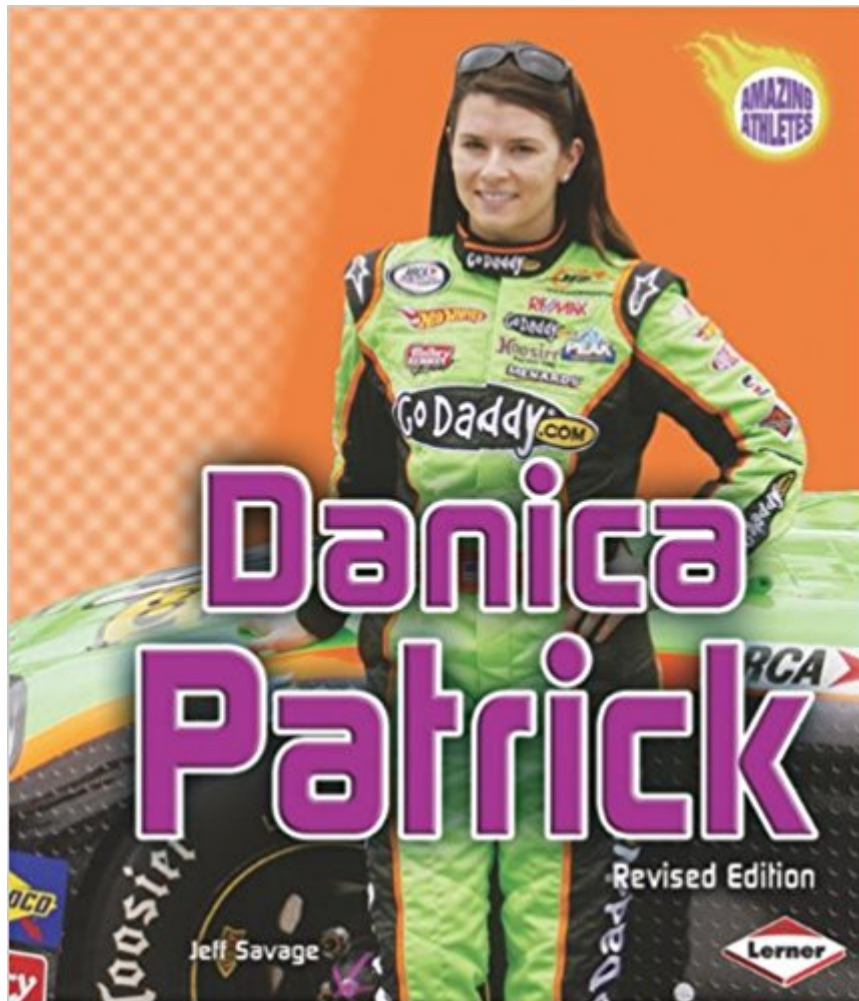




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# Danica Patrick (Amazing Athletes)



## Synopsis

Danica Patrick is the most popular driver in the Indy Racing League (IRL). She has won fans with her skill, toughness, and charm. In 2008 Danica rewarded her fans by doing something that no other woman had ever done she won an IRL race. Read this book to learn more about car racing's most dynamic driver.

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## Customer Reviews

I guess if you're a Danica Patrick fan like I am you'll probably read this book anyway. The book itself measures 8 5/8" high and 7 1/4" wide and ONLY 3/16" THICK! It's only 32 pages plus the front and back covers. There are a total of 21 full color pictures (not even one per page!) and the print size is quite large for the kids and us old folks to read. As to informative, it's just a gloss-over with career highlights on page 29. As a picture book it's okay, but for real information you're better off reading Danica's autobiography "Danica: Crossing the Line" by Danica Patrick and Laura Morton. Plus it's got a lot more pictures!

I have to start out by saying that I'm a little biased as my photo appears on the cover. With that said, this is a very informative book about Danica and her racing history that will keep the interest of elementary age kids interested in sports and racing. Not a bad quick read for an adult just wanting

to know a little more about Danica's biography (just the facts). I've been a lifetime fan of open wheel racing and I think few will dispute that she has really increased public interest in the sport. This book serves as a good primer to her life.

This is not a book. It is a shallow compendium of articles in the public press. Total waste of money!!

My 6 year old niece was named after Danica Patrick. I had a difficult time finding a book that was age appropriate for her. This was the best book I could find. It has great pictures and easy to read type. She enjoyed finding out more about her namesake. A perfect book for a young child.

It was nice to read Danica's side of the story. I read a few other books about her and she set the record straight and gave very good insight on some of the stuff even they didn't know about.

I enjoyed it, but was written like all taken from newspaper articles. I like biographies, but this didn't quite feel like a lot of research was done

Danica Sue Patrick doesn't sound like the name a race car driver would have. If you'd told her she would become a very famous one when she was a little girl in Beloit, Wisconsin playing with her Barbies she might have thought you were a bit crazy. Danica's mother, Bev, who was a car mechanic, claimed "She was a girlie girl." Her father T. J. was the racer in the family, but he didn't race cars, he raced snowmobiles. Her younger sister Brooke inadvertently got her interested. The first time she tried driving a go-kart she "swerved to miss a truck in the parking lot and crashed head-on into a concrete wall." Long after Brooke gave up go-karts for something else, Danica was still racing. Ten-year-old Danica was hooked! It wasn't long before Danica began breaking records in the go-kart circuit. By 1993 she was competing in World Karting Association (WKA) events. There was a hint of animosity in the air because girls simply didn't belong in the sport or so they thought. She took her racing seriously and in 1996 alone she "competed in 49 races [and] won 39 of them!" Danica was born in 1982. If you figure out the math, you'll realize that she was a real prodigy. In this book you'll learn a lot about her and how seriously she takes her racing. You'll read about her first victory in an Indy Racing League (IRL), you'll learn why she moved to Great Britain, why Bobby Rahal took a chance on her, how she began to rise in the ranks, you'll learn how she physically trained for races, you'll get a glimpse of Danica in action and you'll learn many more interesting

things about racing. This is a fascinating look at Danica Patrick, the dynamic "First Lady" of racing. Most die hard race fans are sure to be familiar with Danica, but for those who aren't, this book will provide a marvelous close up look at a woman who is going places in the field. If you've ever checked out her fabulous website, noted in this book, you'll find that her racing goal is "to be a winner." I enjoyed meeting her for the first time in the pages of this book and loved looking at all the full color photographs. Any words that may prove to be difficult for the young reader are highlighted in bold purple and defined in the glossary. In the back of the book is an index, some selected career highlights, and additional recommended book and website resources to explore.

While it is aimed at kids, this little book does a tremendous job of giving you the basic facts of Danica's life. The focus is on the 2005 Indy 500 - the race Danica led with just a few laps to go and eventually finished in fourth place. It also talks about her early career and her family. Although I am an avid Indy Car fan (been to every Indy 500 since 1986) and my daughter thinks Danica is the coolest woman ever (after her mom), I actually learned a lot about Danica in the book. My only complaint is that although the book was published in late 2006, it talks very little about anything that happened after the Indy 500 in May of 2005. It is part of a series of books called "Amazing Athletes". Other athletes covered include: Yao Ming, Tony Hawk, Peyton Manning and Derek Jeter.

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