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Kim Zmeskal was a gymnast I knew about but not a whole lot about. After reading Kim Zmeskal Determination To Win I feel like I know her almost as well as her parents. I'm not surprised this book is fantastic after reading all three of Krista Quiner's gymnastics bios excellent work is what I've come to expect. Kim will always be remembered for being the first to win the All Around title at the World Championships. This book takes you through her training at Karolyi's when she was five and in the Hope class, through the joyful '91 Worlds, the trauma of Barcelona, and Kim's attempt to make a comeback for the Olympics in Atlanta. This is a must reader for Kim and all gymnastics fans

I can't imagine how this book received any good reviews except possibly from friends/family of the author. I have read many, many books on gymnastics and individual gymnasts, but this book I can't even drag myself through. It's nothing more than page after page of scores, no story, nothing. The writing was poor and who needs every score for each competitor? I would not call this book a biography, it's a statistical compilation of Kim's meets. Very disappointing.

Take it from someone who knows this is a great book! i have read it at least 7 or 8 times through,

and after this book, you really know everything about this American Gymnast. I honestly became obsessed after reading this book, and although she has now retired many videos are still available of Kim. She was a phenomenal gymnast that paved the way for Shannon Miller and others. This book is great for someone that knows everything about gymnastics, like me, or to someone who knows nothing like when I first read the book. This was the book that got me hooked as her fan, and I recommend it to everyone

This is the perfect book for all Kim Zmeskal or gymnastics fans. Just like all of Krista Quiner's other gymnastics biographies, this one was excellent! You learn so much about Kim: how she got started in gymnastics, her early competitions: her feelings about Bela Karolyi, and so much more! It allows you to see the hard work and sacrifices someone has to make to succeed in elite gymnastics. The book lets you watch Kim grow from an aspiring gymnast to a role model to many. Great job on writing another fantastic biography, Krista Quiner!

Kim, you want to know her? Read this book. I did not know who Zmeskal was until I read this book. She is a wonderful girl and a great gymnast. I recommend this book for everyone. It tells you everything. From the minute she starts gymnastics to the minute she makes a comeback. If you missed Kim's life before Barcelona, read this book and follow her career starting now.

I found this book at a used bookstore and I was so disappointed. I am a RABID gymnastics fan, but this book could not hold my attention at all. It basically chugs along, describing meet after meet after meet after MEET...score after score after score...and the writing was contrived. In the back of the book the author lists her sources, which mainly consist of past articles from International Gymnast magazine and televised gymnastic meets. There's nothing new or fun or exciting in here, and you definitely do not get inside Kim Zmeskal's head to see what motivates her. If you were a fan of gymnastics during Kim's career, you already know everything in here already (except for all the painful recitations of numerous scores from numerous meets which the author dutifully reports). For a REALLY insightful gymnastics biography, read Kerri Strug's book, "Landing on my Feet."

Kim Zmeskal: Determination to Win is a fantastic book about a fantastic gymnast. After reading this book, I feel like I have known Kim forever. You learn about many of Kim's meets, how she did, and other details. You also learn about her life as a gymnast. Every gymnastics fan should read this book, Kim Zmeskal: Determination to Win

Kim Zmeskal : Determination to Win Is one of the best books I've ever read! It tells, in detail, about her life, her gymnastics career, and a comeback attempt. It's a must for gymnastics fans!

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