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Weird Sports and Wacky Games around the World: From Buzkashi to Zorbing, by Victoria Williams. ABC-CLIO.
