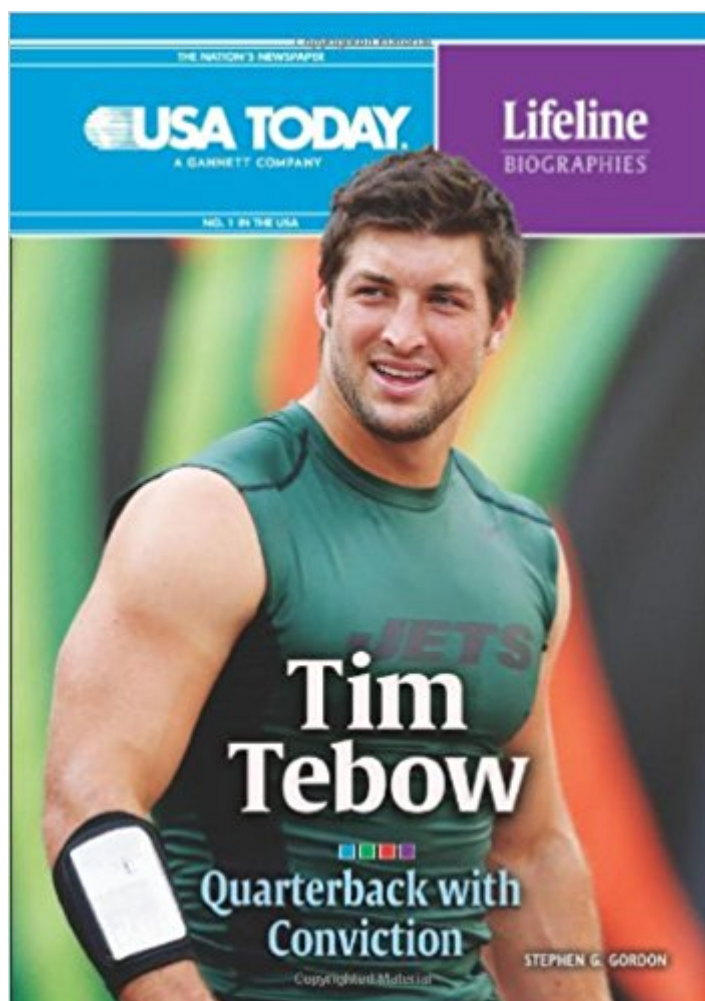




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"Tim Tebow is a one-man cultural blitz," reports USA TODAY, The Nation's No. 1 Newspaper. A celebrity in the football world and a pop culture phenomenon, Tebow has become a household name. He both "polarizes and mesmerizes" fans with his "unconventional playing style and outspoken commitment to his Christian faith." For twenty years, Tebow was told that he didn't fit the quarterback mold. But fierce determination and an intense will to win earned him the coveted Heisman Trophy as a sophomore in college and a hard-won spot as a quarterback in the NFL. In a short time, Tebow has become a role model for millions of kids. Follow his rise to the NFL ranks in this exciting biography, and you'll find out why Tebowmania is sweeping the nation.

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The USA Today Lifeline Biographies series has the advantage of working with the titular newspaper, and many articles bolster the text. But as in all biographies of living subjects, the lag time between writing and publication can be a problem. Football player Tim Tebow's biography suffers from the time gap. The book ends when he is traded from the Denver Broncos to the New York Jets, so there is no discussion of his rather undistinguished season in the Big Apple. Tebow's dedication to his Christian faith is particularly noted in a USA Today article that closes the book, but this is more about his football prowess than his religious zeal. Besides newspaper articles, the book's spiffy design offers plenty of color photos and many, many sidebars that often take the text in new and interesting directions—for instance, the effect of

social media on musical careers or how the college draft works and affects players. A time line ties events together. Grades 7-12, --Ilene Cooper

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Tim Tebow: Quarterback with Conviction, is part of the impressive USA Today Lifeline Biographies series. Boys and girls in middle school and high school will pick up this book because Tim Tebow is a well-liked NFL football player. The book's pleasing design, including lots of interesting color photos, newspaper articles, and sidebars will engage readers, adding extra clarity to the easy-to-understand and informative text. Unfortunately, this biography has the same problem that most biographies have of living subjects—it's quickly outdated. The book ends with Tebow getting traded to the New York Jets and doesn't include anything about his first season with them. No matter though, because readers wanting to know more about the very religious and extremely talented Tim Tebow will be richly rewarded. Backmatter including statistics, a timeline, a glossary, source notes, selected bibliography, further reading and websites, an index, and photography credits wraps everything up nicely.

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