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In August 1936, Jesse Owens was the most famous – and fastest – man in the world. The 22 year-old black man, and grandson of a slave, won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympic Games in Nazi Germany, in the midst of racial segregation in the United States. But this is also the story of friendship between Owens and the German sprinter Luz Long, who would later be punished by the Nazis. And the story of a filmmaker, Leni Riefenstahl, who filmed sports like nobody else. Against the backdrop of an America torn apart by racism, Élise Fontenaille brings these an exceptional Olympics back to life: one in which an African American sprinter defied hatred.

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