



## Sport and Work (Hardback)

By Bero Rigauer

Columbia University Press, United States, 1981. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 208 x 142 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Faster, higher, stronger, said Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the Modern Olympic Games. And since 1896, whenever each Olympiad has convened, that motto has been realized. Indeed, the quest for greater achievement has become the goal of every sport. In Sport and Work , Bero Rigauer argues that the pressure exerted upon athletes for faster, higher, stronger performances has dehumanized the athlete, transforming him into the tool of a tightly ordered social system while corrupting the purpose of sport. Sport, Rigauer declares, is merely disguised work. And like the working world, it has become specialized, bureaucratized, inhumane, and repressive. Published in West Germany in 1969, Sport and Work was recognized immediately as a fundamental and original critique of the role of sports in modern society. Now Allen Guttman's translation and introduction demonstrate that there is no other work in English that is as extensive or that even approaches Rigauer's point of view. Basing his critique on a neo-Marxist perspective, Rigauer rejects the blind sports fanaticism of Marxist scholarship. He dissects all sports structures, be they East German, Soviet,...



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