

# The Untold Story of the Narragansett Indian Who Twice Conquered the Boston Marathon

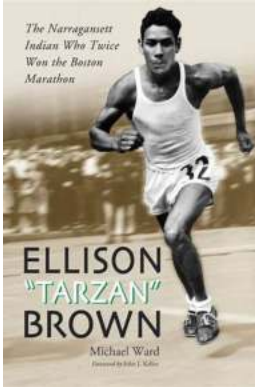


The Boston Marathon, one of the most prestigious and challenging long-distance races in the world, has seen numerous exceptional athletes rise to fame. However, there is one name that often goes unnoticed in the annals of marathon history – Ellison "Long-Stride" Brown, a Narragansett Indian runner who defied all odds to become a two-time champion of the iconic race.

## **The Early Life of Ellison "Long-Stride" Brown**

Born in the Narragansett Indian Tribe reservation in Rhode Island in 1904, Ellison Brown developed a natural affinity for running at a young age. Raised in a poverty-stricken environment, running was not just a hobby for Brown but a

means for survival. Whenever he had the chance, he would sprint through the scenic landscapes of his reservation, honing his skills and building an extraordinary endurance that would later thrust him into the spotlight.



## Ellison "Tarzan" Brown: The Narragansett Indian Who Twice Won the Boston Marathon

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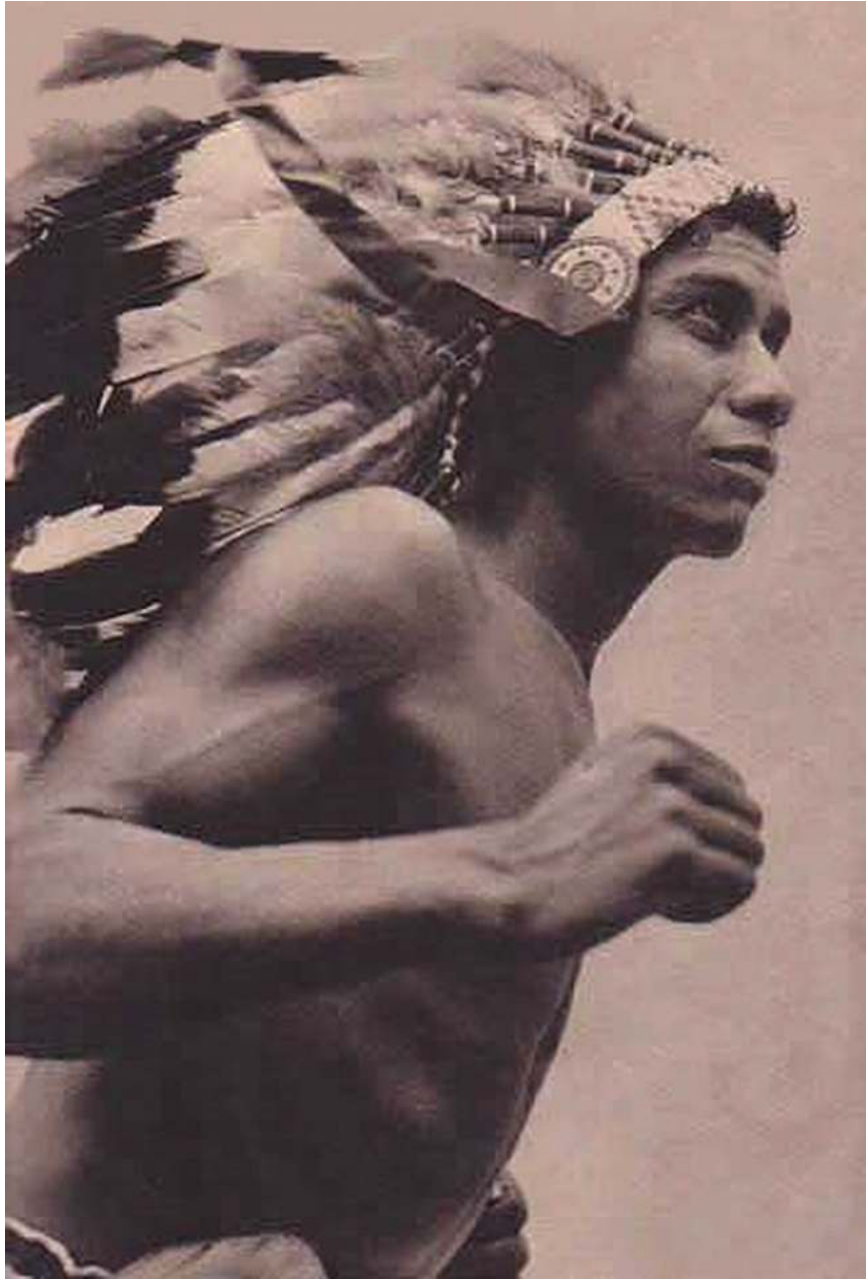
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## **Defying Stereotypes and Discrimination**

In a time when Native Americans faced widespread discrimination and had limited opportunities, Ellison Brown shattered stereotypes with his undeniable talent. Brown faced constant adversity, both on the racetrack and in his personal life. However, his tireless dedication and unparalleled resilience paved the way for victories that would etch his name into the storied history of the Boston Marathon.

## **The First Triumph**

In 1927, at the age of 23, Ellison Brown became the first Native American to win the Boston Marathon. His incredible feat surprised not only the sports world but also the entire nation, capturing the hearts of people from all walks of life.

Brown's victory symbolized hope, breaking down barriers and inspiring Native American communities across the country.

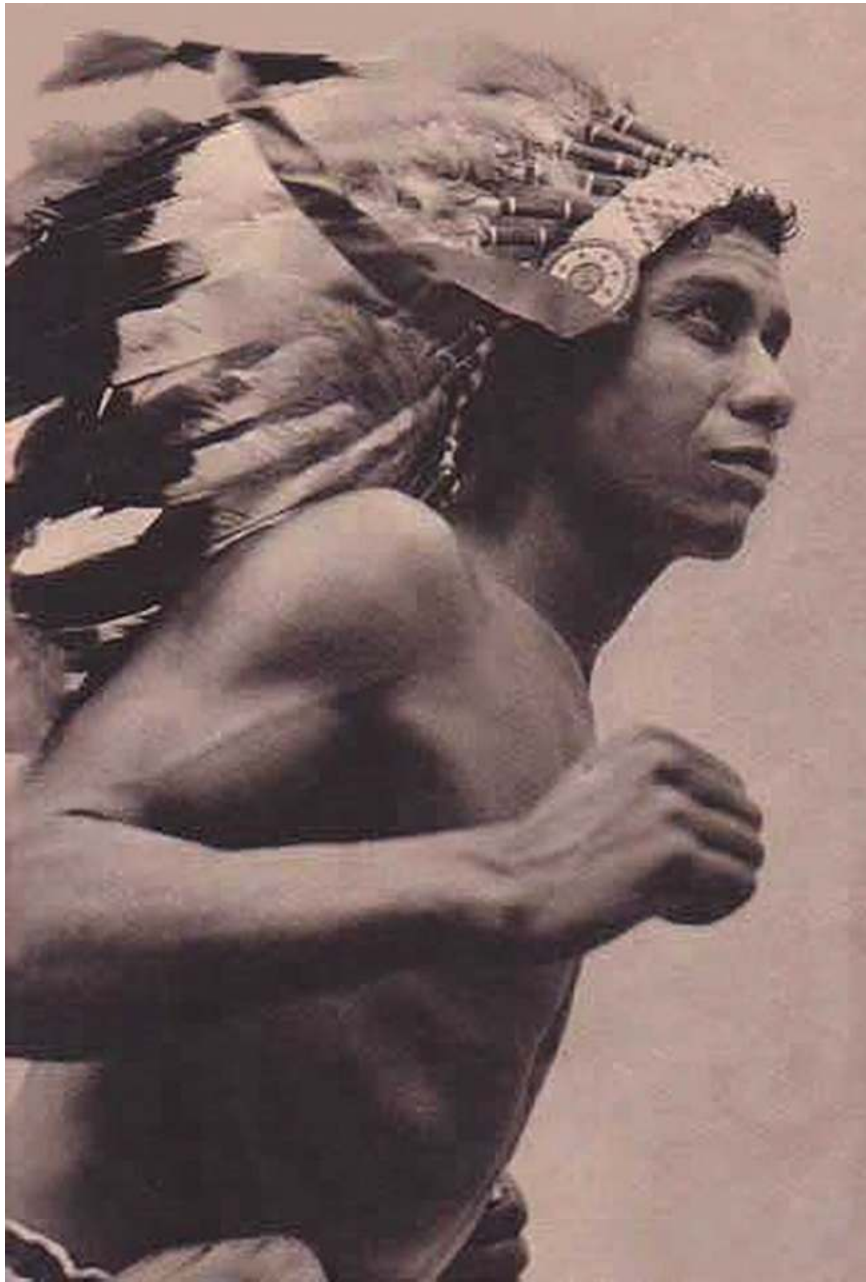


## **Overcoming Adversities**

After his groundbreaking win, Ellison Brown faced a series of obstacles that pushed his dreams to the brink. Injuries, financial struggles, and societal prejudice threatened to put an end to his career. However, Brown's indomitable spirit and unwavering determination saw him rise above these challenges, preparing for an even greater comeback.

## **A Remarkable Comeback**

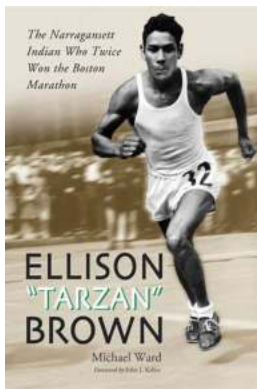
In 1930, at the age of 26, Ellison Brown staged a remarkable comeback, defying all expectations. With the eyes of the world fixed on him, he once again crossed the finish line in Boston, claiming his second victory in the marathon. The magnitude of his achievement was unmatched, solidifying his status as a legendary figure in American sports history.



**Legacy and Enduring Inspiration**

Ellison "Long-Stride" Brown left an enduring legacy that still resonates today. His triumphs showcased incredible resilience and determination against all odds. In his journey, he not only broke barriers for the Native American community but also inspired generations of athletes to push beyond their limits. His remarkable story serves as a reminder that greatness can come from the unlikeliest of places.

The narrative of Ellison Brown, the Narragansett Indian who triumphed twice at the Boston Marathon, is a story of triumph over adversity, breaking down barriers, and inspiring millions. His name may have been forgotten by many, but his achievements continue to echo through the halls of marathon history. Ellison Brown stands as an emblem of hope and perseverance, a beacon for individuals striving to achieve greatness, no matter their background or circumstances.



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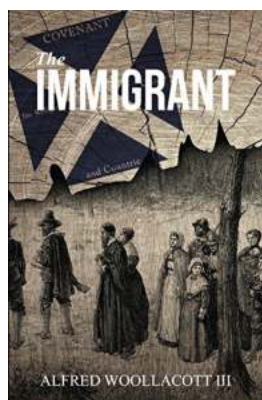
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Ellison "Tarzan" Brown was one of America's premier marathon runners during the 1930s and 1940s. This volume tells the story of his life from the beginning of his budding career in the early 1930s through his untimely death in 1975.

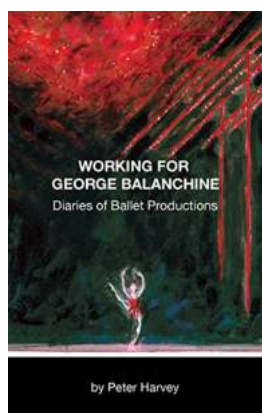
With his unorthodox approach to the sport and his spectacular finishes, Tarzan Brown quickly became something of a legend in racing. Inevitably, he became the subject of stories that were not always entirely factual--and sometimes not very flattering. This biography seeks to present an accurate, unbiased account of Brown's life. The reminiscences of his close friends, family and even his rivals paint a vivid picture of the man and his career. The book covers in considerable depth events such as Brown's trip to the 1936 Olympic Games in Nazi Germany and his role in the naming of the infamous Heartbreak Hill on the course of the Boston Marathon.

Completing the picture is a look at the more personal aspects of Brown's life, such as his struggle to support his young family, and an examination of his Narragansett Indian heritage. The final chapter discusses the misconceptions surrounding Brown's accidental death outside a bar in 1975.



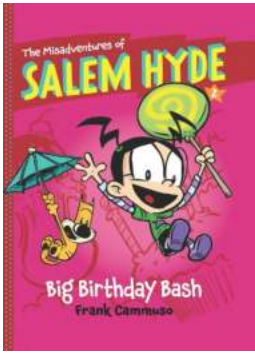
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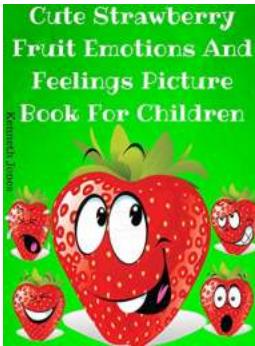
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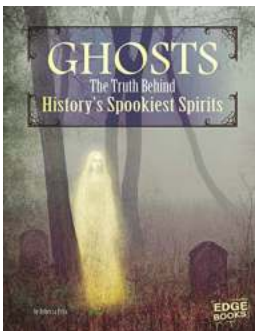
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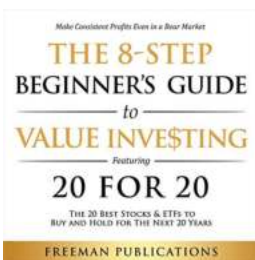
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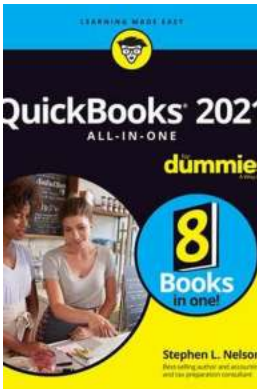
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