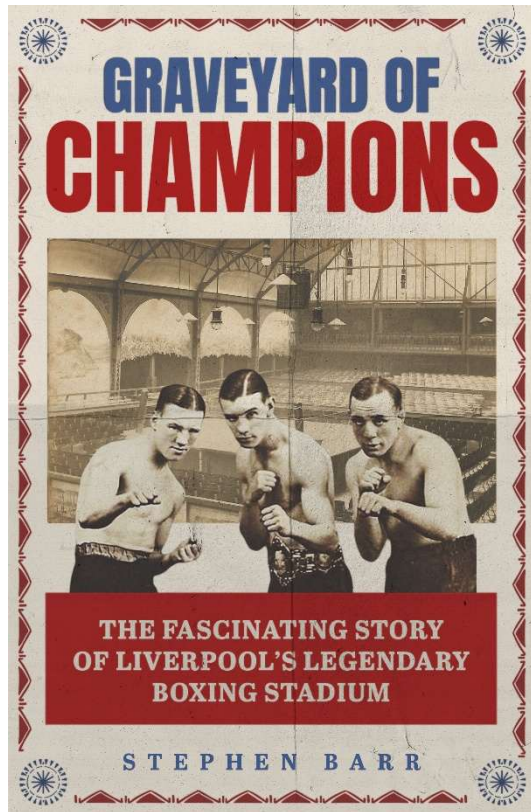




Title information



Graveyard of Champions

The Fascinating Story of Liverpool's
Legendary Boxing Stadiums

By Stephen Barr

Key features

- Explores the rich history of Liverpool's two legendary boxing stadiums: Pudsey Street and St Paul's Square, blending compelling storytelling with meticulous research
- Tells the stories of legendary local fighters such as Nel Tarleton, Dom Volante, Dick Burke, Alan Rudkin and John Conteh
- Drawing on rare archival material, newspaper series and personal memoirs, the book blends historical depth with personal insight, including the author's personal connection to the story through his grandfather's boxing career
- Highlights the Liverpool Stadium's broader cultural role as a venue for wrestling, concerts and union meetings
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Graveyard of Champions is an enthralling tribute to the fighters, fans and fierce spirit that defined Liverpool's boxing legacy through two esteemed venues: the original Liverpool Stadium in Pudsey Street and its successor in St Paul's Square. It tells the story of local heroes Nel Tarleton, Dom Volante, Dick Burke, Alan Rudkin, John Conteh and many more, whose exploits electrified crowds and brought global attention to Merseyside. Drawing on a rich variety of sources – memoirs, press articles and personal accounts – the book weaves a compelling narrative of the city's fight game. A deeply personal thread runs through it as the author explores his fighting grandfather Dick Burke's career, connecting past and present. Beyond boxing, the stadium hosted wrestlers, musicians and union meetings, cementing its place in Liverpool's cultural heart. This gripping, nostalgia-filled book is a must-read for anyone with a Merseyside connection or an interest in Liverpool or boxing history.

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