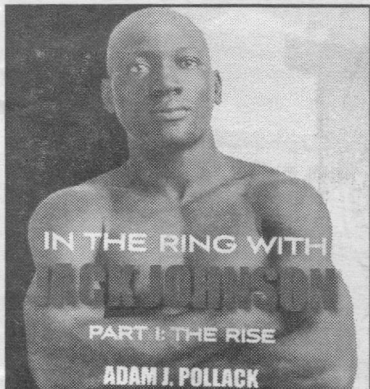


IN THE RING WITH JACK JOHNSON

PART 1: THE RISE

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Jack Johnson has been a former king of the heavyweights as well as the subject for numerous books and films. What author Adam J. Pollack has accomplished is that he penned the ultimate book on boxing's first black heavyweight king. There is not another book close in the boxing details that Mr. Pollack has provided on Johnson.

Where many books delve a little too much into Johnson's colorful and eventual tragic personal life, Mr. Pollack gives the readers a clear perspective on nearly every fight Johnson engages in right until he beats Tommy Burns for the heavyweight crown.

It is the first book of a trilogy about the ring career of the fistic legend.

Overall, this is a fascinating

book and the best ever written ring accounts of Jack Johnson.

There is a fallacy about Johnson where the white boxing fans were always rooting against him. The author gives plenty of details where the mostly white press championed for Johnson to get a shot at the heavyweight title and that he had a good share of white fans.

In many of Johnson's battles, Mr. Pollack provides different points of view from ringside press reports written on the fights at the time.

In all of our past readings, Jack Johnson's bouts have never been done in such vivid detail. Besides Johnson, Mr. Pollack provides background material of his ring opponents.

The author weaves together an in-depth account of Johnson's march to his shot at glory and the World's Heavyweight Championship in 1908.

The final chapter involving Johnson's contest with Tommy Burns was simply fantastic with explicit details never ever read before.

For any boxing fans that love reading the history of ring immortals such as Johnson, Mr. Pollack has provided a terrific book. Jack Johnson's boxing style, personality and ring feats come alive in glorious detail. This book can be purchased through Amazon, in bookstores and other book outlets. We can hardly wait until Part 2.

Highly Recommended!