



Percy Williams: No One Faster (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. He was a nobody from nowhere when his Olympic sprint double skyrocketed him to Superstardom, making him a media sensation and national hero. In the Roaring Twenties, Canadian sprinter Percy Williams became as famous as his contemporaries Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey, and the U.S. establishment wanted him beaten. But by answering an American challenge with 15 straight wins on the U.S. indoor track circuit, this Canadian phenom added insult to the injuries he d already inflicted on American pride. Percy Williams - No One Faster is not only a classic Cinderella underdog tale, but also a gritty story of a sports icon who shot to the top, then fell, tormented, into the meat-grinder of fame, becoming disillusioned with everyone he had trusted. It s the story of his heartbreaking relationship with fellow Canadian Olympian, Ethel Catherwood, the Saskatoon Lily. And of his rocky relationships with his mother Dot and his mentor Bob Granger. And of his brush with American gangsters Arnold Rothstein and Lucky Luciano, and his post-Olympic antagonist, general Douglas MacArthur.



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