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Although the fight for independence by national minorities has received much attention recently, there is no study of how globalised sport in its most advanced form can help to stimulate it. This book shows how the 1992 Olympic Games raised the tension that already existed between Catalonia and Spain, from the time they were awarded to Barcelona until they opened. John Hargreaves analyses and explains the way in which the conflict developed and was eventually resolved in terms of the special characteristics of Catalan nationalism, the nature of the new Spanish democracy and the special role played by the International Olympic Committee.

This book will be relevant to academics, researchers and postgraduates specialising in nationalism and Catalan nationalism, as well as being of interest to teachers, researchers and students of political sociology, cultural studies and sports studies, and professionals working in the fields of culture, sport, recreation and leisure.

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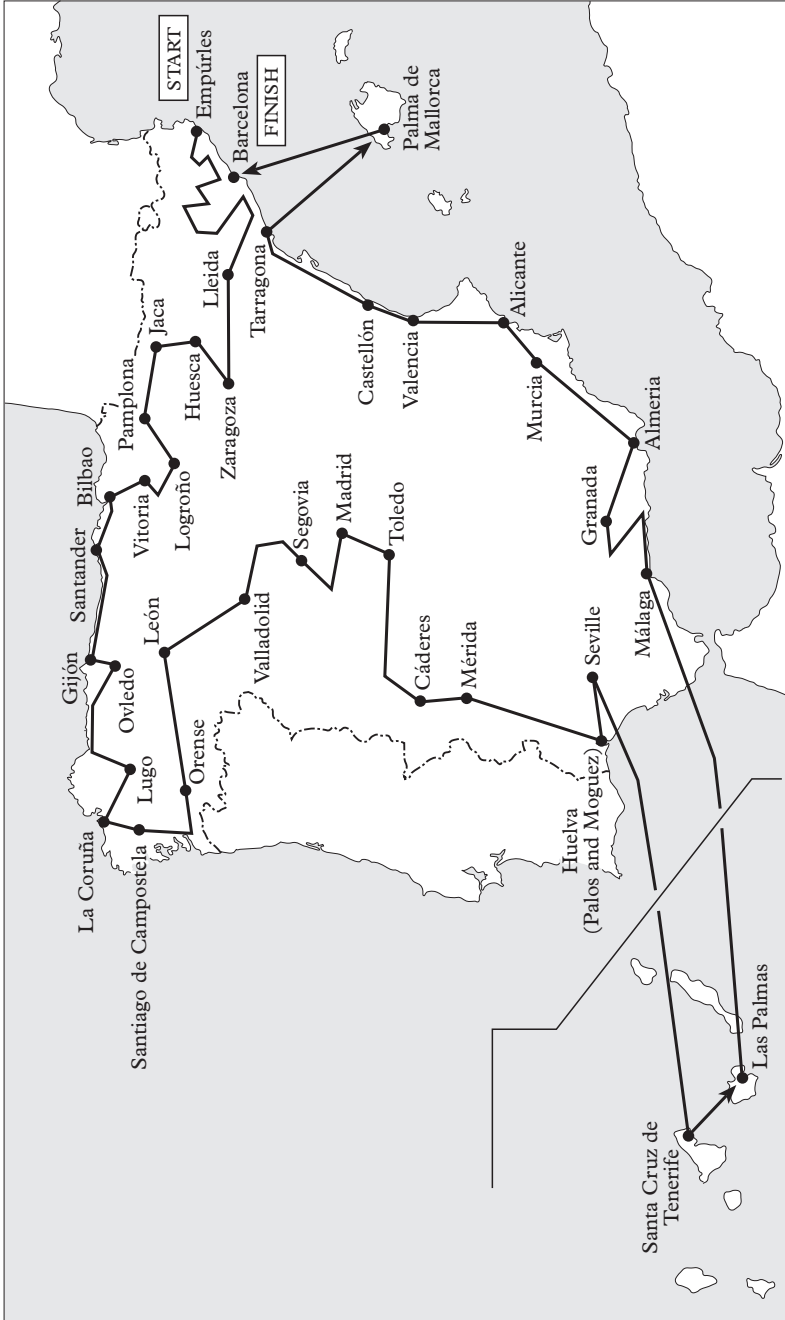
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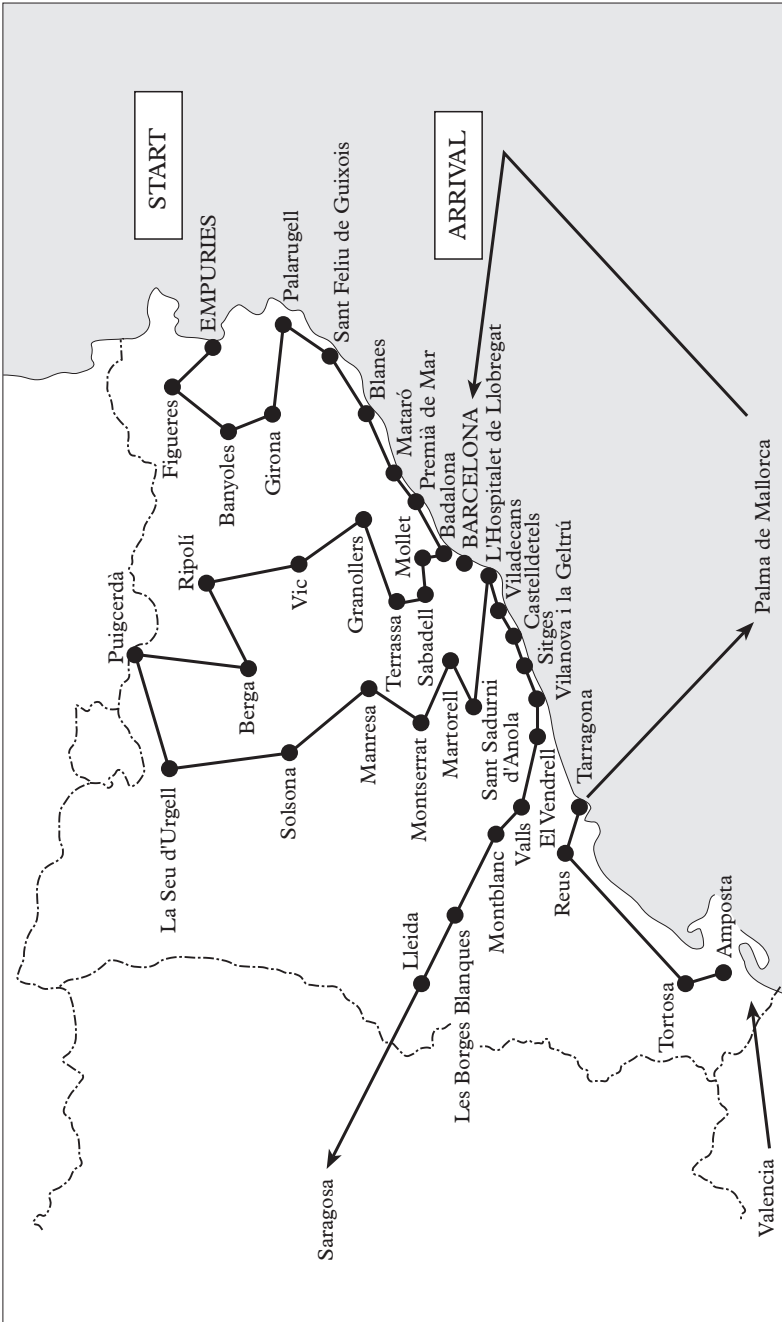
Abbreviations

ABC	American Broadcasting Company
COC	Comitè Olímpic de Catalunya (Catalan Olympic Committee)
CIS	Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas (Centre for Sociological Research)
COOB	Comitè Organizador Olímpico de Barcelona (Organising Committee of the Barcelona Olympic Games)
COE	Comitè Olímpico Español (Spanish Olympic Committee)
CDC	Convergència Democràtica de Catalunya (Democratic Convergence Party of Catalonia) – nationalist party led by Pujol and one of the two constituent parties of CiU (see below)
CiU	Convergència i Unió (Convergence and Union Party) – the main nationalist party forming the government of Catalonia
CCOO	Comisiones Obreras (Workers' Commissions) – Communist trade union
ERC	Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (Republican Left of Catalonia) – the main separatist party
ETA	Euskadi ta Askatusuna (Basque Homeland and Liberty) – Basque separatist terrorist organisation
FIFA	International Federation of Football Associations
IAAF	International Amateur Athletic Federation
IC	Iniciativa de Catalunya (Catalan Communist Party)
IOC	International Olympic Committee
ISL	International Sport and Leisure – the major international sports promotion agency
IU	Izquierda Unida (Spanish Communist Party)
JERC	Joventuts d' Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (Republican Left Youth of Catalonia) – ERC youth organisation
JNC	Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (Nationalist Youth of Catalonia) – CDC youth organisation
NBC	National Broadcasting Company
NOC	National Olympic Committee
OCA	Olympic Council for Asia
PP	Partido Popular (Spanish Conservative Party)
PRC	People's Republic of China
PSC	Partit Socialista de Catalunya (Catalan Socialist Party) – affiliate of PSOE (see below)
PSOE	Partido Socialista Obrero Español (Spanish Socialist Workers Party)
TOP	The Olympic Sponsorship Programme
UDC	Unió Democràtica Cristiana (Christian Democratic Union) – one of the two constituent parties of CiU (see above)
UGT	Union General de Trabajadores – trade union linked to PSOE (see above)

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Map 1 The Olympic torch: its journey around Spain



Map 2 The Olympic torch: its journey around Catalonia