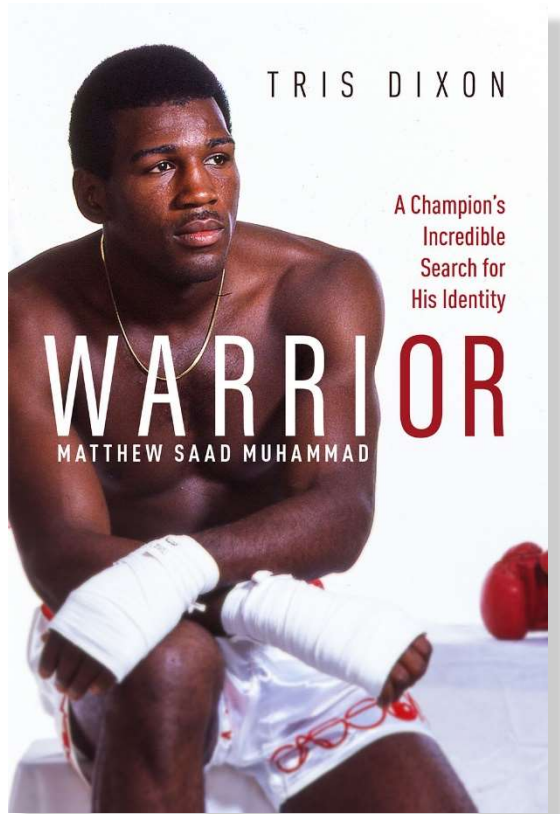




Title information



Warrior

A Champion's Incredible Search for His Identity

By Tris Dixon

Key features

- Charts the rollercoaster life and career of world light-heavyweight boxing champion Matthew Saad Muhammad
- Aged four, Matthew was taken out for a walk by his older brother and abandoned in Philadelphia on the instruction of his parents – he was then raised in a Catholic orphanage
- As world champion, Matthew had a huge entourage, a mansion in Jenkintown with rooms designed by a famous interior designer; he married a Miss America contestant, wore flash clothes and drove a Rolls-Royce
- Dixon draws on extensive personal interviews with Matthew, people who were on his staff, family members, old opponents and those who played a role in his life after he began to fall from grace
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Matthew Saad Muhammad was arguably the most exciting fighter of all time. He was WBC light-heavyweight champion from 1979 to 1981, but it wasn't what he did that captured the hearts of fight fans, it was how he did it. Fight after fight was war after war. He would get beaten up, cut, dropped and virtually knocked out only to astonishingly rally and score come-from-behind victories. But through it all there was a shocking backstory. Abandoned by his birth parents aged just four, Matthew was raised in a Catholic orphanage and then adopted by a Portuguese family. He fell into a life of gangs and prison before boxing provided an escape, becoming a vehicle for him to find his real identity: who was he, and who were his parents? His rise to stardom was followed by a long, sad decline as he travelled the world trying to reclaim his former glories. He spent his final years in a Philadelphia homeless shelter, plagued by health issues. This is the definitive account of Matthew's incredible but heart-rending story.

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