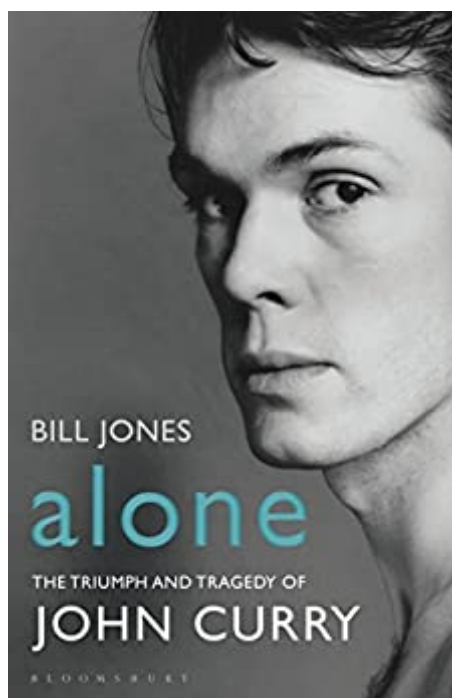


The book was found

# Alone: The Triumph And Tragedy Of John Curry



## Synopsis

Shortlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year award. One winter's night in 1976, over 20 million people in Britain watched John Curry skate to Olympic glory on an ice rink in Austria. Many millions more watched around the world. Overnight he became one of the most famous men on the planet. He was awarded the OBE. He was chosen as BBC Sports Personality of the Year. Curry had changed ice skating from marginal sport to high art. And yet the man was " and would always remain " an absolute mystery to a world that had been dazzled by his gift. Surely, men's skating was supposed to be Cossack-muscular, not sensual and ambiguous like this. Curry himself was an often-tortured man of labyrinthine complexity. For the first time, Alone untangles the extraordinary web of his toxic, troubled, brilliant " and short " life. It is a story of childhood nightmares, furious ambition, sporting genius, lifelong rivalries, homophobia, Cold War politics, financial ruin and deep personal tragedy. Alone reveals the restless, impatient, often dark soul of a man whose words could lacerate, whose skating invariably moved audiences to tears, and who " after succumbing to AIDS, as so many of his fellow artists and friends did " died of a heart attack aged just 44.

## Book Information

File Size: 9226 KB

Print Length: 353 pages

Publisher: Bloomsbury Sport; 1 edition (July 31, 2014)

Publication Date: July 31, 2014

Sold by: Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B00LBWZOKM

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #856,126 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #30

in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction > Sports > Winter Sports > Ice Skating & Figure

Skating #71 in Books > Sports & Outdoors > Winter Sports > Ice Skating & Figure Skating #439

in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Biographies & Memoirs > LGBT

## Customer Reviews

Having long admired John Curry's skating, I was interested in learning about what it took to become (in my opinion), the greatest skater ever. Many of the answers are found here: discipline, tragedy & musicianship. There is little doubt Mr. Curry could have been one of the finest dancers of his or any other day, yet was denied that chance by a cruel, close-minded father. Dancing's loss was skating's gain, although I am saddened Mr. Curry is not better known. If this book paints John as an unlikeable person, it also does a fine job of explaining why he was that way. Demon or Deity, I am still intrigued by Mr. Curry's magic.

One of the best written bios I've read. It managed to show his flaws while remaining sympathetic. The story itself is fascinating. John tried to invent a whole new form of highbrow ice entertainment but didn't have the temperament or business acumen to manage a troupe. Recommended to all skating fans.

Everything you wanted to know about the mysterious John Curry; his ambition, goals, what his friends went thru with his moodiness. He was a pioneer that changed the sport for the better. It was also a bit dishy on fellow skaters Jo Jo Starbuck & Dorothy Hamill and the major ice shows like Ice Capades.

I would have included "genius" in the title. Heartbreaking profile of a true artistic genius who singlehandedly changed and elevated the sport of figure skating into an art rivaling ballet. Be sure and watch his videos on YouTube, especially the programs "After All" (choreographed by Twyla Tharp), and his own choreography to Debussy's "Afternoon of a Faun." He achieved incredible beauty.

I think it is well written. I was fortunate to have met John have a skating lesson with him and to skate in a show with him at the old skyrink. I did not know a lot about his history except what I read. When you train at something for years there are going to be highs and lows. He changed the face of male figure skating in my opinion for the better. My one word for John Curry, GENIUS. Thank you John.

A wonderfully written book! I recommend this book to all figure skaters and anyone who is interested in figure skating. I hope Hollywood (or someone) would someday make it into a movie about John Curry! A beautiful yet flawed man!

Excellent, objective biography of a great figure skater/dancer. Thank you Bill Jones for writing it and to all those who contributed to your book.

I've been a huge fan of skating my whole life, and I was always bored by John Curry's "magnificent artistry." It was as if I could tell that his art didn't come from a warm and loving place even as a kid, and this book confirms that notion up, down, and sideways. The author paints a very objective picture of Curry's life and personality, and even objectively...well, he's not a people person, that's for sure. But the cast of characters that tell the story - JoJo Starbuck, Toller Cranston, and lesser known skaters and supporters - are a delight to read, and their support of him was unwavering even when they were being torn down by his artistic tyranny and left unpaid when he walked out on his own productions. Jones paints a vivid picture of skating in the 70s and 80s, and much as I was irritated by the main character, disappointed in his actions, I couldn't put this book down.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Alone: The Triumph and Tragedy of John Curry  
Stephen Curry: My Secret To Success. Children's Illustration Book. Fun, Inspirational and Motivational Life Story of Stephen Curry. Learn To Be Successful like Basketball Super Star Steph Curry. Stephen Curry: Rise of the Star. The inspiring and interesting life story from a struggling young boy to become the legend. Life of Stephen Curry - one of the best basketball shooters in history. Stephen Curry: The Best. Easy to read children sports book with great graphic. All you need to know about Stephen Curry, one of the best basketball legends in history. (Sports book for Kids) Four Revenge Tragedies: The Spanish Tragedy; The Revenger's Tragedy; The Revenge of Bussy D'Ambois; and The Atheist's Tragedy (Oxford World's Classics) Gilded Leaf: Triumph, Tragedy, and Tobacco : Three Generations of the R J Reynolds Family and Fortune stray - a shelter veterinarian's reflection on triumph and tragedy: (Black and White Edition) Standing Tall: A Memoir of Tragedy and Triumph Tears in the Wind: Triumph and Tragedy on America's Highest Peak Praying for a Miracle: A Mother's Story of Tragedy, Hope and Triumph Rubicon: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Roman Republic Nine Minutes, Twenty Seconds: The Tragedy and Triumph of ASA Flight 529 Explorers of the Nile: The Triumph and Tragedy of a Great Victorian Adventure A Storm in Flanders: The Ypres Salient, 1914-1918: Tragedy and Triumph on the Western Front Hero of Budapest, The: The Triumph and Tragedy of Raoul Wallenberg The Hero of Budapest: The Triumph and Tragedy of Raoul Wallenberg My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel A Place on the Team: The Triumph and Tragedy of Title IX (Princeton Paperbacks) A Place on the Team: The Triumph and Tragedy of Title

# IX American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)