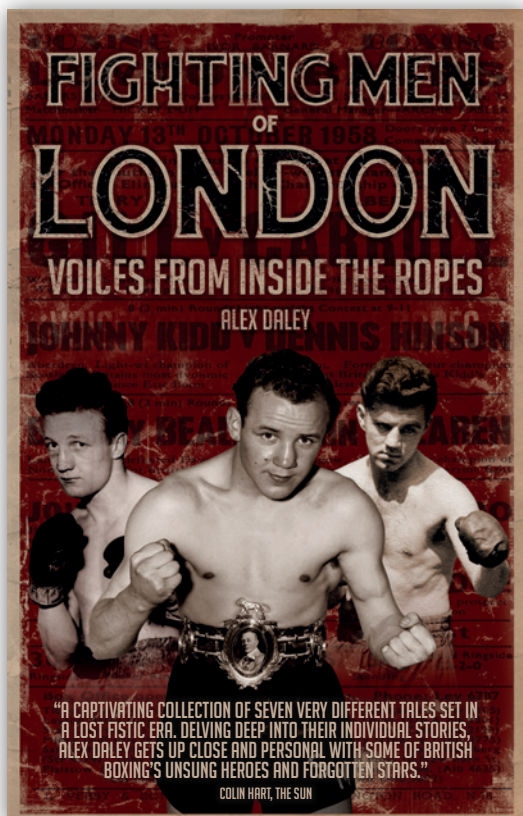




Title information



Fighting Men of London

Voices from Inside the Ropes

By Alex Daley

Key features

- An important addition to the social history of 20th century boxing
- Unique insights from interviews with fighters dating back to the London of the 1930s and 1950s
- Written by respected author Alex Daley, whose family ties add real weight and authenticity to the text
- Legendary *Sun* boxing columnist Colin Hart describes it as “a captivating collection of seven very different tales set in a lost fistic era. Alex Daley gets up close and personal with some of British boxing’s unsung heroes”
- A multi-faceted focus for London and national media – sport, East End history, gangsters, prison
- Includes photo section to accompany the text

Description

Fighting Men of London explores the lives of seven former professional boxers who fought in the capital between the 1930s and 1960s. Set around a series of interviews, it resurrects a golden age of the sport when boxing was as popular as football and Britain’s leading fighters were working-class heroes. Dramatic, poignant, inspiring and at times funny, the book covers such subjects as booth fighting, exploitation in the sport, East End poverty, World War Two London, Jewish culture, fame and success, crime, prison life and encounters with such figures as the Kray twins, the Great Train Robbers and Britain’s most infamous inmate, Charles Bronson. *Fighting Men of London* is a journey through a lost era of smoky fight halls, ramshackle boxing arenas and courageous fighting men. It features the previously untold stories of 1950s boxing star Sammy McCarthy, Bethnal Green knockout specialist Ted Berry (an associate of the Krays) and Sid Nathan, who as one of Britain’s last surviving 1930s boxers once shared a fight bill with the great Jack Kid Berg. This isn’t a single story, but seven stories of seven very different men. The common bond they shared was boxing.

Details

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