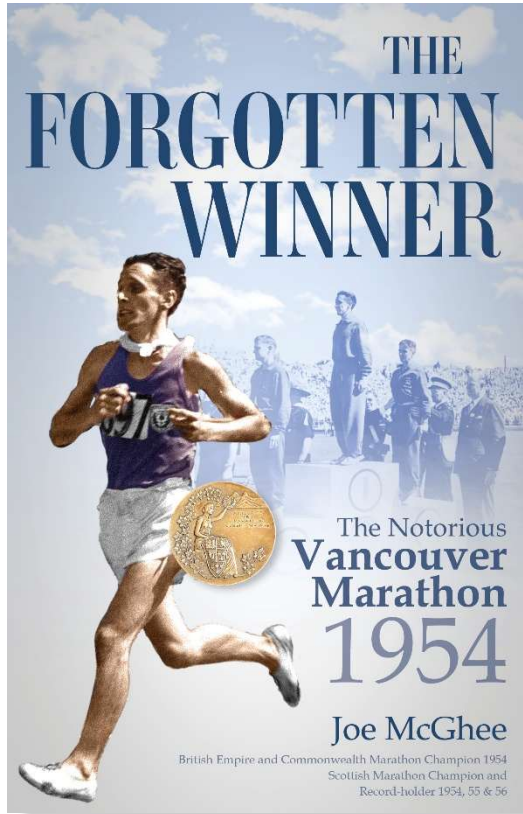




Title information



The Forgotten Winner

The Notorious Vancouver Marathon 1954

By Joe McGhee

Key features

- Previously unpublished memoir of Scotland's Joe McGhee, gold medal winner of the notorious 1954 Vancouver British Empire and Commonwealth Games marathon
- Fascinating insight into Joe's career in athletics and how his gold medal-winning race was overshadowed and largely forgotten because of the collapse of England's Jim Peters
- The highs and lows of a record-breaking career in Scottish Athletics in the 1950s, with three successive Scottish titles
- Insight into the joys of running and the people who inspired and influenced Joe throughout his athletics career
- 'Then and now' comparison, a frank look at the disparities within Amateur Athletics, plus training advice for those starting out or looking to become a long-distance runner
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Scotland gold medal winner Joe McGhee gives his personal account of the notorious 1954 Vancouver Empire and Commonwealth Games marathon, taking us through the race, its build-up and aftermath while dispelling various myths. The 1954 marathon has been called one of the ten greatest races of all time. Run in extreme conditions, with only six competitors finishing, it is remembered for the collapse of England's Jim Peters. Little recognition has ever been given to the winner, Joe McGhee, the youngest Scottish Commonwealth marathon gold medallist and one of Scotland's most outstanding record-breaking marathon and distance runners of the 1950s. Published for the first time on the tenth anniversary of his death, this fascinating personal account reveals the enormous demands, dedication and joys of a long-distance runner through humorous anecdotes, providing inspiration and advice to aspiring runners. Not an autobiography in the strictest sense, this book describes first-hand what it feels like to run alongside an elite field of runners.

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