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Seen around the world, John Carlos and Tommie Smith's Black Power salute on the 1968 Olympic podium sparked controversy and career fallout. Yet their show of defiance remains one of the most iconic images of Olympic history and the Black Power movement. Here is the remarkable story of one of the men behind the salute, lifelong activist John Carlos.

**John Carlos** is an African American former track and field athlete, professional football player, and a founding member of the Olympic Project for Human Rights. He won the bronze medal in the 200 meters race at the 1968 Olympics, where his Black Power salute on the podium with Tommie Smith caused much political controversy. *The John Carlos Story* is his first book.

**Dave Zirin** is the author of four books, including *Bad Sports, A People's History of Sports in the United States*, and *What's My Name, Fool?* He writes the popular weekly online sports column "The Edge of Sports" and is a regular contributor to SportsIllustrated.com, *SLAM*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *The Nation*, where he is the publication's first sports editor.

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