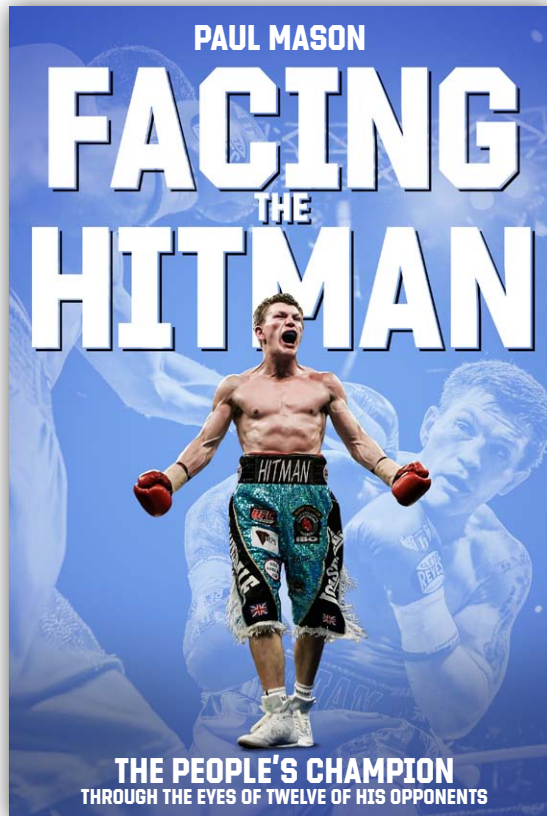




## Title information



### Facing the Hitman

The People's Champion  
Through the Eyes of His Opponents

By Paul Mason

#### Key features

- Explores the career of people's champion Ricky 'the Hitman' Hatton, seen through the eyes of 12 key opponents
- Absorbing and revealing stories and images from different stages of the Hitman's thrilling 15-year professional career
- Covers early fights against domestic-level opponents as well as super-fights with the likes of Floyd Mayweather Jr, Kostya Tszyu and Paulie Malignaggi
- Release date coincides with 15th anniversary of Hatton's finest hour, his world title win against Kostya Tszyu
- Debut book for Paul Mason, boxing correspondent for the *Leicester Mercury* and various boxing websites
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

What's it like to share the ring with a British boxing legend? *Facing the Hitman* charts the career of one of Britain's best-loved boxers, as seen through the eyes of 12 key opponents who helped shape the legend of Ricky 'the Hitman' Hatton. From his professional debut at a Widnes leisure centre in 1997, to the Manchester star's final fight in an emotional comeback in his Manchester Arena fortress, you'll get the inside story from a dozen men who dared to test their mettle against Hatton. The book delves into the pre-fight build-up and psychological preparation of his opponents, before examining fight night itself, what it was like to go toe to toe with the Hitman and what happened afterwards. Follow Ricky's rise from humble beginnings on a Manchester council estate through to becoming a two-weight world champion – from his pro debut against journeyman Colin McAuley, to his British title clash with the formidable Jon Thaxton and his fights at elite level against the likes of Kostya Tszyu, Paulie Malignaggi and Floyd Mayweather Jr.

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