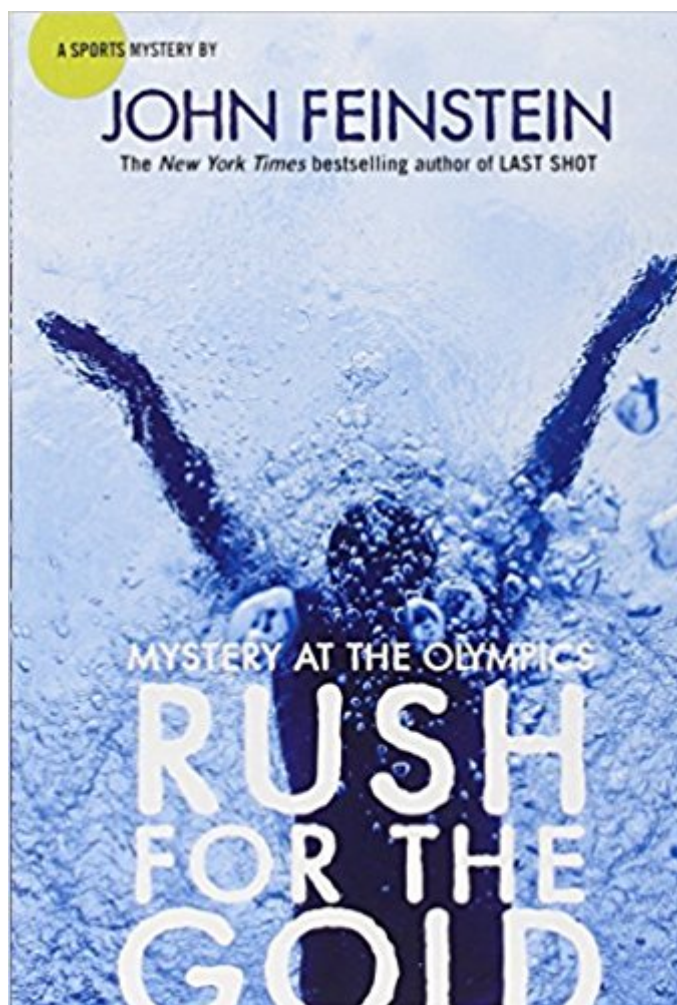


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# Rush For The Gold: Mystery At The Olympics (The Sports Beat, 6)



## Synopsis

New York Times bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein dives headfirst into a scandal of Olympic proportions in this exciting sports mystery. A Teen sports reporter Susan Carol is competing as a swimmer at her first-ever Olympic games. It's the opportunity of a lifetime, and her best friend Stevie is both amazed and envious. Usually they cover sporting events together, now he's covering her. But Stevie can't shake the feeling that something's not right. Everyone wants a piece of Susan Carol's success—agents, sponsors, the media. Just how far will they go to ensure that America's newest Olympic darling wins gold? John Feinstein has been praised as "the best writer of sports books in America today" (The Boston Globe), and he proves it again in this fast-paced novel. From the Hardcover edition.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Booklist, May 1, 2012:"As in his earlier books in the series, the popular Feinstein takes readers inside a major sports venue, supplies fascinating details, and serves up a satisfying mystery."Kirkus Reviews, April 1, 2012:"As is his wont, Feinstein salts the cast with real athletes and other figures from Michael Phelps to Bob Costas. He folds plenty of dramatic sports action as well as

behind-the-scenes banter and personal and family conflict into a plot that moves smoothly to a suspenseful climax...A fast-paced caper."

JOHN FEINSTEIN is the author of many bestselling books, including *A Season on the Brink* and *A Good Walk Spoiled*. His books for young readers offer a winning combination of sports, action, and intrigue, with *Last Shot* receiving the Edgar Allan Poe Award for best young adult mystery of the year. He lives in Potomac, Maryland, and Shelter Island, New York, with his family.

If you like Olympic swimming you will like this book because it is all about Olympic swimming. I thought the book was slow to read there was not much mystery going on until the very end. Not the most interesting book I have read but I stuck with it.

*Rush for the Gold* is, for the most part, a really good book. John Feinstein's imagery helped me to imagine I was with Susan Carol in the pool as part of the competition. The conflicts were engaging and kept the book moving at a fairly good clip. The only problem I had is that Susan Carol, as a character, was a little flat. She was too good and didn't struggle at all internally with the a desire to win and to be recognized versus the need to do the right thing and remain loyal to a friend. Real people would. If she had, it would have taken this from a good book to a great book.

Good middle school read.

My son is reading this book for school. We were very happy to find this available on kindle. I haven't read it personally but my middle school age son is really enjoying it.

This book is a lot of fun and very timely. As always, Feinstein knows a lot about the sport he writes about and brings a sense of humor as well as a mix of real and fictional characters to make the story more believable. I have purchased all of the books in this series for my teenage daughter and then read them myself. For an adult, they are brain candy. This book is a quick read that gives some inside understanding of the Olympics with appealing and realistic protagonists.

This is the first book that I read from these author's mysteries series. Even when it's considered a book for kids and young readers I enjoyed it a lot. The main characters are Susan Carol Anderson and Stevie Thomas, two clever teenagers with a set of talents of their own, who team up to figure

out what's going on with Susan Carol's agents and reps. Both are sports writers and reporters, but she's also a swimming athlete and a shining new star in the Olympian horizon. However the stakes are high because there are millions of dollars worth of sponsorships in the game. How far can everyone go to get what they want? It's definitely a good mystery book and one that young readers might really enjoy.

I loved the plot of this book, the relationship between the characters, and the ever developing mystery of the 2012 London Olympic games. It was a great book, very interesting.

Fabulous. Inspired my grandson who is a swimmer

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