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Another history of the Games.

What images are historically associated with the Olympic Games? The answer will always be the raised, black-gloved fists of two American sprinters in Mexico City; often the hostage-taking of Israeli athletes by a Palestinian commando in Munich; or sometimes the bloody water polo match between the USSR and Hungary in Melbourne. This book analyzes some of these episodes and attempts to solve a mystery: why did the Olympic movement end up with global resonance when it should have disappeared?
