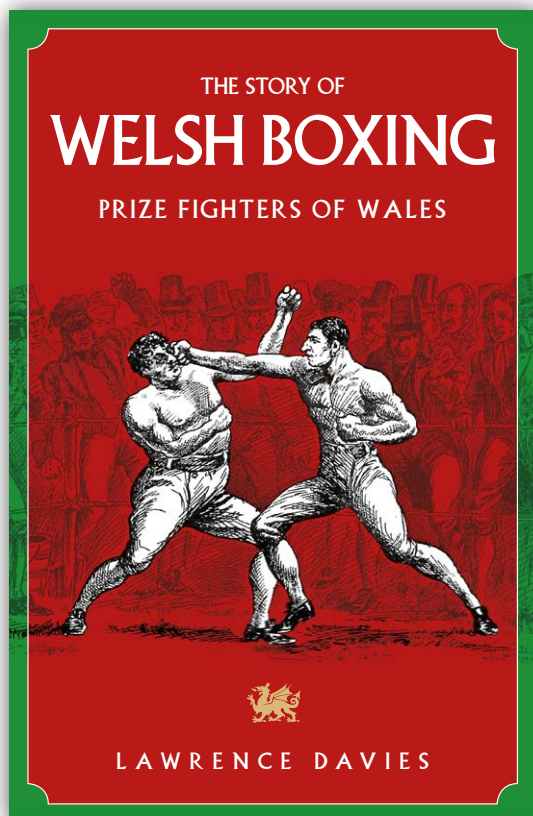




## Title information



### The Story of Welsh Boxing

Prize Fighters of Wales

By Lawrence Davies

#### Key features

- An atmospheric and original exploration of the early Welsh bare-knuckle boxing scene
- Groundbreaking research brings to light a previously forgotten era
- A transitional period in the 18th century when boxers featured alongside 'prize fighters' who fought with weapons
- Written by Lawrence Davies, a leading boxing historian who has written two previous books on the 'lost' history of Welsh boxing
- Photo section to tie in with the text – contains rare portraits and illustrations
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

#### Description

The first fighting Welshmen disappeared into the mists of time. Lawrence Davies' stirring history begins with the 'prize fighters' of the early 1700s who fought with sword and staff in the days of James Figg, considered the first Champion of England. In vivid detail, he revives the memories of the Welsh bare-knuckle boxers who subsequently gained fame or notoriety in the ring. The careers of many of these early Welsh pugilists have never before been recorded. Illustrated by rare portraits and images, the book features a dramatic account of the career of 'Paddington' Jones, the first Welshman to make his mark in the London Prize Ring. The legendary Ned Turner is profiled in memorable detail. The story of Jack Rasher, the Whitechapel butcher known as 'Ironface' is remembered, while the tale of William Charles of Newport, 'Champion of Wales' by 1828, is previously untold. *The Story of Welsh Boxing* offers a first, atmospheric glimpse into the lost world of boxing's bare-knuckle era, and into the lives of its Welsh heroes.

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