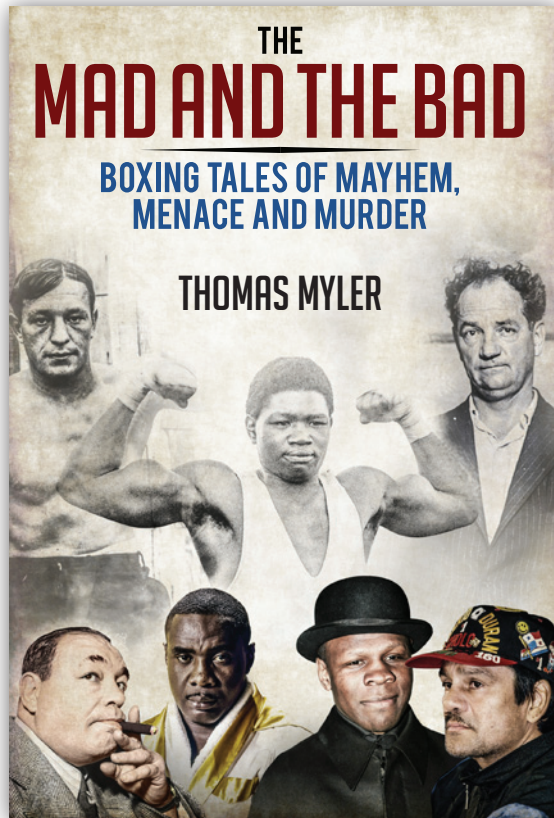




Title information



The Mad and the Bad

Boxing Tales of Mayhem, Menace and Murder

By Thomas Myler

Key features

- Brilliantly researched, shines a light on countless incredible characters from the colourful history of professional boxing
- Full of historical atmosphere, amazing stories and detail
- Written by respected boxing journalist Thomas Myler, author of seven previous books on the fight game
- Myler was described by late, great American boxing scribe George Kimble as 'one of the best boxing writers in the world'
- Spans more than 300 years of big fights and legendary careers
- Includes photo section featuring the stars and the forgotten heroes
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

Description

From the present day back to the bareknuckle era and the 18th-century prize ring, boxing has always had its wacky warriors and masters of menace. All these larger-than-life characters had one thing in common – talent in abundance. Some used it, others wasted it. Many big-draw fighters were born on the wrong side of the tracks, while others seemingly made a beeline for oblivion. Eight-times married conman Kid McCoy took his own life. The fearless Stanley Ketchel was shot dead by a jealous farm worker. The enigmatic Battling Siki used to parade a lioness down the boulevards of Paris, while the unpredictable Chris Eubank enraged the establishment with his eccentric lifestyle. Mean and moody Sonny Liston died in mysterious circumstances. The brilliant Aaron Pryor fell victim of America's drug culture. Roberto Duran once knocked over a horse in anger, while beer-guzzling Tony Galento threatened to 'moider da bums'. Here, Thomas Myler brilliantly brings to life all these and many more unforgettable fighters.

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