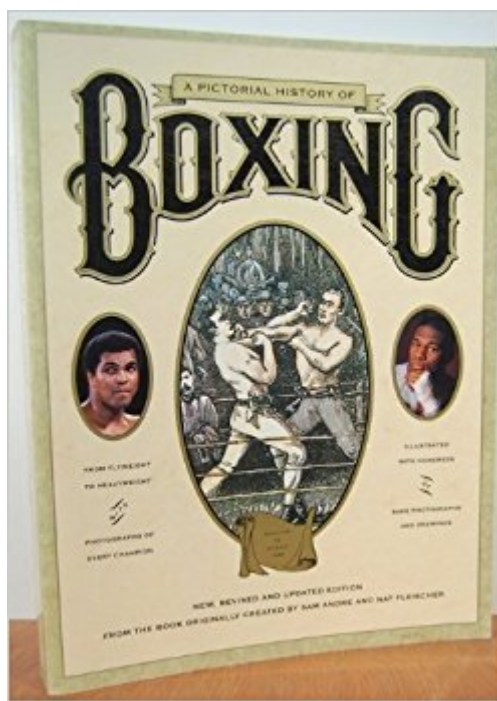


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Although it is "chocked" full of facts (at least regarding the early days of the sport), I was underwhelmed by this book, overall. By spending an inordinate amount of time on the "pre-modern" era of boxing, the authors, almost doomed the book to become little more than a curiosity item, rather than what it could have become: a fine encyclopedic reference to the sport. Its undue emphasis on the early aspects of the sport was in fact quite annoying, at least to this reader. The first 100 pages, for instance, were spent (hand sketches and all) on a sport that was so different from the modern version of the sport that it was hardly recognizable. While it would seem that at least an outline of this history would have been important, justifiable, and sufficient, the devotion of 100 pages, a full third of the book, seems inordinate and excessive. Even now, beyond academics in PE, I find it difficult to even imagine what audience would see the value in such an intense concentration on the early days of the sport? The authors spent their time and Ring Magazine's capital on building an interesting introduction to the sport, as early history: and to their credit, they did indeed make that aspect of the book interesting (however irrelevant that part may have been to the casual reader). One learns of course that from its introduction to the new world (imported from England in the 18th Century), the art of pugilism was a much more savage sport: Men fought as many rounds as were required to achieve a knockout. Initially they did so with bare-knuckles and

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