

In Deep with Raymond Johnson: Exploring the Life and Legacy of a Boxing Legend



Raymond Johnson, better known by his ring name Sugar Ray Robinson, was an American professional boxer who competed from 1940 to 1965. Widely regarded as one of the greatest boxers of all time, Robinson held the world welterweight title from 1946 to 1951, and the world middleweight title from 1951 to 1952 and 1955 to 1957. He retired with an undefeated record in professional boxing, with 173 wins, 109 by knockout, and 6 defeats. Robinson was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1967.

Early Life and Career

Raymond Johnson was born on May 3, 1921, in Detroit, Michigan. He began boxing at an early age, and by the time he was 16, he had won the

National Golden Gloves tournament. In 1940, he turned professional and adopted the ring name Sugar Ray Robinson.



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Robinson quickly rose through the ranks, winning his first 40 fights. In 1946, he defeated Tommy Bell to win the world welterweight title. He held the title for five years, successfully defending it against all challengers.

Middleweight Championship Years

In 1951, Robinson moved up to the middleweight division and defeated Jake LaMotta to win the world middleweight title. He held the title for a year, before losing it to Randy Turpin in 1952. However, he regained the title in a rematch with Turpin later that year.

Robinson lost the middleweight title to Gene Fullmer in 1957, but he regained it in a rematch the following year. He retired from boxing in 1965, with an undefeated record in professional boxing.

Legacy

Sugar Ray Robinson is widely regarded as one of the greatest boxers of all time. He was a master of the sweet science, with a combination of speed, power, and technique that was unmatched by any of his contemporaries. Robinson was also a pioneer in the sport, helping to break down racial barriers and inspire a generation of boxers.

Robinson's legacy extends far beyond the boxing ring. He was a cultural icon, and his image was used to promote products and endorse causes. He was also a close friend of Martin Luther King Jr., and he participated in the civil rights movement.

Raymond Johnson, also known as Sugar Ray Robinson, was a boxing legend who left an indelible mark on the sport. His undefeated record, his numerous championship victories, and his iconic style made him one of the most recognizable and respected boxers of all time. Robinson's legacy extends far beyond the boxing ring, and he continues to be an inspiration to boxers and fans alike.



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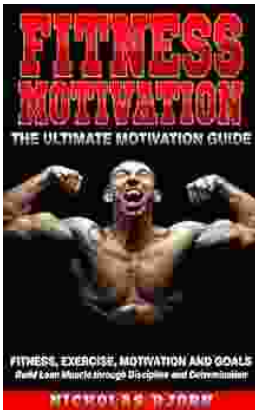
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