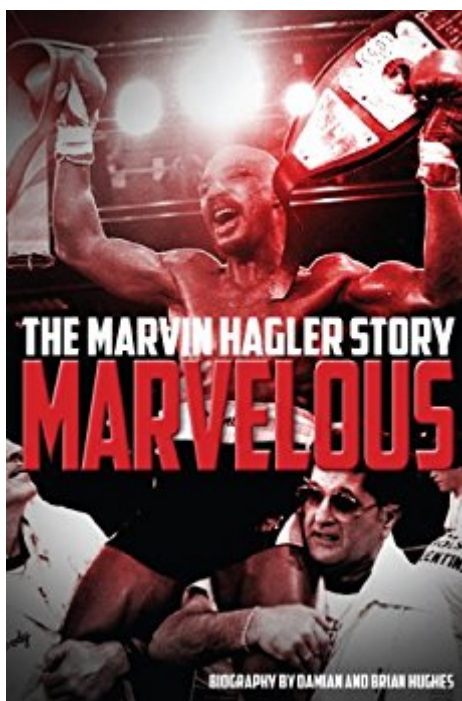


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# Marvelous: The Marvin Hagler Story



## Synopsis

Marvelous Marvin Hagler is a sporting legend. Often called the greatest middleweight boxer of all time, he held the world title for 12 defences, including bouts with Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns and Roberto Duran which entered fistic folklore. From his wild early fights in the boxing wilderness of Brockton, Massachusetts, Brian and Damian Hughes trace the blazing trail of Hagler's career: the controversial defeats subsequently avenged, a riot-scarred title win in London, and his unification of the middleweight crown. Hagler became a huge favourite, taking on all comers while never taking a step back. And so to The Ring magazine's "greatest round of all time" against Hearns, his ferocious battle with Duran, and the still-controversial loss to his nemesis Leonard. Marvelous tells the story of Hagler's extraordinary life for the first time, separating truth from myth to get right to the heart of a complex and charismatic man.

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## Customer Reviews

When your not the golden boy you have to go the hard route. Hagler was for most of his career fighting to be recognised as a champion because he did not come from a known gym or via the Olympics, and was not someone the bigger names did not want to fight due to the risk of loosing.

The book tells of the difficulties of getting a title shot and earning big money in the boxing world when you are on the outside of the big names, (Leonard, Hearns, Duran) but it shows with skill heart and patience you can achieve. He still had to fight all up and coming prospects with no easy fights. He dealt with this and avenged all previous defeat's to remain undisputed champion. He was between the era of 15 and 12 round fights, which ultimately cost him his title to his nemesis Sugar Ray Leonard in a fight still disputed to this day. A good read for boxing fans. Would have been better I think if it was from the champions mouth himself.

Most info is from newspaper or secondary sources. Story is unimaginative but complete. Not a lot about how Marvelous Marvin is doing right now in Italy.

This is a good, solid biography of my favorite boxer of all time. Hagler is a fighter whose stature grows with time. You look back on his career, on the tough road he had to the title, on the honest way he fought. The man was probably the last of his kind. As others have noted, Hagler himself does not participate (maybe we will see an autobiography some day) but the book is well sourced and well written. I read it in a few hours.

Great book about an often overlooked champion. Good coverage of his many fights and his background. Couldn't put it down

An excellent no nonsense book that really show the power and fury that drove one of the greatest middleweights of all time to the title and the subsequent twelve succesful defences and how the boxing world and money can break those ideals.

Very entertaining to read. Marvin was robbed against Leonard. He never really got the respect he deserved. One of the best middle-weights of all time!

I really enjoyed reading this book. Having lived for a while in Brockton I got to meet and follow his career and it covers his life very well.

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