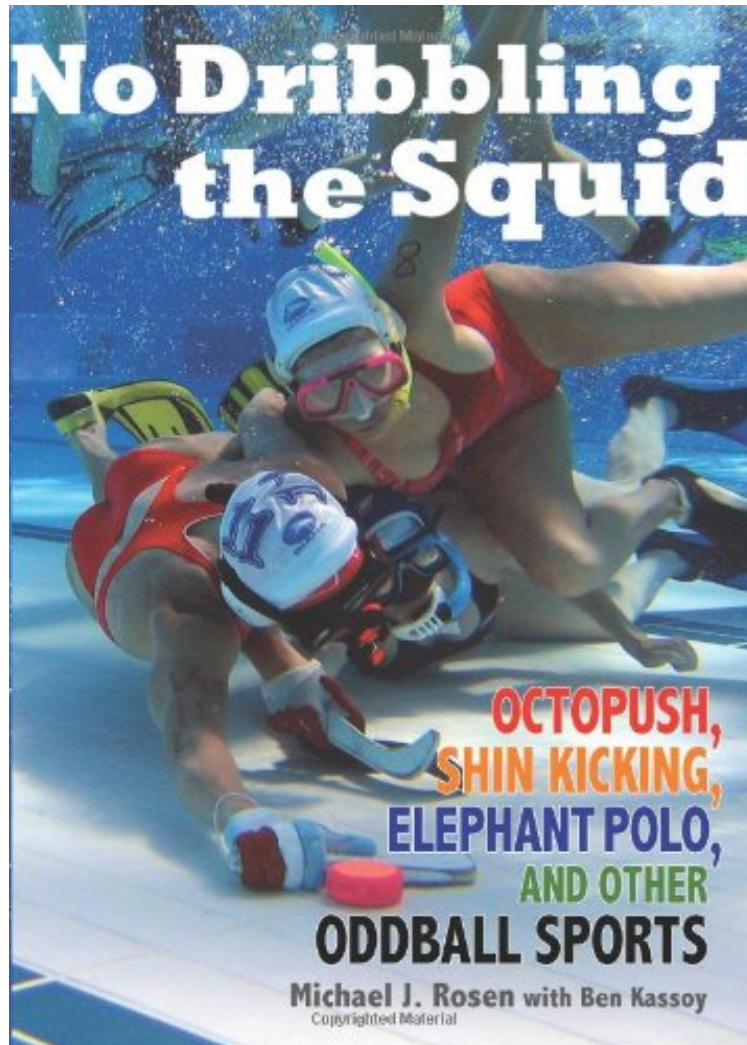


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Dribble it! By I. Cohen Michael J. Rosen and Ben Kassoy's No Dribbling the Squid: Octopush, Shin Kicking, Elephant Polo and Other Oddball Sports is a vibrant and hilarious account of the world's most quirky and unconventional competitions, which includes such bizarre sports as wife carrying, sauna endurance contests, and professional rock, paper, scissors. Each page is a spectacle in itself, exploding

with high-action, full-color photos (whether of snowball fighters, lawnmower racers, or mountain unicyclists), along with clever and punchy writing that gets you in, out, and onto the next eccentric contest. With the holidays approaching, I bought several copies for family and friends, even those aren't sports fans (being a lover of the weird and whacky will do). I could picture my nephew practicing his cannonballs off the high dive after reading about professional splashdiving or, in winter, mounting a toilet on skis to prepare for the outhouse racing season. My sister, the world traveler and festival-seeker, might have to stop by Spain's giant tomato fight, England's shin kicking competition, or Scotland's Bog Snorkelling Championships after reading about them in *No Dribbling the Squid*. I also love checking out the Featured Freaky Sport of the Week on the book's website, [...], and, as a fan of *Squid on [...]*, I took the Find Your Inner Oddball Athlete quiz to discover, with great amusement, that I am destined to be a chess boxer. My areas of expertise: brains, brawn, and books! *Squid* is a knockout (or, if you will, a checkmate)! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Rosen is a great author! By S. Kloss Michael J. Rosen is a great author! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Shrovetide Football By H. Clayson I bought this book because I was interested in an annual contest in Ashbourne Derbyshire England. It more than covered that subject, but included so many more interesting contests. I love it.

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