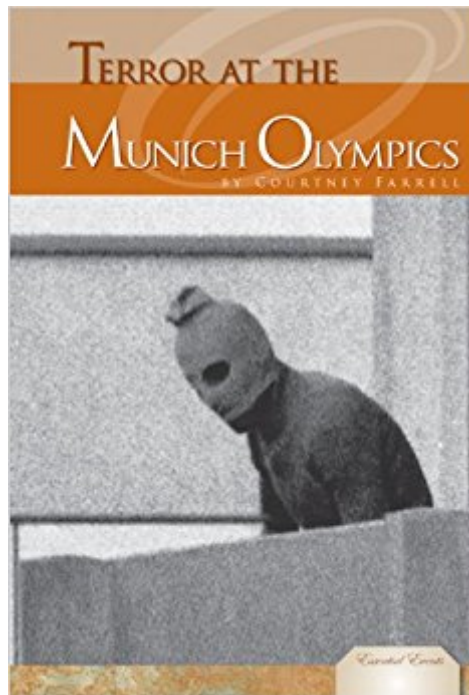




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Grade 5 – 9 • These books offer vivid detail as well as historical and political context for these events. Farrell starts with the Munich Olympics but quickly backtracks to offer an explanation of the conflicts in the Middle East surrounding the creation of the State of Israel, and the rise of terrorism in response to these conflicts. The kidnapping and murder of the Israeli athletes is then described, along with the apparent bungling of rescue efforts. The book concludes with chapters on the response to the killings by Israel, as well as attempts at brokering peace in the region among the various countries in conflict. Recounting the Hindenberg crash, Sherman captures

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Good choices for any collection, both for research needs and as interesting nonfiction

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