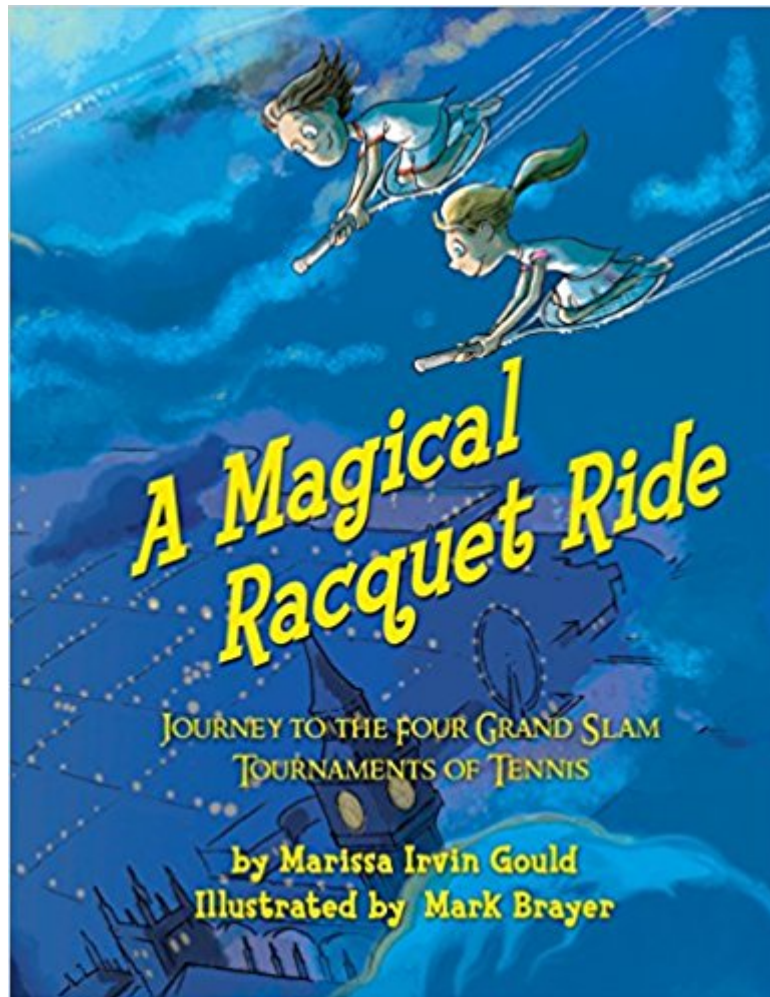


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# A Magical Racquet Ride: Journey To The Four Grand Slam Tournaments Of Tennis



## Synopsis

**\*\*The recipient of a prestigious Mom's Choice Award\*\*** With a little world geography and a whole lot of tennis mixed together, kids and parents alike will fall in love with tennis for the first time, or all over again. A fantasy-adventure picture book that both boys and girls will want to read time after time, while they learn about tennis and its truly international appeal. Readers of all ages will be delighted by this brightly illustrated, rhyming story of magical tennis racquets escorting twins across the globe to glamorous tennis ports of call--New York, London, Paris, and Melbourne. Written by a former tennis professional, Marissa Irvin Gould, has played the sport at the highest level-- winning matches at all four Grand Slam events. She is also a mother of three young children and an elementary school teacher with a passion for learning. Don't be surprised if after reading this book, kids are clamoring for a new racquet, and a chance to get outside and play tennis for themselves.

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## Customer Reviews

Marissa Irvin started playing tennis at age 9. She was encouraged by her father, himself a gifted athlete. Hiring 1980 Australian Open champion Brian Teacher for his daughter was significant in her eventual success on clay, qualifying for the Australian Open while a student at Stanford and then reaching the third round at the French in 2003, 04, and 05. "Because of tennis, I was able to see the world and meet people from nearly every corner of the globe," the former player said. "I wanted to show children just how much tennis had to offer them. There are tons of baseball, basketball, and football books for boys as well as ballet and "girly" books for girls, but this book is meant for both boys and girls. Tennis can help you make friends, get exercise, see new parts of your own country

or foreign countries, learn sportsmanship, play a high school sport, get a college scholarship, and develop a skill that can last a lifetime."Now married to Patrick Gould and the mother of three, the California native, a former elementary school teacher, enjoys spending time at home, writing in her spare time. "A Magical Racquet Ride," subtitled "Journey to the Four Grand Slam Tournaments of Tennis" is Marissa's first book and in catchy rhyme is a motivator for kids unacquainted with the world of tennis. The artistic creation of Mark Brayer (who has done work for "Star Trek"), Nick and Molly are twins who in cooperation blow out eight candles on a birthday cake before each chooses a favorite present. "Two shiny new tennis racquets stood out from the rest, Their glistening frames surely made them the best" were the jaunty lines the reader sees before the twins are seen clutching the racquets as they fall asleep.

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