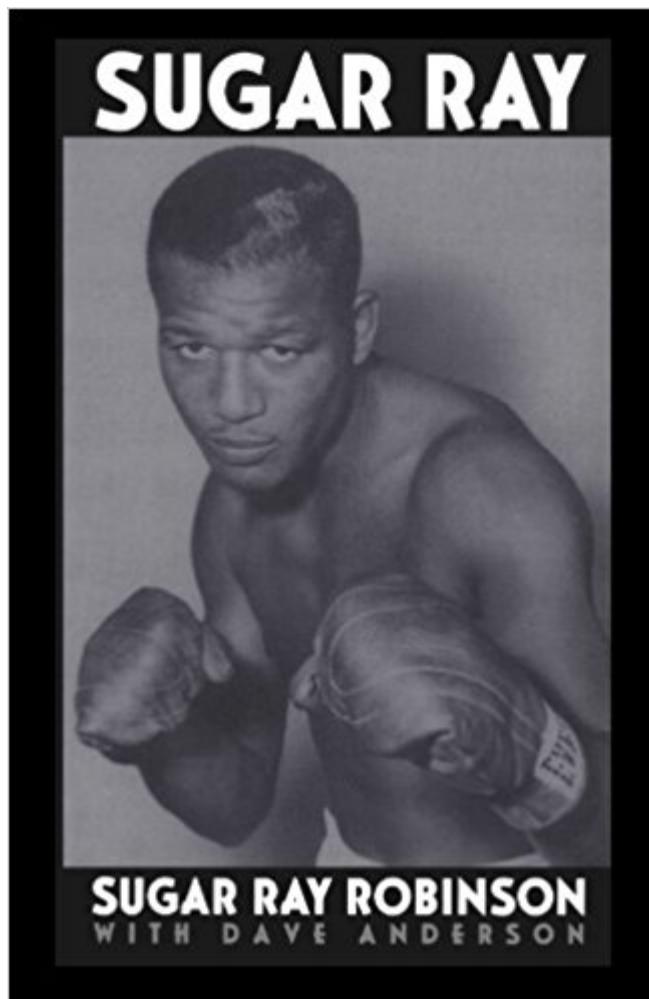


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Sugar Ray



Synopsis

Sugar Ray Robinson (1921-1989) was hailed as the finest boxer to ever enter a ring. Muhammad Ali once called him "the king, my master, my idol"; and indeed, he was the idol of everyone who had anything to do with boxing. But for African Americans, he was more than a great boxer. In an era when blacks were supposed to be humble and grateful for favors received, he was a man whose every move in and out of the ring showed what black pride and power meant. Sugar Ray grew up during the Depression in the ghettos of Detroit and New York, rose through the amateur boxing ranks, became Golden Gloves champion at the featherweight at the age of eighteen, and became world welterweight champion in 1946 and middleweight in 1951. Robinson had it all, but later lost it all; and in this classic autobiography he tells it all with remarkable candor. Here is Sugar Ray: the dazzlingly handsome champion with a craving for fast cars and fast living; the kid who was terrified of elevators; the young GI who, together with Joe Louis, combated racial discrimination; the honest fighter who refused a million dollars to throw a fight against Rocky Graziano; the boxer who dreamed he would kill his opponent in the ring, and did so the following night. This Da Capo edition is supplemented with a new foreword and afterword by Dave Anderson about Sugar Ray's last years in Los Angeles and the legacy he left behind, and with eight new pages of stunning photographs.

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Dave Anderson, sports columnist for the New York Times, has covered boxing for over twenty-five

years. Winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary, he has written seventeen books.

Was a great story of sugar rays life with a lot of detail. Has a lot of Sugar Rays side of the story in many situations which is quite interesting. I like the part where he tried to negotiate with Archie Moore to fight him, because the same story is in Archie Moores book, and you can see the different sides of the story. His experiences with Joe Louis are also funny and interesting. Great book if you love boxing.

My husband love it.

Book arrived as described, without the jacket. The missing jacket allowed me to purchase the book at decent price. Although the book is not perfect it is readable.

You gotta love Sugar Ray Robinson. The beginning of the book is the best part

Great book...great story by the best fighter ever...sorry Floyd! :-)

A great read. Any fan of the Sugar Ray should read this at least once.

Perfect!

Sugar Ray - 3.75 StarsI wanted to love this book. I wanted to love Sugar Ray - he was Ali's hero and in a lot of circles he is considered pound for pound the greatest boxer of all time! I wanted to love this book and Sugar Ray - but unfortunately I didn't. I almost feel like I'm committing some sort of sacrilege here - and I'm sad to say - I found Sugar Ray Robinson somewhat unlikable. The story is a great story - a very poor family's struggle and their support and love for each other - Sugar Ray's discovery of boxing and his rise to fame and fortune and the phenomenal and heart breaking comeback and the sad decline in the end. His story really is very interesting, but the book doesn't capture it. It doesn't capture the Sugar Ray magic and I felt that Sugar Ray wasn't 100% honest - he and the book were truthful, but I felt that there was something missing - that he wasn't completely honest.

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