has some photos, but not that many; if you're looking for a lot of pictures,

this book probably wouldn't satisfy you. The few photos included, however, are really good. So, overall, if you haven't heard much about Carly and are looking for a brief read to tell you more, than go ahead and read this book. If you already know enough about her, you probably won't find any new information in here.

I have not read this book yet, but I just want to let you all know that this book was listed and published before the 2004 Olympic Games even took place! So it was just a guess that Carly would win/do well at the Olympics and become an "idol," and pure luck for this author and the publisher that she actually did! Or maybe the author is psychic or something (if you believe in that kind of thing). I wonder what would have happened if Carly did really badly at the Olympics (glad she didn't). Carly is very talented, but you can't determine in advance who will really win, because anything can happen in a sport like gymnastics; you can predict, but it might not come true. Since it was created before the Olympics took place, this book most likely won't include information about what took place during the Olympics competition, and after Carly won (the benefits and rewards of being an Olympic Champion, future plans, etc). Since it was released in June, it also may possibly not have the information from Olympic Trials and Nationals or the actual selection of the team, since those competitions took place around the time of this book's release. I don't really have a rating for this book, but .com makes you give a rating, so I just chose one star because this book was released before the competition took place. That really surprised me and other fellow gymnastics fans. I'll have to be on the lookout for the book in a store or something to see about its contents. So if you want information about the Olympics, and just before and after it, you might want to get another book that was actually published AFTER the Olympics, or wait to see if this book will be updated sometime soon.

Unless you know next to nothing about gymnastics or are under the age of 10, don't waste your time on this book - it was too simplistic for those of us who have followed the sport for 30 years.

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