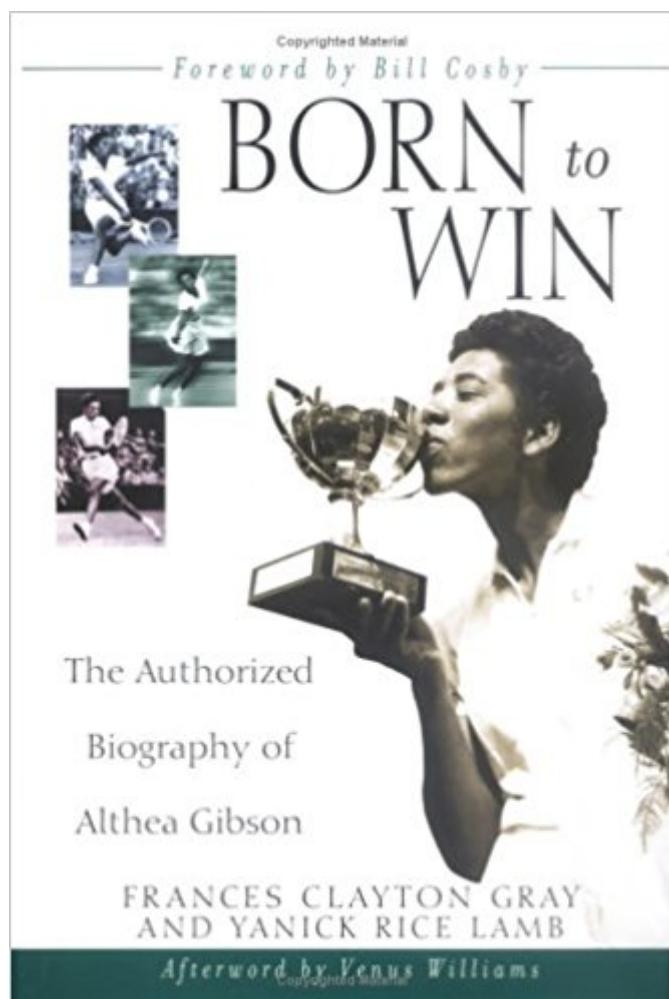


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This was a library copy in excellent condition. The story is told in a historical content and with simplicity. It is an enjoyable journey into the life and times of one of the greatest female athletes of our generation. We owe a lot to Ms. Gibson and she should be given more recognition for her stellar accomplishments. Her place in tennis is comparable to Jackie Robinson's place in baseball. They

were both firsts to break the color divide in their fields of sport.

I knew a little of the story of Althea Gibson, but I didn't know the entire story. She was the queen of tennis. I couldn't imagine not being able to play in a tennis tournament because of my skin color. I also couldn't imagine winning the highest honor in tennis, and not being recognized properly. Her story is transcending. She was a pioneer, and I recommend this book to anyone who wants to be a champion.

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Enjoyed reading and remembering this great tennis player.

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