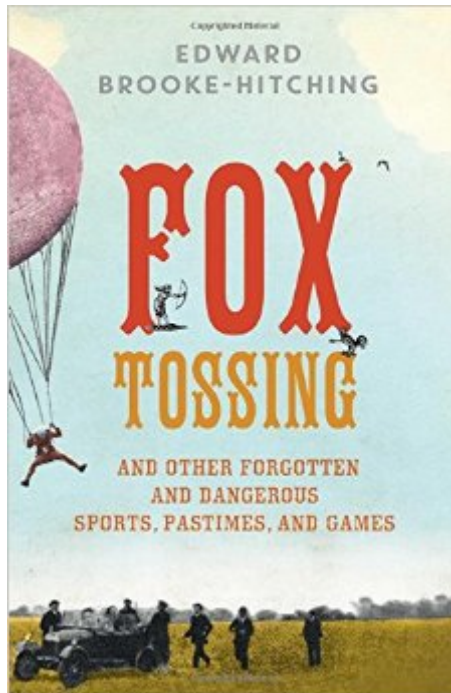


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Fox Tossing: And Other Forgotten And Dangerous Sports, Pastimes, And Games



Synopsis

In the spirit of Schott's Miscellany and The Dangerous Book for Boys, a quirky collection of history's most bizarre sports and stories of mankind's most daring and ridiculous recreational pursuits—from baby boxing, to octopus wrestling, and ice tennis. Have you ever wondered what people did for fun throughout history? Edward Brooke-Hitching began to wonder the same thing while flipping through an eighteenth-century German book on hunting, and found a bygone sport in which German nobles launched foxes into the air. This random discovery of a game that slipped through the mainstream historical cracks led him to wonder: how many other sports have been left out of modern history accounts? Now, Brooke-Hitching shares his hilarious journey to discover the curious recreations contrived by mankind that have long since gone extinct (for good reason). Compiling more than 100 of the most puzzling, cruel, and ludicrous games that have ever been played, including Aerial Golf, Hidden Hunting, Ski Ballet, Eel Pulling, and many more, Brooke-Hitching chronicles an entertaining romp through forgotten leisurely pastimes that history wanted you to forget—and that you definitely shouldn't try at home. An illuminating gift book filled with acerbic humor and charming illustrations, Fox Tossing is sure to be enjoyed by many—and will let you take solace in knowing that at least your grandfather wasn't the genius who invented Tortoise Racing, or any of the other games too stupid, or too harmful to withstand the test of time.

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Bizarre book. Fox Tossing? Picture titled nobility in the so-called Age of Enlightenment, a giant

slingshot, and one utterly terrified fox. You'll laugh, you'll cry at the cruelty of some of these sports, and you will wonder who was stupid enough to start auto bullfighting. Not to worry, the bulls were too smart to go after a matador in Model T.

Whimsical and, in many ways, educational. A perfect reminder that humanity was humorously insane long long before us. I've even gone so far as to attempt a few of the "sports" listed. One could say this is the pre-history of "Jackass".

I bought this book as a gift for two men in my family and they love it. they are very sports oriented and found it very interesting and amusing.

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