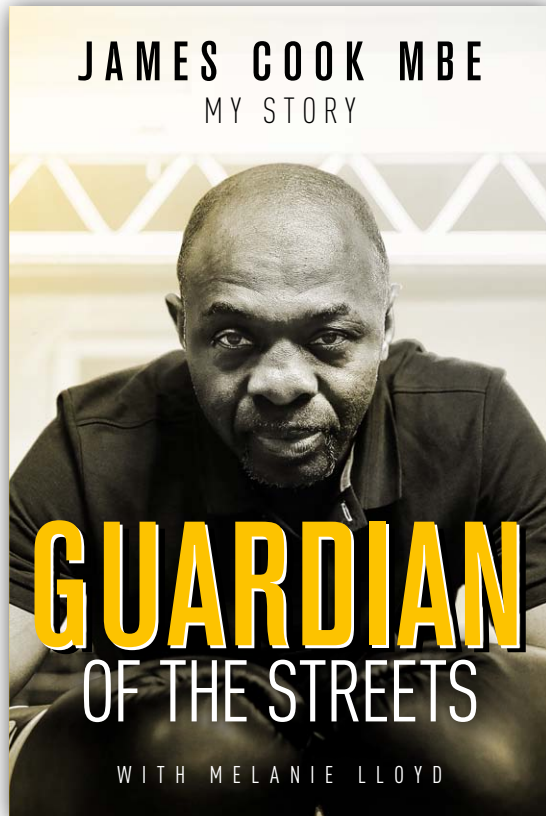




Title information



Guardian of the Streets

James Cook MBE, My Story

By James Cook, with Melanie Lloyd

Key features

- More than a boxing book – thanks to Cook's outstanding community work, the story is inspirational and a fond reminder of traditional values
- Considered something of a saint, James's candid stories will shock, surprise and provide laugh-out-loud moments
- Written in collaboration with Melanie Lloyd, author of the acclaimed *Sweet Fighting Man* trilogy, and contributor to *Boxing News* and *Boxing Monthly*
- 80 per cent of royalties will be donated to the Pedro Youth Club
- Colour photo section including action images and pictures from Cook's personal collection
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

Description

James Cook's autobiography is a gripping account of his life told with the assistance of his friend and boxing author, Melanie Lloyd. Cook was raised by his grandparents in Jamaica until he was nine years old, when his mother arrived from London to collect him. His words paint a vibrant picture of childhood in the Caribbean sun and having to adapt to life on the notorious North Peckham Housing Estate in the late 60s. He started boxing in his teens and became British and European super-middleweight champion. Cook eloquently leads the reader through his life in the ring with plenty of droll tales along the way; but this is much more than a boxing book. Cook's commitment to keeping his local community safe through his youth work contributes to an inspirational and uplifting read. But anybody expecting to find Saint James on every page is in for a shock. His stories range from fighting with wheel-clampers in a Tesco car park to receiving his MBE from the Queen, all told with equal warmth and a sweet honesty that will keep the pages turning.

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