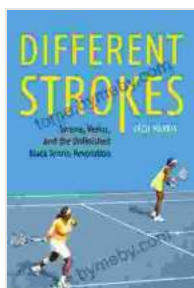


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Serena and Venus Williams are two of the greatest tennis players of all time. They have won a combined 30 Grand Slam singles titles, more than any other pair of sisters in history. They have also been ranked No. 1 in the world at the same time, a feat that no other siblings have ever accomplished.



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But Serena and Venus's success on the court has been overshadowed by their experiences as Black women in a predominantly white sport. They have faced racism and discrimination throughout their careers, both on and off the court. They have been called "ugly" and "unfeminine." They have

been told that they are "too powerful" and that they do not "belong" in tennis.

Despite all of this, Serena and Venus have persevered. They have used their platform to speak out against racism and sexism, and they have inspired a new generation of Black tennis players.

In their new book, *Serena Venus And The Unfinished Black Tennis Revolution*, Serena and Venus tell their story in their own words. They talk about the challenges they have faced, the lessons they have learned, and the dreams they still have for their sport.

The book is a powerful and inspiring read. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the history of Black tennis, the challenges that Black athletes still face today, and the importance of fighting for social justice.

The History of Black Tennis

The history of Black tennis is a long and complex one. Black people have been playing tennis for centuries, but it was not until the late 19th century that they began to make a significant impact on the sport.

In 1898, Althea Gibson became the first African American woman to win a Grand Slam title, the French Open. In 1950, Arthur Ashe became the first African American man to win a Grand Slam title, the US Open.

In the decades that followed, other Black players followed in Gibson and Ashe's footsteps. Billie Jean King, Jimmy Connors, and John McEnroe are just a few of the Black players who have won Grand Slam titles.

However, despite the success of these players, Black people are still underrepresented in tennis. In 2021, there were only 8 Black women and 5 Black men ranked in the top 100 in the world.

The Challenges that Black Tennis Players Face

Black tennis players face a number of challenges that white players do not. These challenges include:

* **Racism and discrimination:** Black tennis players have faced racism and discrimination throughout their careers, both on and off the court. They have been called "ugly" and "unfeminine." They have been told that they are "too powerful" and that they do not "belong" in tennis. * **Lack of opportunities:** Black tennis players often lack the same opportunities as white players. They may not have access to the same coaching, training, and facilities. They may also be less likely to be recruited by college tennis programs. * **Stereotypes:** Black tennis players often face stereotypes about their athleticism and intelligence. They may be seen as being "naturally athletic" but "not very smart." These stereotypes can limit their opportunities and make it difficult for them to succeed in tennis.

The Importance of Fighting for Social Justice

Serena and Venus Williams are using their platform to fight for social justice. They have spoken out against racism, sexism, and poverty. They have also supported organizations that are working to make the world a more just and equitable place.

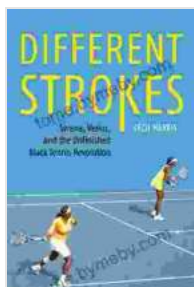
The fight for social justice is not over. Black tennis players still face racism and discrimination today. But Serena and Venus are leading the way in the

fight for change. They are inspiring a new generation of Black tennis players to dream big and to fight for what they believe in.

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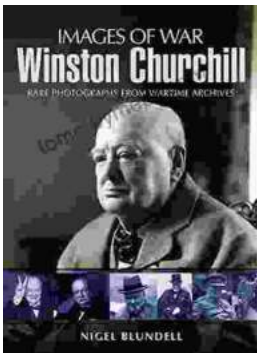
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