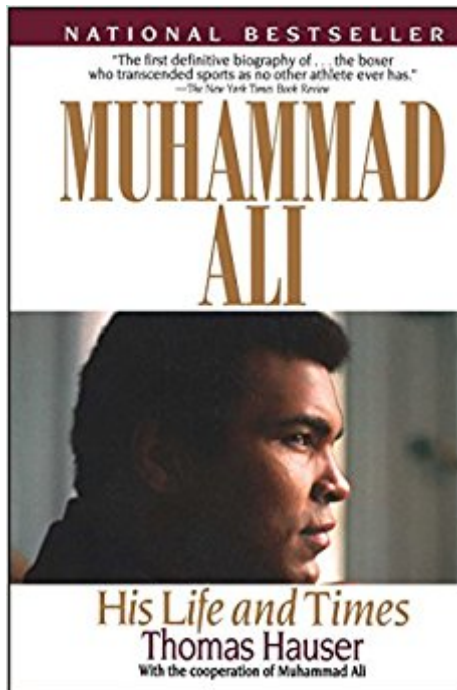




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Synopsis

In the words of more than 200 of Ali's family members, opponents, friends, world leaders, and others who have known him best, the real Muhammad Ali emerges: deeply religious, mercurial, generous, a showman in and out of the ring. Thirty years after he burst onto the scene as a gold medal light-heavyweight at the Rome Olympics, Muhammad Ali is still a magical figure. His accomplishments in the ring were the stuff of legend—the two fights with Sonny Liston, when he proclaimed himself “The Greatest” and proved he was; the three epic wars against Joe Frazier; the stunning victory over George Foreman in Zaire; and the shocking loss and final win that made him the first man to win back the heavyweight crown twice, fourteen years after he had first claimed it. Ali's life has been played out as much on the front pages as on the sports pages. With brilliant immediacy and unprecedented candor, bestselling author Thomas Hauser recreates this extraordinary man.

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Reading this story took me back to a time when I was just a teen-ager huddled with friends back in '64' while listening to Liston/Ali 1. For me at that time, it was just magical to witness this rising phenomenal human being. He Most certainly was my most unforgettable person in my life up to this moment. I'm really glad to have been alive during his time here and I appreciated the lessons learned from him! Great work (research & all), Mr Hauser. Calvin Ray White

This was a superb book. Muhammad Ali was one of my heroes growing up and I enjoyed learning more about him. I loved the style, the oral history getting interviews from people in his life. I wished there were more details on things like how he trained or his lifestyle. However, this book is great for anyone that wants a history of boxing, a history of America in the 1960s and 70's, and a story of one of the great American icons from the 60's and 70's.

this was a great book; liked the style hauser used to relay the story of ali; i grew up in my early adult life wanting anyone ali fought to beat him bad to hopefully shut his big mouth; he was a self promoting fighter who was obnoxious how he ridiculed many of the fighter he was scheduled to fight but reading this book make me rethink so of my attitudes towards ali; he was not perfect & some of my early criticisms still hold merit but there was a lot about the man i did not know & i have come to respect him more after reading this book; book covers his fights well but also covers his politics, religion, opposition to vietnam war etc; i recomend this book highly to anyone who wants to know what the 60 & 70's were all about

Hauser used a different approach in writing this book, in that Ali story is directly told by others in chronological order. This makes the book a faster read and helps the reader draw their own conclusions about Ali, by hearing difference opinions and different versions of some of the same events. This was a unique approach. I particular enjoyed the opinions given about whether Ali in his prime would have won a fight between Tyson in his prime. I also enjoyed reading about Ali's giving nature that most of the public is unaware of.

Excellent and innovative recounting of his life. It captures the context of the era while doing justice to such a complex persona. Highly suggested both to learn about Ali and as a biography in general.

A piece of history from multiple of perspectives. The author placed comments and stories told by those close to Ali ... people who lived next to him, fighters, friends, family, business acquaintances, wives, etc. You get their perspective, too. With this information inserted after a subject is discussed, it first throws you off balance until you realize that everybody weighs in on the subject before moving on to the next subject or area of Ali's life. This book covers Ali's life more thoroughly than any other publication I have read. From the people I have spoken to, this is the most accurate and concise writing to cover Ali's life. The book is lengthy, but has a lot of information for those who have the interest. For boxing fans, this book a must have. This book is Scott Ayler Approved.

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