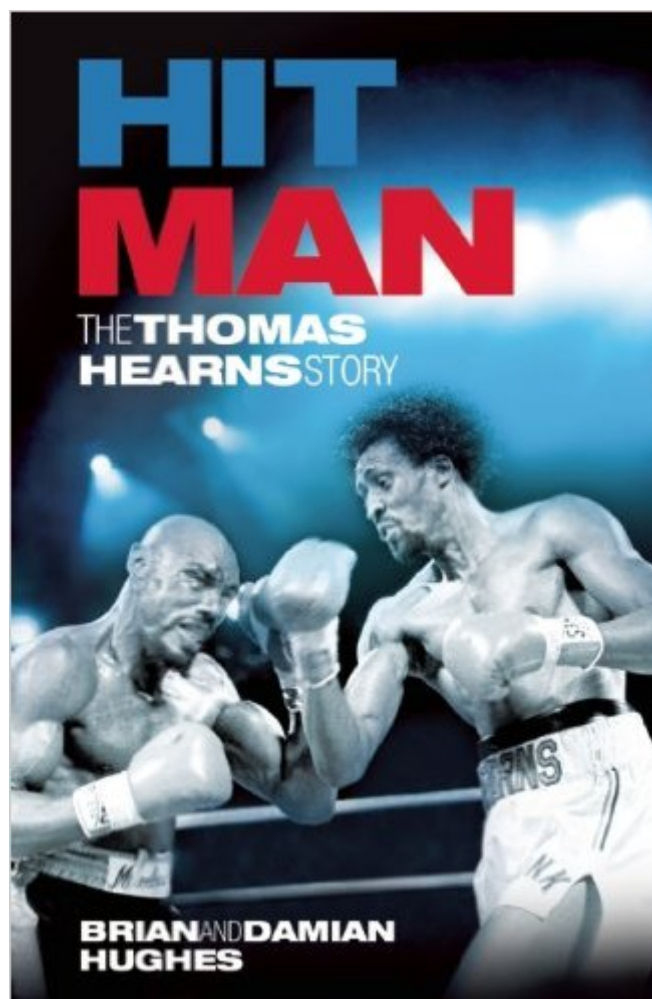


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Hit Man: The Thomas Hearns Story



Synopsis

Thomas Hearns is one of the greatest fighters of all time. From his explosion onto the pro boxing scene with seventeen straight knockouts, he struck fear into opponents and awe into spectators. He featured in some of the most thrilling bouts ever and became the first champion to win six titles at different weights. He will forever be known by his chilling nickname: Hit Man. Growing up in the urban wasteland of inner-city Detroit, Hearns learned to defend himself at the notorious Kronk gym. There he came under the tutelage of master trainer Emanuel Steward, who turned him into the deadliest puncher in the game. From his destruction of Pipino Cuevas to his now-legendary fights with fellow greats Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran, Hearns carved out a reputation for skill, courage, and stunning power. His epic 1985 challenge against middleweight champion Marvin Hagler, billed as "The War," has gone down as the most exciting three rounds in boxing history. Defeats only seemed to make Hearns stronger, and he achieved the extraordinary feat of winning titles in every weight category, from welterweight to cruiserweight. Lately he has devoted his energies to his promotions company, Hearns Entertainment, yet he still toys with the idea of winning "one more belt." Hit Man delves inside this complex, charismatic character to present a compelling portrait of a modern sports legend. Brian Hughes is a boxing trainer and the author of numerous boxing biographies. His son, Damian Hughes, is a leadership consultant. Both live in Manchester, England.

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Customer Reviews

Damian and Brian Hughes delivered a solid in depth look at the boxing career and life of Thomas Hearns. Some of the elaborate detail of Thomas' more notable matches put me right there as if i were at ringside. I agree with the evaluation these authors give of Hearns career. During his hay days in the 1980's he was one of boxing' s best though never the best. The Hit Man will always be remembered as one of the best fighters to ever put on a pair of gloves. Though he may not crack some people's top tens he was still great nonetheless as you will learn if you read this biography.

So well written and comprehensive regarding Hearns' entire body of work as a professional and as a person. I could not stop reading. I am not an avid reader, but I have always been a Thomas Hearns fan. Now I am a Damian and Brian Hughes fan as well.

Hitman Hearns was my fighter in the Boxing ring back in the 80's. when he got robbed against Sugar Ray Leonard I was hot about that. that fight against Haggler was three rounds of some of the greatest fighting i have ever seen. this book covers him really well and also it balances out everything. the Hit Man was the truth in the ring

As Mr. Peltz points out, the book is Not without factual errors in it. They do exist. But they were not so grave with which to spoil the book for me. The issue Russell Peltz has with the aforementioned bout with Alfonso Hayman, IMO is easily explained, even though, the writers still made some obvious flubs. In essence, they combined two bouts. The Alfonso Hayman bout on April 3rd, which was indeed televised by Prism and the Harold Weston bout that was on May 20th, which WAS televised by CBS. This is an example of an honest, but unfortunate mistake of mixing up fights and dates. I can understand Mr. Peltz personal stake in being annoyed by this error, but this should not be an example of why anyone should or would steer clear of this book. The Good far outweighs the bad. Along with George Kimball's Four Kings, I think the Hughes' provided boxing fans with an excellent companion to sit next to Kimball's book on anyone's boxing book shelf. Definitely recommend this to Boxing fans and specifically Tommy Hearns fans. Cost and content, I think it is well worth the purchase. Hawk

I think this book tells the truth about Hearn's career. It was like reliving the big fights of his. This book even taught me a few things that I didn't know about Tommy, so I'm even more impressed by him now. I've been a fan since day one! Michael Simmons

This book covers Tommy Hearns career from his early days right through to his retirement from the ring. It focuses mainly on the boxing part of his life and doesn't spend much time on family and loves away from the ring. However, it gave me a better insight in to the career of a fighter that I followed throughout my youth and it provided me with a good read. I'd recommend it for anyone who enjoyed watching Tommy in the ring.

Very well written and an excellent story throughout. I thought I knew about Thomas Hearns, but discovered quite a few things I was unaware of. Highly recommended for any boxing fan.

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