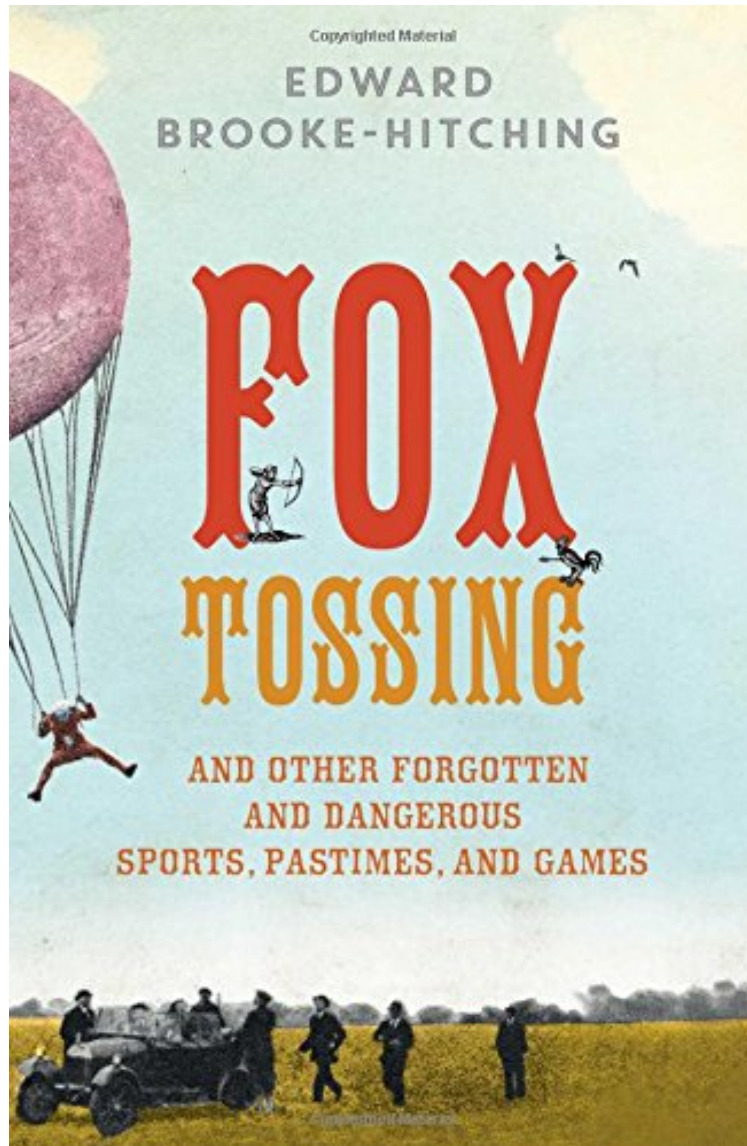


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Cook Though not what I expected, it was still a good book and very interesting to read. The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars, is that when purchasing it, I figured it would include rules for playing old time games, but it only tells of games played in times past, with little hint of the rules they played by. I was hoping to use the information bring back some of the things I had heard the old timers telling about while gathered together at Sunday dinner, or on Holidays, but there was not enough information within the pages to re-introduce these old time favorites. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ... gift for two men in my family and they love it. they are very sports oriented and found ... By J. Sousa 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. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Must read By Tyler Kent Fantastically interesting book.

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.

"A lively trawl through long-forgotten sports and games from around the globe." (*The Economist*) "Perfect book for the Christmas stockings of adults and curious children." (*Wall Street Journal*) "A strange and strangely enjoyable new book. . . . This inventory of failed sports is both compelling and affectionate, fitting for a book in which 'eccentricity' is not just included but celebrated." (*The Boston Globe*) "[A] droll romp through the history of bizarre games and other pastimes." (*Library Journal*) About the Author Edward Brooke-Hitching is the author of the critically acclaimed books *The Phantom Atlas* (2016), which has been translated into nine languages, and *Fox Tossing, Octopus Wrestling and Other Forgotten Sports*. The son of Franklin Brooke-Hitching, collector of the largest and most comprehensive library of British exploration and discovery ever accumulated, he is also a writer for the BBC series *QI* and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He lives in London.