

No Middle Ground Eubank Benn Watson And The Golden Era Of British Boxing

This second edition of *Development Economics: Theory and Practice* continues to provide students and practitioners with the perspectives and tools they need to think analytically and critically about the current major economic development issues in the world. Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet identify seven key dimensions of development—growth, poverty, vulnerability, inequality, basic needs, sustainability, and quality of life—and use them to structure the contents of the text. The book gives a historical perspective on the evolution of thought in development. It uses theory and empirical analysis to present readers with a full picture of how development works, how its successes and failures can be assessed, and how alternatives can be introduced. The authors demonstrate how diagnostics, design of programs and policies, and impact evaluation can be used to seek new solutions to the suffering and violence caused by development failures. In the second edition, more attention has been given to ongoing developments, such as: pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals continuously rising global and national inequality health as a domestic and international public good cash transfers for social protection carbon trading for sustainability This text is fully engaged with the most cutting-edge research in the field and equips readers with

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analytical tools for impact evaluation of development programs and policies, illustrated with numerous examples. It is underpinned throughout by a wealth of student-friendly features, including case studies, quantitative problem sets, end-of-chapter questions, and extensive references. The companion website contains Excel and Stata exercises for students alongside materials for instructors. This unique text is ideal for those taking courses in development economics, economic growth, and development policy, and will provide an excellent foundation for those wishing to pursue careers in development.

What were the ten most fantastic knockouts in boxing history? Which pugilist had the greatest jab of all time? What were the sport's most intense rivalries? Who scored the biggest upsets in the sport's annals? Which fighters have the best nicknames? These questions and many others are answered in this bold collection of ranked lists from two of boxing's most popular commentators. Each list has an introductory paragraph followed by a number of ranked entries, with each entry featuring a brief explanation of ranking plus entertaining and enlightening background information. Also included are original lists contributed exclusive to this book by more than 25 top personalities from boxing and beyond, including Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Oscar De La Hoya, Bernard Hopkins, and more.

Journeyman tells a story that is often purposely ignored--that of the modern-day boxers who lose for a living. Far from huge purses and pay-per-view hype, the book lays bare the reality of the boxing business and the way it works in small-hall venues

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countrywide. October 2013 saw the 100th and final fight in the career of East London's Johnny Greaves, remarkable in that he won only four contests. He took fights at short notice, facing young prospects with the implicit understanding that he was not there to win. Journeymen features in-depth interviews with Greaves and other men who have similarly served the fight game, including Kristian Laight (180 defeats), Jason Nesbitt (178) and Daniel Thorpe (113). Though sometimes dark, their tales reveal humour, wisdom and sporting pride: the journeymen eschew glamour, make the best of what they have and face the world with a smile and a wink.

No Middle Ground Eubank, Benn, Watson and the golden era of British boxing Aurum Revisit the sport's most magical moments, from title tear-ups, shocks and famous knockouts to bizarre dramas. Here are hundreds of ring highlights, all mixed in with a maelstrom of quirky anecdotes and legendary characters to produce an irresistibly dippable boxing diary with an entry for every day of the year. It's not just the stunning punches and smart one-liners that makes the history of the fight game so absorbing. Boxing is never far from controversy or hyperbole, surviving fixes and numerous scandals while producing some of sport's most famous names from Dempsey to Louis, from Ali to Tyson, from Lennox Lewis to Floyd Mayweather Jr.

The fully revised and updated version of this classic text examines the link between three key obsessions of the 21st century: the media, sport and popular culture. Gathering new material from around the 2007 Rugby World Cup, the Beijing

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Olympics and the rise of new sports stars such as boxing's Amir Khan and cycling's Victoria Pendleton, the authors explore a wide range of sports, as well as issues including nationalism, gender, race, political economy and the changing patterns of media sport consumption. For those interested in media and sport the second edition combines new and original material with an overview of the developing field of media sport, and examines the way in which the media has increasingly come to dominate how sport is played, organized and thought about in society. It traces the historical evolution of the relationship between sport and the media and examines the complex business relationships that have grown up around television, sponsors and sport. Covers the following topics: t

This is an enthralling behind - the - scenes account of a bygone sporting era.' (Shortlist) ""Riveting. It's like I'm back there on a sat night with my family, watching the bloodlust. Brilliantly written."" (Phil Williams Radio Five Live) 'Shetty painstakingly spoke to the fighters, their respective teams and many of the integral people involved to capture the scene of the fight nights excellently. The way in which he introduces the reader to each of the boxers personalities in fine detail from their adolescent youth through to maturity early on in the book sets the tone perfectly. Shetty takes the reader through an amazing journey that started inside a tent in Finsbury Park North London in May 1989, and ends tragically on cold night at White Hart Lane Football on September 21, 1991. Highly informative and well written.' (Clive Bernath secondsout.com) 2014 marked the 25th

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anniversary of the first bout in the epic battle between Nigel Benn, Michael Watson and Chris Eubank that would keep us entertained for five manic, magnificent and ultimately tragic years. The fight took place a month after the Hillsborough disaster and was screened live on TV, in a slot now dominated by talent contests. It was a time when kids could stay up late to watch 12 rounds of madness. It was also the last Golden Era of British Boxing. While for us these greats of British boxing provided entertainment away from the hooliganism of football, for them it was much more personal. Rivalries exist in every sport, but their loathing was real and in the ring it nearly became deadly. But this is what the swaggering early - 90's Britain tuned in for. These three fighters were Britain's alpha - ego. They made the country proud. No Middle Ground takes us back to the years when these boxers pounded the heavy bags and tells their story as well as that of Britain's love affair with the sport, and how these fight came to define them and us. In tracing the boxers' journeys to centre - stage Sanjeev Shetty reveals the story of the dark side of Thatcher's nation - the blood, the sweat, the dangerous hatred that fuelled these men, and the ultimate price they would pay for their moment in the sun.

The five stories in this book are tales about human beings and the human condition in which they find themselves. They are stories of scientists - but not of white-coated laboratory figures, happy to leave to others the practical application of their discoveries. In the circumstances I recount, the scientists were brought face to face, sometimes in

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dramatic confrontations, with the very people whose problems their work might help solve. As I came to realize, there now exists an international network of unusual scientists whose members are concerned individuals, determined that their scientific work should help alleviate the human condition. This book was conceived as an account of some exciting episodes in contemporary biomedicine. But during the four years it took to complete, several other themes emerged. First, each story illustrates aspects of the relation between Western science and technology and those major health problems which are often of dreadful significance for the Third World. In this relation the fruits of Western research are not simply applied to global health problems. Rather the relation is reciprocal, for scientific research, whether prompted by the medical problems of the Third World or actually conducted there, is yielding vital clues to many fundamental aspects of human biology, as well as pointing toward possible therapies for the serious diseases of Western society, such as cancer or the dementia of old age. After I had written the first draft a second theme emerged.

Oil to Cash explores one option to help countries with new oil revenue avoid the so-called resource curse: just give the money directly to citizens. A universal, transparent, and regular cash transfer would not only provide a concrete benefit to regular people, but would also create powerful incentives for citizens to hold their government accountable. Oil to Cash details how and where this idea could work and how policymakers can learn from the experiences with cash transfers in

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places like Mexico, Mongolia, and Alaska.

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'Incredible stories... you don't have to be a boxing fan to enjoy it' SCOTT MILLS, BBC RADIO 1 'One of sport's most heart-warming stories' SUNDAY TIMES, SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR 'A must-read for any boxing fan.' WORLD BOXING NEWS 'If you know someone who is a fan of the People's Champion then they'll love this.' TALKSPORT XMAS GIFT GUIDE The extraordinary story of the rise and fall and rise again of Tyson Fury... THE GYPSY KING. A Manchester lad from Irish Traveller stock, born three months premature and weighing just a pound at birth, Tyson (named after his father's boxing hero) grew up to become one of the most unlikely heavyweight champions in history. This 'dream come true' soon turned to nightmare, however, as alcohol and cocaine abuse took hold and Tyson was stripped of his titles. What followed was the darkest moment of his life - detailed in this book for the first time - in which he came within seconds of ending everything. THE PEOPLE'S CHAMPION. Like all the greatest stories, though, there is redemption and Tyson defies all the odds and literally drags himself to his feet. 10 million

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people around the globe watched Fury fight Wilder in the biggest fight of the boxing calendar. Speaking candidly about his struggles with mental health, this is Tyson Fury as you have never seen him before. A BRITISH ICON.

Behind the Mask is an unflinching autobiography from the greatest boxer of our time and a man who has demonstrated strength of a very different kind by conquering his demons.

'It's a great book, if I could read, I'd buy it' BILLY JOE SAUNDERS, WBO World Super-Middleweight Champion 'I didn't believe boxers could be role models, but Tyson Fury has changed my mind... This 30-year-old Mancunian has made us all think twice about the possibilities of redemption.' SIMON KELNER, INDEPENDENT 'Tyson Fury has become Britain's most unlikely inspirational figure... the sight of a broken Fury caught a mood with the public. Never was the epithet "People's Champion" more apt' RON LEWIS, THE TIMES 'Tyson Fury is an amazing real-life champion' SYLVESTER STALLONE, star of Rocky 'You may not have any interest in boxing at all and you will find this story about Tyson's life fascinating' BBC RADIO 5 LIVE 'An unusual, heartening story, nicely told. There is much to amaze and admire' SUNDAY TIMES

They called him “Manos de Piedra”—Hands of Stone—and he was one of the

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greatest boxers of all time. Now Roberto Durán tells his unbelievable story: from the streets of Panama to being crowned one of the “Four Kings,” along with Hearns, Leonard, and Hagler, as he blazed a trail through the Golden Age of Boxing. Born into abject poverty, barely able to read or write, Durán quickly realized that his fists could both protect him on the streets and put food on the table. His reputation was established on the day when, for a bet, he knocked down a horse with a single punch. At the age of twenty-one, he claimed his first world title, against Ken Buchanan at Madison Square Garden. The legend of Manos de Piedra was born, but his most glorious moment was yet to come. In 1980, Durán delivered one of the greatest upsets in boxing history by defeating the previously unbeatable Sugar Ray Leonard. But greater fame brought greater distractions, and Durán’s endless partying took its toll before the two superstars faced each other again. Here, for the first time ever, Durán confronts the debacle of the rematch that entered sporting folklore, and the truth behind the moment he was heard to utter the infamous words “No más”—No more. Durán’s explosive performances in the ring were matched only by the volatility of his life outside it. He lurched from living like royalty to bankruptcy and, after being written off as a boxing also-ran, made a bloody, legendary comeback that gave his career the ultimate ending, and finally brought redemption. He came from nothing, and

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changed the world. I Am Durán is the autobiography of one of boxing's most iconic legends.

This edition is fully updated to include Mayweather's battle with UFC star Conor McGregor. Floyd 'Money' Mayweather is one of the most successful professional boxers of all time, with fifty professional victories in a glittering unbeaten ring career that has spanned two decades.

Darcus Howe: a Political Biography examines the struggle for racial justice in Britain, through the lens of one of Britain's most prominent and controversial black journalists and campaigners. Born in Trinidad during the dying days of British colonialism, Howe has become an uncompromising champion of racial justice. The book examines how Howe's unique political outlook was inspired by the example of his friend and mentor C.L.R. James, and forged in the heat of the American civil rights movement, as well as Trinidad's Black Power Revolution. The book sheds new light on Howe's leading role in the defining struggles in Britain against institutional racism in the police, the courts and the media. It focuses on his part as a defendant in the trial of the Mangrove Nine, the high point of Black Power in Britain; his role in conceiving and organizing the Black People's Day of Action, the largest ever demonstration by the black community in Britain; and his later work as one of a prominent journalist and political

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commentator.

This is the autobiography of Michael Watson, the former Commonwealth Middleweight champion, whose career was tragically cut short. In 1991 he had a world title fight with Chris Eubank - the people's champion against the guy we love to hate. Eubank retained his belt, but it was one of the most controversial decisions in British boxing history. The Rematch was the biggest super middleweight title fight British boxing had ever seen. Tragically, in the eleventh round, Watson caught his neck on the back of the ropes after taking an uppercut from Eubank. He collapsed and suffered serious brain damage which left him paralysed. After years of intensive therapy, and with the same determination and strength of spirit that he showed in the ring, Michael Watson has made a remarkable recovery and won the biggest fight of all - the fight for his life. The Biggest Fight is a testament to why Michael Watson was, is, and always will be 'the people's champion'.

The basis for SHOWTIME Sports Documentary Pariah: The Lives and Deaths of Sonny Liston A daring investigation into the mysterious death of Heavyweight Champion Sonny Liston, set against the dawn of the 1970s, when the mob was fighting to keep control of the Las Vegas Strip, Richard Nixon was launching America's first war on heroin, and boxing was in its glory days. On January 5,

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1971, Sonny Liston was found dead in his home—of an apparent heroin overdose. But no one close to Liston believed that his death was accidental. Digging deep into a life that Liston tried hard to hide, investigative journalist Shaun Assael treats the boxer's death as a cold case. The result is a page-turning whodunit that evokes a glorious and grimy era of Las Vegas. Elvis Presley was playing two shows a night at the International. Howard Hughes was running his empire from the penthouse suite of the Desert Inn. And middle America was flocking to the Strip, transforming it from an exclusive playground for the mob to a mecca for corporate dollars. But the city was also rotting from within. Heroin was pouring over the border from Mexico, and the segregated Westside was on the cusp of a race war. The cops, brutally violent, were barely holding it together. Driving through town with the top of his pink Cadillac down, Sonny Liston was the one celebrity who was unafraid to bridge the two sides of Las Vegas. Cashing in on his fading notoriety in the casinos, he was dealing drugs, working for a crime syndicate, and trying to break into Hollywood—all with a boxer's faith that he could duck any threat, slip any punch. Heroin addiction was the only knockout blow he didn't see coming. *The Murder of Sonny Liston* takes a fresh look at the legendary boxer, the town he called home, and one of America's most enduring mysteries.

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Sporting Blood is the highly-anticipated debut from multiple-award-winning boxing journalist, Carlos Acevedo.

Nigel Benn is one of the greatest boxers to have stepped into the ring. Known by his fans as The Dark Destroyer, his reputation has become legend. As a boxer, Nigel Benn is extraordinary. During his first 22 professional fights, he knocked out every single one of his opponents--half before the first round had even ended, ensuring his rapid ascent through the ranks. In his autobiography, Nigel recounts his stunning victories, including his famous fight with Chris Eubank. However, he also shares his life outside the ring, from his time in the army, women, and his family as well as giving an astonishing insight into the darker side of his sport. Benn candidly discusses the state of boxing today and its rising stars, such as Benn's own son, Conor, and the son of his infamous rival Chris Eubank, Chris Eubank Jr. With titles such as WBO Middleweight Champion and Commonwealth Middleweight Champion, Benn established himself as a man-to-watch, and in doing so has ensured his name will go down in boxing history.

Love him or loathe him, Chris Eubank is one of life's more eccentric personalities who has transcended the world of boxing and established himself as a media celebrity and role model to millions of fans the world over. His story is both gripping and extraordinary.

Jem Mace was the first worldwide sports star. He used an uncanny ability with his fists to achieve international fame, travelling the globe to promote himself and to present sport as theatre and entertainment. The last English champion under the London Prize Ring Rules, he was also the father of modern gloved boxing. This is the first biography of this major Victorian

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soprts figure, a larger than life character with cross-over appeal to non soprts fans.

This volume covers the science of ALDH enzymes in relation to chronic disease processes and the future therapeutic potentials of targeting ALDH in these processes. It thoroughly reviews the roles of ALDH family in alcohol metabolism, as well as recent findings of their emerging roles in a variety of human pathologies such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, obesity, stroke, cancer, liver diseases and kidney diseases. Delicate contribution of ALDH enzymes in the therapeutics against chronic diseases is also discussed. It demonstrates the unique value of targeting genetic polymorphism in ALDH enzymes in personalized medicine. The book will appeal to scientists, physicians, graduate and professional students in the fields of ALDH enzymes, alcohol metabolism, cardiometabolic and other chronic diseases. Pharmaceutical and other companies developing new tools for cardiometabolic and chronic diseases treatment will also find this a valuable resource.

'To be legendary you got to have heart... Ray's heart was bigger than all the rest' Muhammad Ali SUGAR RAY LEONARD was one of the greatest boxers ever. An artist and a showman he was always willing to take the difficult fight: his gruelling encounters with Roberto Duran, Thomas Hearns and Marvin Hagler have become legendary. Ray's autobiography takes you into the ring - with the mind games, brutality and euphroia. But, outside of the ring, Ray's biggest opponent was himself. From early domestic violence and sexual abuse to a blur of fame, sex, greed, drink and drug addiction at the height of his career that cost him so much, The Big Fight is a remarkable portrait of the rise, fall and final redemption of a true fighter in every sense.

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and devastating power. His first 22 professional fights ended with him knocking out all of his opponents - half of them before the first round was over. Nigel Benn opens his heart in this revealing biography.

A new, updated edition of Jack Newfield's hard-hitting unauthorized biography of boxing kingpin Don King, source of the Emmy-winning film starring Ving Rhames. With a new epilogue. Working his way out of a life of street crime and numbers running - and jail time for manslaughter - King rose to become a powerhouse in the fight game, outnegotiated corporate giants, fleeced the treasuries of entire countries, and amassed a vast personal fortune while ruining the lives and careers of some of boxing's greatest champions. The dying words of the man King stomped to death on the streets of Cleveland in 1966 - Don, I'll pay you the money! - became the motif for Don King's ascendancy.

Tyson Fury is colossal - six feet nine inches tall and a whisker under 20 stones in weight. He is spectacularly fast. He has a punch that could knock over a rhino and he can dance and weave like no one since the great Muhammad Ali. When he destroyed the fearsome Deontay Wilder in Las Vegas to become two-time world heavyweight champion in February 2020, the world held its breath. Fury was born in 1988 and named after Mike Tyson, who was then the world heavyweight champion. Tyson comes from a long line of gypsy bare knuckle fighters. His father, Gypsy John Fury and grandfather, Tiger Gorman, both fought as professionals. Tyson's success has not come easily, but he has fought the terrible battles of his personal life as bravely as those in the ring. In this extraordinary biography you will read how he overcame addiction to cocaine and alcohol and lost a staggering eight stone in weight to make his comeback. His bravery in talking about his mental health problems is an inspiration to many.

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Now he is happy and at the top of his game. There seems little doubt that, for Tyson Fury, Gypsy King of the World, the best is yet to come...

Biography of the man who rose in professional boxing in the 1920's, lost a title fight in 1929, struggled to feed his family, and with Joe Gould as his manager, won the heavyweight title from heavily favored Max Baer in 1935.

Jerrold Casway coined the phrase "The Emerald Age of Baseball" to describe the 1890s, when so many Irish names dominated teams' rosters. But one can easily agree—and expand—that the period from the mid-1830s well into the first decade of the 20th century and assign the term to American sports in general. This book covers the Irish sportsman from the arrival of James "Deaf" Burke in 1836 through to Jack B. Kelly's rejection by Henley regatta and his subsequent gold medal at the 1920 Olympics. It avoids recounting the various victories and defeats of the Irish sportsman, seeking instead to deal with the complex interaction that he had with alcohol, gambling and Sunday leisure: pleasures that were banned in most of America at some time or other between 1836 and 1920. This book also covers the Irish sportsman's close relations with politicians, his role in labor relations, his violent lifestyle—and by contrast—his participation in bringing respectability to sport. It also deals with native Irish sports in America, the part played by the Irish in "Team USA's" initial international sporting ventures, and in the making and breaking of amateurism within sport.

The new third edition of *A Critical Introduction to Sport Psychology* is the only textbook

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in the field that provides a detailed overview of key theories, concepts and findings within the discipline of sport psychology, as well as a critical perspective that examines and challenges these core foundations. Fully revised and updated, the new edition covers key research findings affecting both participation and performance in sport, including topics such as motivation, anxiety, emotional coping, concentration, mental imagery, expertise and team cohesion. In addition, the book includes a range of helpful features that bring the science to life, including critical thinking exercises, suggestions for student projects and new "In the spotlight" boxes that highlight key advances in theory or practice. A comprehensive glossary is also included, whilst a final chapter examines some new horizons in sport psychology, including embodied cognition and socio-cultural perspectives. Sport is played with the body but often won in the mind; that is the theory. A Critical Introduction to Sport Psychology is the definitive textbook for anyone wishing to engage critically with this fascinating idea.

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Something old and evil has awakened in Redforde.

Thomas Hearn ranks as one of the greatest and most exciting fighters of all-time. From his explosion onto the pro boxing scene with seventeen straight knockouts, he struck fear into opponents and awe into spectators. He went on to feature in some of the most thrilling bouts ever and became the first champion to win six titles at different weights. He will forever be known by his chilling nickname: the "Hit Man". Co-written by Brian Hughes, Britain's leading boxing trainer, Hit Man delves inside this complex, charismatic character to present a compelling portrait of a modern sports legend. Reviews 'Compelling.' -- DAILY STAR 'One of the best biographies of a professional fighter since 'Unforgiveable Blackness'. A must read for all boxing fans.' -- SADDOBOXING.COM 'A fine tribute to a great, great fighter.' -- DUBLIN EVENING HERALD 'The Hit Man unleashed.' -- THE RING 'An engrossing book on a thrilling fighter.' -- BOXING MONTHLY

In this unflinching autobiography, boxing legend Leonard faces his single greatest competitor: himself. With honesty, humor, and inspiring perspective, Leonard comes to terms with triumph, struggle, strength, courage, and resilience.

Roberto Duran, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Thomas "Hit

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Man" Hearns all formed the pantheon of boxing greats during the late 1970s and early 1980s—before the pay-per-view model, when prize fights were telecast on network television and still captured the nation's attention. Championship bouts during this era were replete with revenge and fury, often pitting one of these storied fighters against another. From training camps to locker rooms, author George Kimball was there to cover every body shot, uppercut, and TKO. Inside stories full of drama, sacrifice, fear, and pain make up this treasury of boxing tales brought to life by one of the sport's greatest writers.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler is a sporting legend. Often called the greatest middleweight boxer of all time, he held the world title for 12 defenses, including bouts with Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns, and Roberto Duran, which entered fistic folklore. From his wild early fights in the boxing wilderness of Brockton, Massachusetts, Brian and Damian Hughes trace the blazing trail of Hagler's career: the controversial defeats subsequently avenged, a riot-scarred title win in London, and his unification of the middleweight crown. Hagler became a huge favorite, taking on all comers while never taking a step back. And so to The Ring magazine's "greatest round of all time" against Hearns, his ferocious battle with Duran, and the still-controversial loss to his nemesis Leonard.

Marvelous tells the story of Hagler's extraordinary life for the first time, separating

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truth from myth to get right to the heart of a complex and charismatic man. Boxing is infused with ideas about masculinity, power, race and social class, and as such is an ideal lens through which social scientists can examine key modern themes. In addition, its inherent contradictions of extreme violence and beauty and of discipline and excess have long been a source of inspiration for writers and film makers. Essential reading for anyone interested in the sociology of sport and cultural representations of gender, *Boxing, Masculinity and Identity* brings together ethnographic research with material from film, literature and journalism. Through this combination of theoretical insight and cultural awareness, Woodward explores the social constructs around boxing and our experience and understanding of central issues including: masculinity mind, body and the construction of identity spectacle and performance: tensions between the public and private person boxing on film: the role of cultural representations in building identities methodologies: issues of authenticity and 'truth' in social science. From seedy gyms to ringside at Madison Square Garden, *Ring Ramblings* takes you deep into the heart of boxing. Experience the author's own adventures in the ring and listen in to chats with the greats. Fighters like Alexis Arguello, Gerry Cooney, "Sugar" Shane Mosley, Butterbean, and Fernando Vargas tell you what it's like in the ring; and people like HBO exec Lou DiBella and famed cutman

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Chuck Bodak give you the lowdown on life outside the ring. With profiles of current stars like Roy Jones Jr., Oscar De La Hoya, and Prince Naseem Hamed, as well as an expansive section on women's boxing, Ring Ramblings gets you as close as you can get to the ring without getting hit.

A Hurting Sport marks the tenth annual volume of Thomas Hauser's boxing articles to be published by the University of Arkansas Press. Every year, readers, sportswriters, and critics alike look forward to these collections. In 2014, Booklist observed, "This annual series detailing the year in boxing should be a highlight, not only for fans of the sport but also for those who appreciate journalistic acumen and stylish prose." Other sportswriters have called Hauser "the dean of fightwriters" (TheSweetScience.com) and "our craft's most celebrated practitioner" (15Rounds.com). His readers call him one of the last real champions in boxing and one of the very best who has ever written about this sport. A Hurting Sport continues this tradition of excellence with a behind-the-scenes recounting of 2014's biggest fights, a look at Floyd Mayweather's conduct in and out of the ring, analysis of fight impresario Al Haymon's burgeoning empire, and much more.

The FOXSports columnist and author of Pistol presents the story of the 1980s champion fighter, describing how he fulfilled a promise to his war-injured father

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and rose to the status of a national hero before a fateful match against a doomed Korean challenger that ruined his image and ended his career.

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