

# Running the Race

Eric Liddell - Olympic Champion and Missionary

*John W. Keddie*

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## DESCRIPTION

The name Eric Liddell is a familiar one to many, having gained much fame through the film *Chariots of Fire*. A Christian athlete and missionary, his passion for his Saviour could be seen throughout his life. From university days to internment at Weihsien POW Camp, John Keddie's biography brings together a specialist understanding of both Liddell's faith and sporting achievements to provide an engaging account of this normal man's extraordinary life.

## MARKETING POINTS

Missionary & athlete Eric Liddell

Sporting biography

Beyond 'Chariots of Fire'

## AUTHOR

John Keddie is a writer and retired Christian minister. His previous works include a highly regarded centenary history of Scottish Athletics. His connection to Eric Liddell comes through an advisory position that he held for the movie *Chariots of Fire*.

## ENDORSEMENTS

Being a Christian and former professional sportsman, Liddell has always been a hero of the faith to me. So, I thoroughly enjoyed this book – a wonderful account which shows the reader that athletics was simply an extension of who Liddell was as a man running hard after Christ. That his life was a race within a race. Men like Eric Liddell are a rare commodity. They should be studied, imitated and never forgotten. So it is with great enthusiasm that I recommend this beautifully written and quite moving sports biography by John Keddie – a man well qualified to speak on Eric Liddell and athletics.

**Gavin Peacock**

*Former professional footballer and Director of International Outreach, The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood.*

*Running the Race* is the definitive biography of Eric Liddell and one can say with confidence that Liddell himself would have approved. Not only is John Keddie the foremost authority on Scottish athletics, but he is also a Presbyterian Minister uniquely placed to set Liddell's sporting achievements in the context of the bigger priority of his Christian faith and witness. This superbly researched book inspires on many levels.

**Peter Lovesey**

*Crime writer & Athletics historian; National Union of Track Statisticians member*

Former athlete and churchman John Keddie brings both sporting expertise and spiritual insight to this lucid and meticulous biography of the great Eric Liddell.

**Sally Magnusson**

*Broadcaster (Reporting Scotland, Songs of Praise) & Author of several books, including 'The Flying Scotsman: The Eric Liddell Story'*

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There are many reasons to read this gripping biography. Eric Liddell was a man of immense ability and profound conviction – an example in his own time and a hero for our age. John W. Keddie is ideally positioned as a guide to this multi-faceted character whose life has been used to encourage so wide a range of people around the globe. [www.christianfocus.com](http://www.christianfocus.com)

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