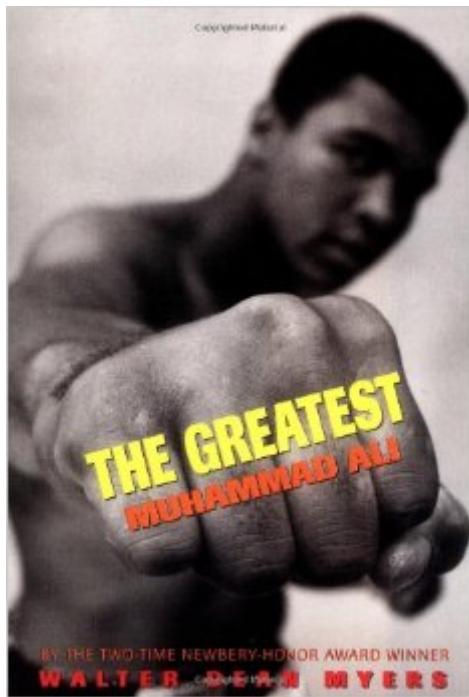


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The Greatest: Muhammad Ali



Synopsis

An award-winning author presents a riveting account of the extraordinary career and accomplishments of boxer Muhammad Ali. This biography chronicles Ali's impact on race relations inside and outside the sports world.

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Customer Reviews

This is a perfect book for a kid 14 or 13 years old and younger - it's a fantastic introduction to Muhammad Ali - I just bought it for my friends son - he's 12 - not that familiar with Muhammad Ali - just a basic knowledge of the myth and legend - he knows "Float Like a Butterfly - Sting Like A Bee!" This is a great way to show a youngster that in addition to being the Greatest Of All Time that he was (and is) one of the most influential, courageous and important figures of the 1960's and up - It gently shows and explains the race issues of the 60's without overwhelming a child or blasting it in their face - it's very difficult for a kid these days to understand that as little as 40 years ago (which is actually life times to a kid) that if you were black then you had to sit at the back of the bus - or couldn't drink from certain water fountains or had to "know your place" and how Muhammad Ali shattered that mold - I'm hoping that this actually creates a dialogue with parent and child - anyway - it shows Muhammad as the Champ both in and out of the ring. The book goes over some of the

famous fights and rivalry's - from Liston to Frazier - once again I found myself excited about the blow by blows of these fights - no matter how many times I read it I'm just awe struck about the Rumble in the Jungle -I highly recommend this for any child as a great introduction to The Greatest Of All Time - Muhammad Ali!

Great book, but my son kept complaining about the pages falling out. Literally half the book of pages fell out by the time he finished with it. I guess we won't be donating this book to the library.

The best way to get a true account is to go to the source....and here is the definitive biography by The Man himself. Ali recounts his life and career, proving his talent for "poetry" was no fluke: he is a gifted writer. One can mourn the world's loss of this compassionate, driven, devout and determined individual as you read....Ali reveals his deepest secrets and explains his motivations with a level of depth and feeling even beyond his powerful and legendary feats in the ring. This man came of age in an era where his complexion closed doors and humanity's worst prejudices were wreaked out on him and fought his way, in and out of the ring, to the highest achievement his sport could bestow. He represented his country as an athlete and diplomat, yet his country failed him at a time when his insight and compassion were needed the most. Ali could never be a traitor...his steadfast devotion to his faith and determination not to commit violence upon his fellow humans represented what is best about the United States. The reader follows Ali through his success at the Olympic Games, his rise through the ranks of professional boxing, and the cruel and unjust revocation of his championship title due to his stand as a Conscientious Objector during the Vietnam War, his legal battle, his training and return to the boxing crown despite his enforced absence of years from the ring. Ali's prose is at times proud, wistful, angry, humorous - no athlete before or since has possessed Ali's wicked wit - and frustrated. He describes his battles for the championship with stars such as Joe Frazier and George Foreman so vividly you live it with him. The grit, the pain, the determination, the exultation are all the reader's to experience. Ali faced his last opponent, Parkinson's Disease, with the same determination and dignity he displayed in the ring. This fight could never be won, but neither did he lose. His character triumphed as his body did at the top of sport - and he left us as he lived, always, always, The Greatest.

This story is a portrayal of a young boy named Cassius Clay who grows into one of the greatest boxer's of all time. Walter Dean Myers presents the amazing story of Ali's life and his rise as a champion, his politics, and his battle against Parkinson's disease. It is a story of determination,

energy, pride, and strength. From a daring young boxer with disease, Myers covers Ali's life with prowess and honesty. Ali's accomplishments, both in and out of the ring, present him as a man of principle, willing to take risks to achieve his goals. Ali was a young man with a lot of boxing talent who grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. Raised by his grandmother, Ali possessed a work ethic of none other. Although Ali was a great fighter, racism and discouragement made it hard for Ali to achieve his goals. If you choose to read *The Greatest* you will experience fast paced action, crisp writing, photographic events and personalities, and vivid fight scenes. Ali followed his heart and became a symbol respected by all races, religions, and ideologies. Ali was the world heavyweight champion four times and may be the greatest boxer ever to step foot in the ring. Delving into the civil rights and the Nation of Islam, Conscientious objector status during the Vietnam war, and the danger of boxing. Myers presents a man of courage and inspiration. The story gets in depth with Ali's fight against Parkinson's disease and how he fought in the ring. "Float like a butterfly and sting like a bee" was Ali's famous line. He was well known for his cocky attitude and he was also the center of attention. Ali's story is a great one, thus, that is why he is the greatest. I would recommend this story for anyone to read, it is really a great book.

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