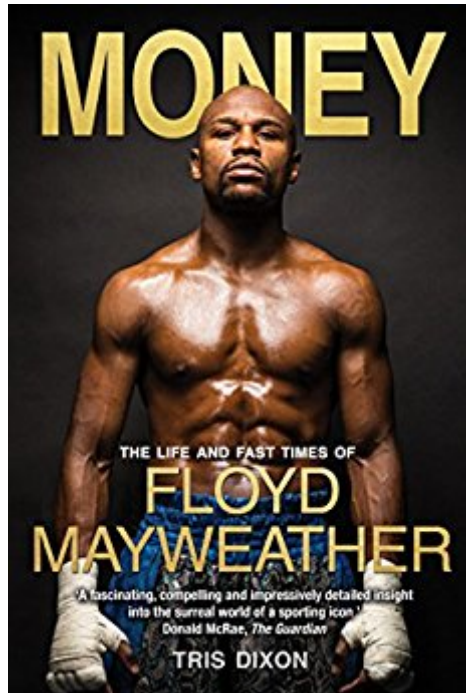




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Money: The Life And Fast Times Of Floyd Mayweather Jr



Synopsis

Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s father was a boxer, as were his two uncles. His dad also dealt drugs and one day brought his work home with him, when he used his son as a human shield to stop a rival dealer from shooting him. The gunman instead shot his father in the leg, curtailing his own ring career. Floyd Mayweather Jr. has never married, has four children by two women, and is a habitual gambler, known to win and lose millions on a single half of US football or basketball. He is obsessed with money, almost as obsessed as he is about protecting his unbeaten record and his staggering aim to go 49 professional bouts without defeat, to match the achievements of the great Rocky Marciano, a goal that he intends to achieve in late 2015, just shy of his 40th birthday. Tris Dixon explores his extraordinary life story in this searing, insightful and often brutal exposé of one of the greatest athletes the world has ever seen.

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Customer Reviews

It's too early for the definitive biography of the world-champion boxer Floyd Mayweather Junior to be written. He's only forty years old, and for all anyone knows, he has only reached the midpoint of his life. Boxing is filled with tragic stories (Carlos Monzon, Arturo Gatti) and peppered with successes

and redemptive second acts (George Foreman). We'll have to wait and see how things shake out for Floyd. Having said that, Tris Dixon does an able job of laying the groundwork for whoever comes after him to finish telling the story he has started telling here. Dixon didn't have unprecedented access to Mayweather, but he has done his homework, he understands the sport of boxing, and his writing is crisp and effective (his previous offering "The Road to Nowhere" is a brilliant travelogue into the lives of boxing's forgotten fighters and to the heart of the sport's darkest corners, so I already had some familiarity with him). In "Money" Dixon uses interviews, quotes articles, and provides his own color commentary on the key fights in Mayweather's life to create an immensely readable book about the highest-paid athlete in the sport, a man worshiped for his boxing skills, and reviled for the uglier elements of his personal life, as well as the heel personality he has cultivated over the years to make himself a bankable commodity to both lovers and haters. Dixon is fair to his subject, though those who despise Mayweather or count themselves among the legions of his die-hard fans will complain the author is being unfair, that he either used kid gloves when handling his superstar subject or that he dragged "Money's" name through the mud in order to cash in on controversy surrounding the boxer. Putting aside the aggrieved partisans, though, the book is the first, serious book-length look at a man who, love him or hate him, dominated boxing for a decade and left the sport with his wits and his earnings to show for it, which not a lot of fighters can say. All of the contradictions are addressed in the book, the kindness and cruelty, the generous streak and the stories of burning Benjamins in the strip club. The heady family drama is also tackled head-on, starting with Floyd Mayweather Sr. using his son as a human shield to protect himself from bullets, and ending with Jr.'s uncle staggering down the Vegas Strip barely knowing his own name, after absorbing a lifetime of blows in the ring. Recommended.

A good book based on very good, but controversial boxer. It details his approach to life and boxing and while not the best boxing book I have, it never the less kept me interested and I learnt facts about him that I was not aware of. He is certainly a great of the modern era, which is a different to the golden years of the glove game. Probably the most dominant figure of the era and the book gives an excellent lead up to every contest and then the tale of the fight. I cannot rate Floyd up there with Leonard or Robinson but he is the good s and the book does him justice. The book came on time and was well packaged as one comes to expect from almost all of your suppliers. The writer should be given credit for the research that has gone into this book. It interested me particularly as while living in Australia we saw most of his contests on our PPV. I did however see him in the flesh boxing while on one of my many visits to the USA and I had met Roger at a convention in Reno

from memory and later out here when he came to challenge Kosta Tszu

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