

**Adam Pollack has made a name** for himself with a series of ambitious biographies about boxing's early gloved champions. He started with John L. Sullivan; then worked his way through James Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, James Jeffries, Marvin Hart, Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson.

Johnson was a particularly weighty effort, divided into two volumes totalling 1,578 pages. Now Pollack has consolidated that work into one 657-page book entitled *Black Man vs. The World: Jack Johnson's Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs*.

"The original two volumes are for someone who wants to know as much as possible about Jack Johnson

and everyone who was part of his world,” Pollack recently explained to *The Ring*. “For someone who wants to move faster, this is it. Nothing essential has been cut. But I omitted things like some of Johnson’s minor fights and the history of some of the men he fought. There’s less material on his fight preparation. Overall, the book is less detailed and more readable now. The flow of the story is better.”

Also, the new book has been published in paperback to keep the price down (\$29.95 as opposed to \$44.95 for each original hardcover volume).

What’s next for Pollack?

“I don’t know,” he answers. “I’m a bit burned out right now. I might skip Willard and go straight to Dempsey.”