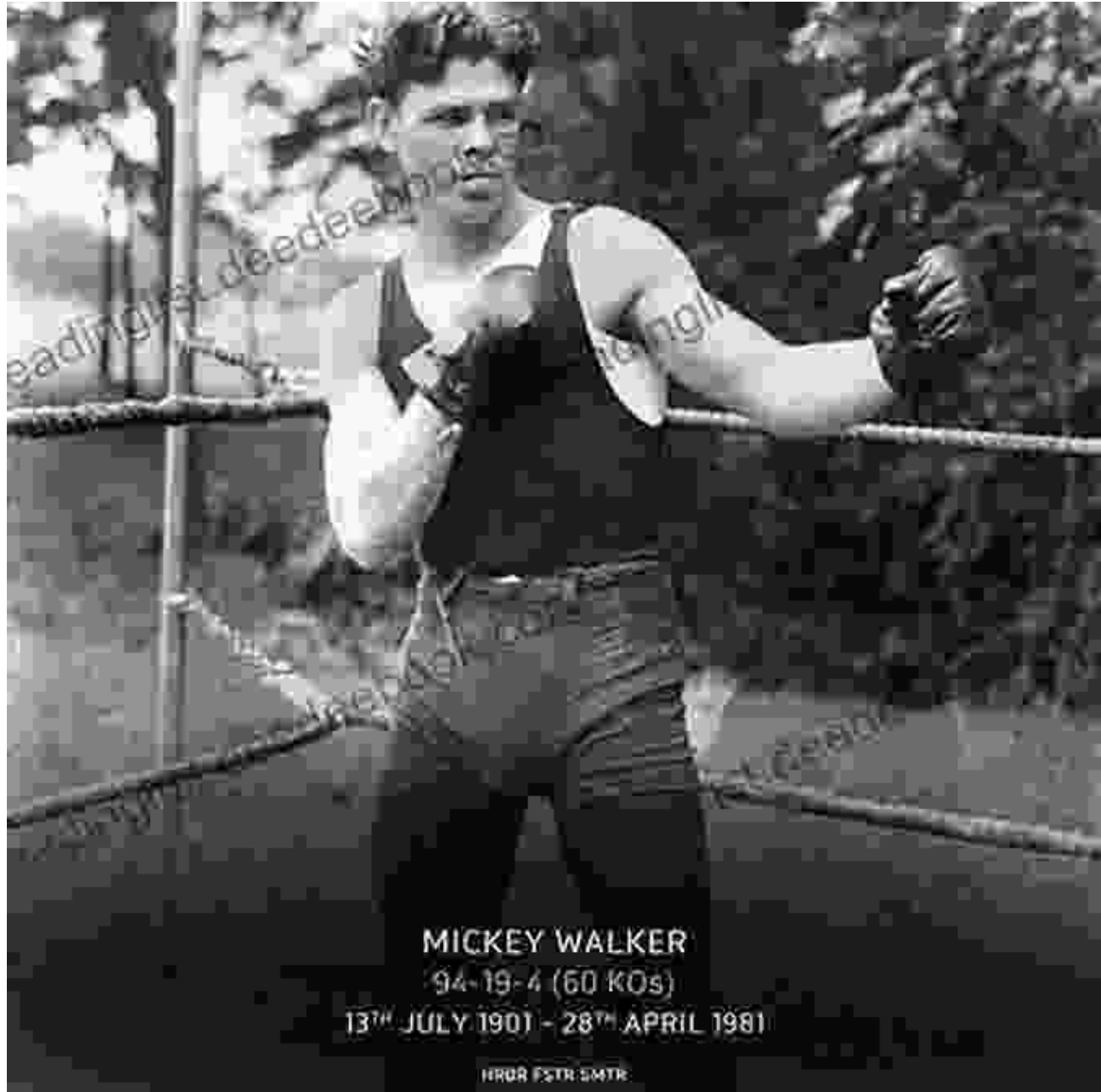
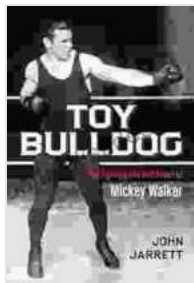


The Fighting Life and Times of Mickey Walker: The Toy Bulldog from Elizabeth



Mickey Walker was one of the most popular boxers of the early 20th century. Known as the "Toy Bulldog from Elizabeth," Walker was a relentless fighter with a never-say-die attitude. He fought some of the

greatest fighters of his era, including Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, and Harry Greb. Walker was a two-time world champion, winning the welterweight title in 1922 and the middleweight title in 1926.



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Early Life

Mickey Walker was born Michael John Walker on July 13, 1893, in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was the son of Irish immigrants, and he grew up in a poor neighborhood. Walker began fighting at a young age, and he quickly developed a reputation as a tough and skilled boxer.

Professional Career

Walker made his professional debut in 1910 at the age of 17. He won his first 10 fights, and he quickly became one of the most popular fighters in the country. Walker was known for his aggressive style and his ability to take a punch. He was also a skilled boxer, and he was able to outbox many of his opponents.

In 1922, Walker won the welterweight championship of the world by defeating Jack Britton. He defended his title successfully three times before losing it to Pete Latzo in 1923. Walker then moved up to the middleweight division, and he won the world title in 1926 by defeating Harry Greb. He defended his title successfully twice before losing it to Gene Tunney in 1927.

Walker continued to fight until 1935, but he never regained his world titles. He finished his career with a record of 93 wins, 38 losses, and 50 draws.

Fighting Style

Mickey Walker was a relentless fighter who never gave up. He was known for his aggressive style and his ability to take a punch. Walker was also a skilled boxer, and he was able to outbox many of his opponents.

Walker's most famous victory came against Jack Dempsey in 1925. Dempsey was the reigning heavyweight champion of the world, and he was considered to be one of the greatest fighters of all time. Walker was a huge underdog, but he fought bravely and gave Dempsey a tough fight. Walker lost the fight by decision, but he earned the respect of Dempsey and the boxing world.

Personal Life

Mickey Walker was a colorful character outside of the ring. He was known for his love of gambling and drinking. Walker also had a reputation for being a womanizer.

Walker married twice, but both marriages ended in divorce. He had six children, three from each marriage.

Later Years

Mickey Walker retired from boxing in 1935. He worked as a boxing trainer and a bartender after his retirement. Walker also wrote an autobiography, "My Life in the Ring," which was published in 1948.

Walker died of a heart attack on April 28, 1959, at the age of 65. He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990.

Legacy

Mickey Walker is considered to be one of the greatest fighters of all time. He was a two-time world champion, and he fought some of the greatest fighters of his era. Walker was also a colorful character outside of the ring, and he was known for his love of gambling and drinking.

Walker's legacy is one of toughness and determination. He was a fighter who never gave up, and he always fought to the best of his ability. Walker was a true champion, and he is still remembered today as one of the greatest fighters of all time.

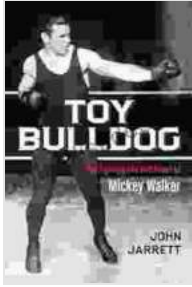
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