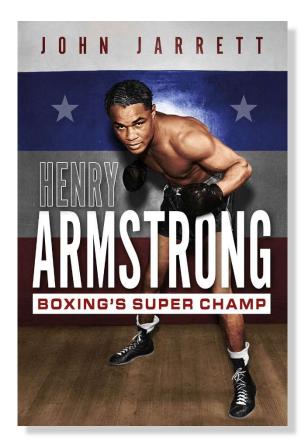


# Title information



### **Henry Armstrong**

Boxing's Super Champ

By John Jarrett

#### Key features

- Definitive biography of Henry Armstrong, who achieved everlasting fame for the incredible feat of simultaneously holding world titles at three different weights
- Nicknamed 'Homicide Hank', Armstrong's relentless style thrilled crowds and bewildered opponents
- Armstrong earned huge sums through boxing, but lost most of his money and battled alcoholism after retiring from the ring; in later life he became a born-again Christian and ordained Baptist minister and started a youth foundation
- Now aged 92, John Jarrett is thought to be the oldest boxing author in the world still publishing books, and offers a first-hand insight into Armstrong's era
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

## **Description**

Henry Armstrong: Boxing's Super Champ is the story of arguably the most incredible fighter in the history of boxing – told by one of the few surviving writers to have been around during Armstrong's unique world championship reign. When Henry had his arm raised on 17 August 1938, after winning a blood-spattered 15-round decision over Lou Ambers, he became the first boxer to simultaneously hold world titles at three different weights – and somehow he managed the feat in an era of just eight weight classes, with no 'junior' or 'super' divisions. He had entered Madison Square Garden as the reigning world feather and welterweight champion, and left with the world lightweight belt strapped around his waist. Now in his 90s, veteran boxing journalist and author John Jarrett looks back on the life and career of this ring hero of his youth: a 5ft 5½ in buzzsaw they nicknamed 'Homicide Hank'. In the 85 years that have passed since then, nobody has matched Armstrong's amazing triple-championship feat. It's likely no one ever will.

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