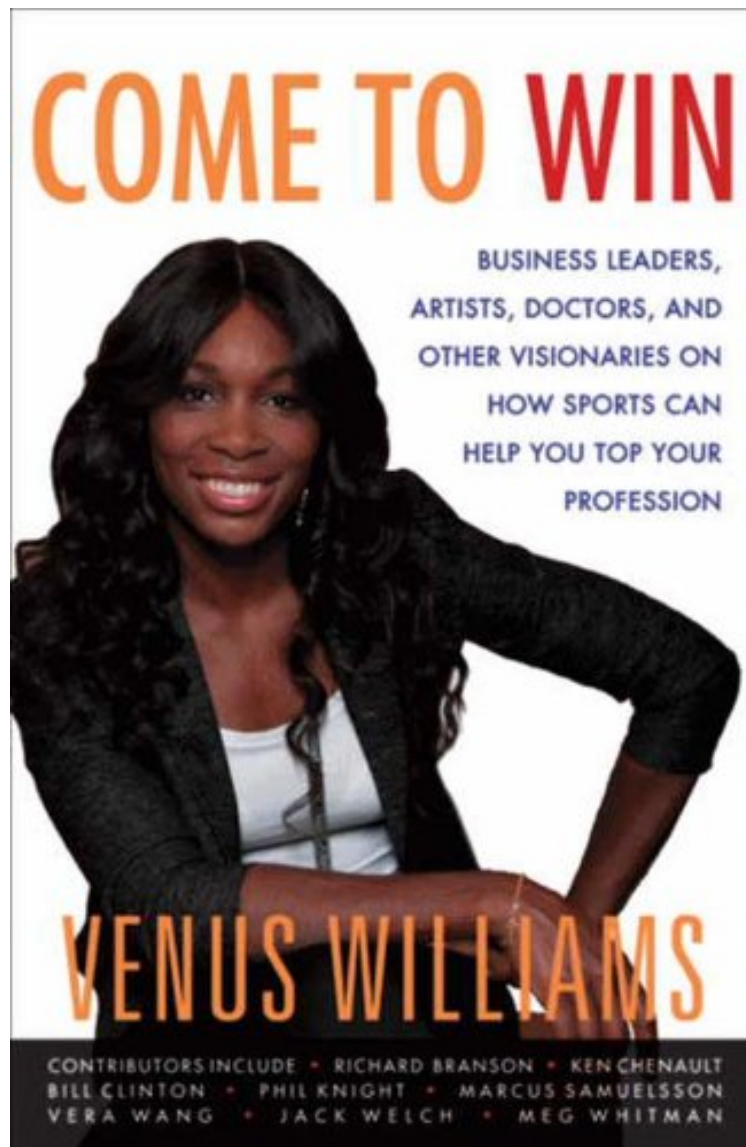


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Multiple grand slam tennis champion and entrepreneur, Venus Williams and 46 of her colleagues, friends, and mentors deliver a volume of invaluable wisdom, motivation, and inspiration. Come to Win demonstrates how the principles of competitive athletics translate into business success. With contributions from a wide range of men and women who reached the very top of their games including former CEO and bestselling author Jack Welch, fashion designer Vera Wang, actor Denzel Washington, and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; Venus Williams; Come to Win is a book every aspiring professional, coach, and sports enthusiast should read.

From Booklist Curious about life after tennis, Venus Williams started talking to other former athletes; pros and amateurs; and heard encouragement and some hard lessons, including the fact that the famous name doesn't always guarantee business success or even open as many doors as some might think. The result is a collection of essays from a wide variety of sources; businessmen, politicians, artists, and scientists; all drawing on lessons learned through playing sports. Williams includes advice she has gleaned from her own career, including a childhood of drilling on life principles by her father and her own current business ventures in clothing and interior design. Among the contributors: from the political world, Bill Clinton and Condoleezza Rice; former athletes Billy Jean King, Magic Johnson, and Bill Bradley; business executives Meg Whitman and Ken Chenault; actors Denzel Washington and Hill Harper; journalists Soledad O'Brien and Robin Roberts; and designers Vera Wang and Richie Rich. Contributors offer advice on how to learn from losses, block out distractions, and visualize a course of action. Solid advice from a wide and varied A-list of contributors. --Vanessa Bush "Containing gems of biographical information not available elsewhere, this presents inspirational readings on how sports can make a significant difference and teach life lessons." (Library Journal) "An engaging collection. . . . Her advice comes from leaders who are masters of the power game, but the lessons are for us all." (Bloomberg Businessweek) "Come to Win is an athlete-driven project based on a refreshing concept - curiosity about what makes other people tick. . . . Successful people don't always win, but they nearly always learn something useful when they lose. It's a timeless message." (ESPN.com) "Contributors offer advice on how to learn from losses, block out distractions, and visualize a course of action. Solid advice from a wide and varied A-list of contributors." (Booklist) "A book written by former sportsmen and women who then made good in the world of commerce and politics [is] a welcome addition. Come to Win promises to be just that." (Financial Times (UK)) From the Back Cover With Come to Win, Venus Williams, the multiple Grand Slam tennis champion and entrepreneur, along with an esteemed group of business leaders, politicians, and acclaimed artists, serves up a book of wisdom that shows how to turn a competitive spirit and athletic background into success off the playing field. Combining talent, drive, and hard work, Venus Williams has mastered the game of tennis. How will that drive serve her off the court in her post-tennis career? For inspiration, Venus turned to nearly fifty business leaders, politicians, doctors, and artists, all of whom previously played competitive sports and who are now at the top of their professions, and asked them the essential questions: What principles that inspired you toward success as an athlete are helpful in life? In business? Here an A-list group of visionaries, including eBay's former CEO Meg Whitman, Nike's co-founder Philip Knight, stateswoman Condoleezza Rice, entrepreneur and former NBA player Earvin "Magic" Johnson, and designer Vera Wang, respond with a useful array of tips woven through anecdotes from their athletic past that have been instrumental in their post-sports life success. Whether it's visualizing a course of action before it happens, turning losses into learning tools, figuring out who best plays what position in a team environment, or remembering that there is no substitute for preparation, the advice in Come to Win is knowledge every manager and aspiring professional will want to read. It's also an indispensable tool for parents and coaches looking to build confidence and discipline in their children. Venus also reflects on what she has learned from her own coaches, including her father and mother, and how their wisdom contributes to her own remarkable achievements, from her history-making tennis career to the launch of her own businesses; V-Starr Interiors, an interior design firm, and

EleVen, an athletic clothing line.