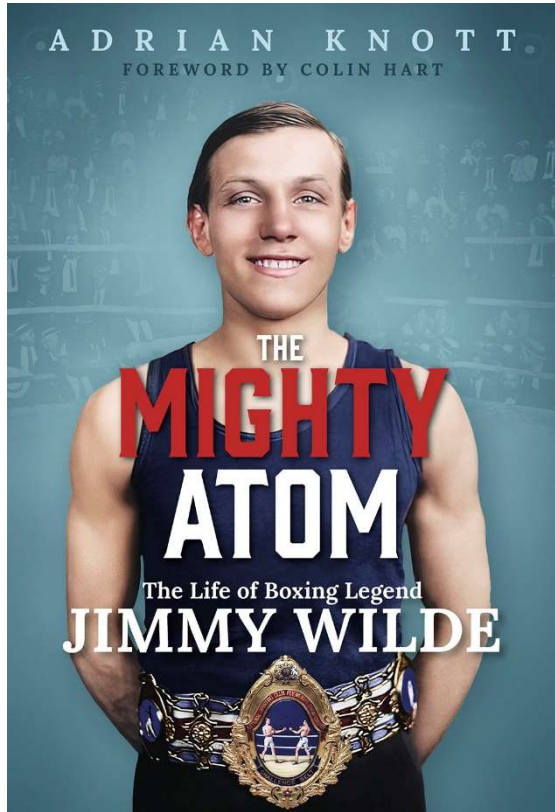




Title information



The Mighty Atom

The Life of Boxing Legend Jimmy Wilde

By Adrian Knott

Key features

- Long-awaited biography of boxing all-time great Jimmy Wilde
- Tells the dramatic story of the mining revolution in early 20th-century Wales
- Exciting accounts of Wilde's fights are vividly brought to life using press reports from the time
- New material reveals how Wilde was abused by his countrymen for not enlisting sooner during World War One
- Covers Wilde's life after boxing as a referee, businessman and boxing reporter until his death from dementia in 1969
- Detailed fight record and 'tale of the tape'
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The Mighty Atom: The Life of Boxing Legend Jimmy Wilde is the long-awaited biography of a boxing all-time great whose brilliance defied logic. Born in a Welsh mining town, Jimmy learnt his trade in fairground boxing booths and went on to become a legend and arguably Britain's greatest ever fighter pound for pound. Blessed with freakish knockout power that belied his skeletal frame, Wilde frequently conceded weight to opponents, trouncing men who were as much as two stone heavier than himself. He was crowned world flyweight king when he stopped the tough Italian-American Young Zulu Kid in 1916. Practically unbeatable in his heyday, Jimmy was a superstar who rubbed shoulders with the likes of the Prince of Wales and Lord Lonsdale, and played himself in a silent movie based on his life. A century after his final fight, boxing historians still widely consider him the greatest flyweight ever. This book tells the story, in and out of the ring, of a unique champion and true boxing great.

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