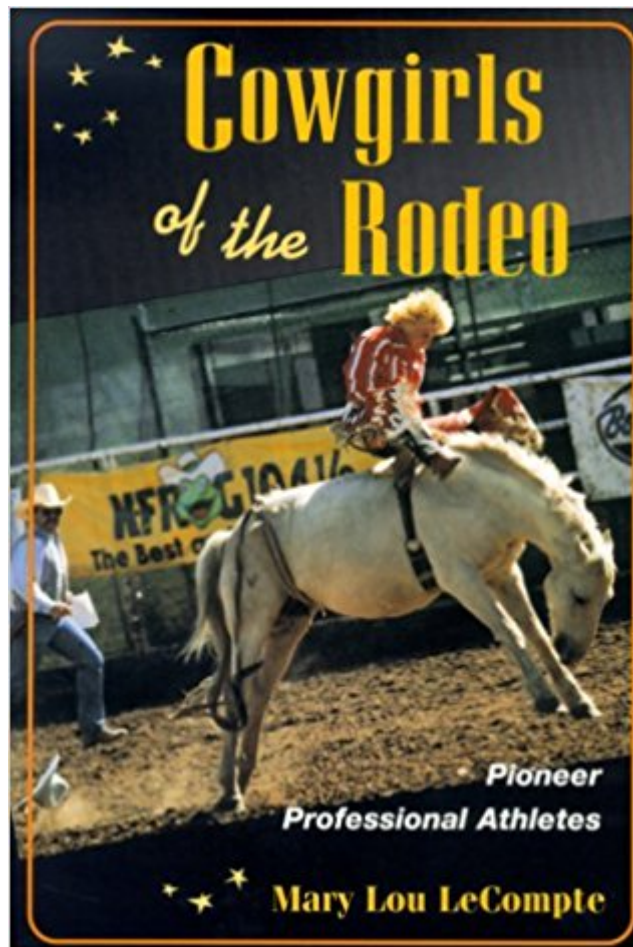




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# Cowgirls Of The Rodeo: PIONEER PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES (Sport And Society)



## Synopsis

Uses biographies to describe women's transformation from serious rodeo athletes to beauty queens and their successful struggle to regain their place, and respect, as the competitive athletes that they are.

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LeCompte, a professor of kinesiology and health education at the University of Texas, shows just how revolutionary women's rodeo riding was at its start, for it was the only sport in which they competed head-to-head with males. Professional rodeo began in 1882 and the first women participated at the Cheyenne Frontier Days in 1897. These pioneers had almost all been raised on ranches where they had been expected to do "men's work." Their golden age in rodeo spanned 1919-1929, but with the founding of the Cowboys Turtle Association in 1936, women began to encounter sexism, which grew during World War II and in the rodeos staged under the aegis of Gene Autry. In 1948 the Women's Professional Rodeo Association was established and, while women's rodeo events are still more or less separate, the prize money available to them in 1990 reached \$2 million. A first-rate work of scholarship. Illustrations not seen by PW. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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It was an interesting history that probably few people know about. I am 75 years old and I can barely remember when female athletes competed in rodeo events - but they did.

I needed this book for research on a new cowgirl book I will be writing - it has all the info I was looking for.

I did not read this book, as it was a birthday present for a very dear friend of mine. She loved it and mentions it every time I see her. If you have an interest in rodeo, the ladies that participate, and their histories, please purchase this book.

I found the book very interesting and very informative with great pictures. Mary LeCompte did a great job on the research.

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