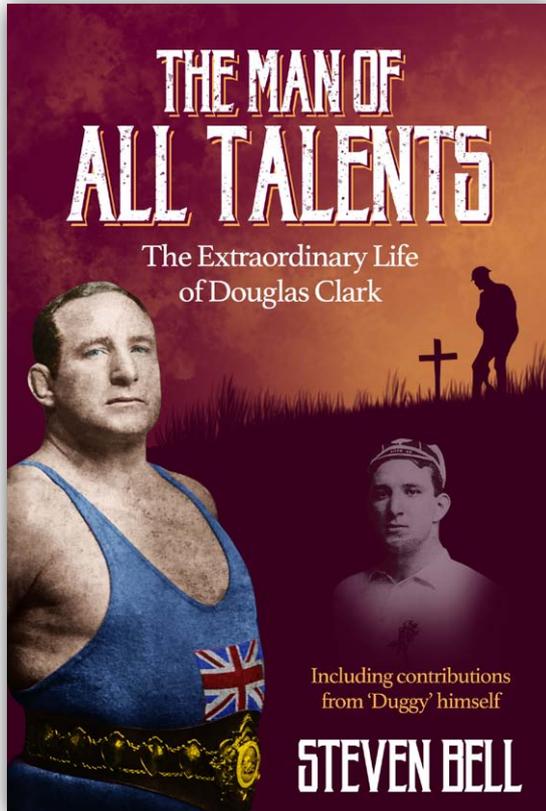




Title information



The Man of All Talents

The Extraordinary Life of Douglas Clark

By Steven Bell

Key features

- First-ever biography of sporting legend, pioneer and rugby league Hall of Fame inductee Douglas 'Duggy' Clark
- Three sensational stories in one book – Duggy's exploits across rugby, war and wrestling could fill a book on their own
- Features extracts from Duggy's journals and war diaries, previously unseen photos and notes from family collections
- Tells the stories of the origins of rugby league and professional wrestling in the UK, which Duggy played a key role in both
- Publicity through organisations that feature Douglas as part of their heritage collections: the Huddersfield Giants, RFL and Imperial War Museum
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

A Man of All Talents is the remarkable story of rugby and wrestling legend Douglas 'Duggy' Clark. Born in 1891 in the sleepy Cumbrian village of Maryport, at 14 he left school to work for his father's coal merchant business. Duggy grew into an exceptionally strong but quiet and reserved young man. His two great passions were rugby and Cumberland and Westmorland-style wrestling, and he excelled at both. By 24 he was already a rugby league great and a key member of Huddersfield's 'Team of All Talents', winning every honour the sport could offer. He represented Britain in the infamous 1914 'Rorke's Drift' tour of Australia before being called up to serve in the Great War. He was awarded the Military Medal for bravery, but his war injuries were so severe he was discharged with a 20% disability certificate. Doctors gave Duggy an ultimatum: either he could stay home and live a long but sedate and ordinary life or risk his health by returning to sport. He chose the latter and went on to achieve more extraordinary and pioneering feats.

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