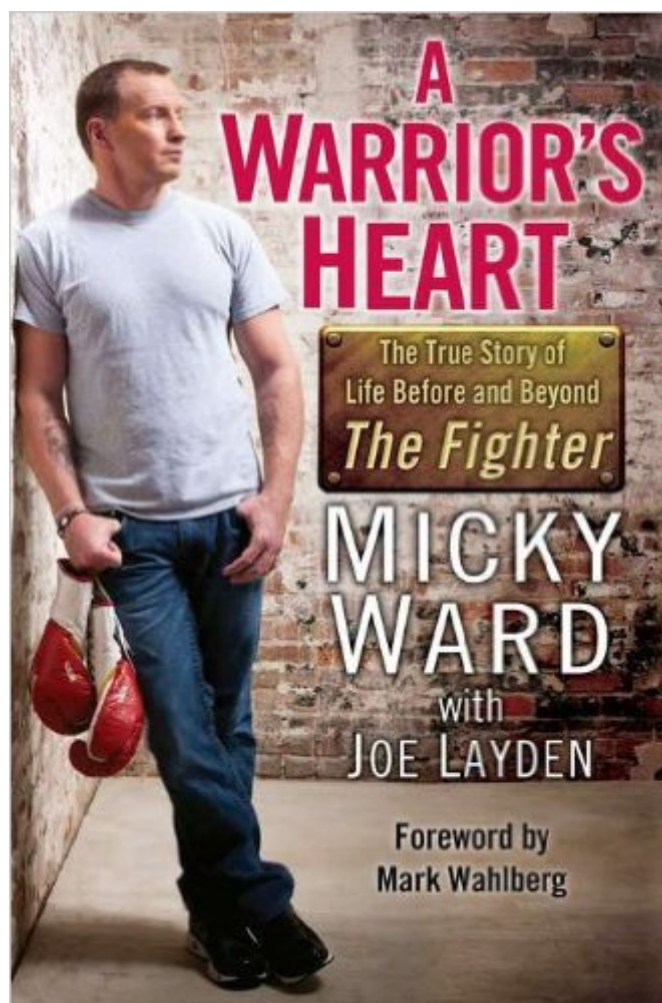


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# A Warrior's Heart: The True Story Of Life Before And Beyond The Fighter



## Synopsis

With the success of the critically-acclaimed, Academy Award-winning film *The Fighter*, the world stood up and cheered for the inspiring true story of Micky Ward—a heart-and-soul warrior who overcame the odds to make history in the ring. But that was only part of the tale. Now, in his own words, Micky Ward tells his inspirational life story as only he can. From his first bout at the age of seven, Micky Ward was known first and foremost for giving as good as he got, and for leaving absolutely everything he had in the ring. When he fought, quitting was never an option. It was that indomitable spirit that would allow him to survive, battle against, and overcome the harsh realities that he faced every day of his life. For it was outside the ring that Ward's heart would be most needed, from witnessing his idolized older half-brother Dicky fall from grace, to dealing with his wildly dysfunctional—if frighteningly loyal—family, to the darkest of secrets that he has never revealed until now, and the numerous setbacks and defeats that would have stopped a lesser man. Micky Ward has remained a fighter, through and through—both as a professional boxer, and as a man who finally found his greatest strength in friendship, family, and faith in himself. From the rough streets of Lowell, Massachusetts, to the blood and sweat of the international fight game, to the bright lights and adulation of Hollywood, this is the rousing, moving, tragic, and humorous story of the one and only Micky Ward.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm long time fan of Mickey Ward since I saw him fight a gym mate of mine some in 1986 ! There is

no truer working class role model than Micky Ward. This book is better than "Irish Thunder" and better than the movie "The Fighter". It's Mickey Ward as he is, thinks and feels - in his own words. I started reading at midnight on a Friday night and couldn't put it down until I was finished. Not only is Micky Ward's life story a true tale of triumph but this book is a fantastic read. Gripping, fun, and easy to read. Micky Ward is a true inspiration. Everyone, boxing fan or not, should read this book !

Micky Ward was always one of my most favorite fighters to watch. This book takes you through his life growing up in Lowell, Mass. It is great to see a story about your everyday guy gaining success in the cut throat business of professional boxing.

Every Micky Ward fan should have this book. I laughed, I cried, I walked away feeling all heartfelt and inspired and like I understood the mindset of a fighter at last. If you like boxing, buy this book.

Love, Love, Loved it! The honesty in the story telling about his youth, growing up in Lowell, MA in the 70's and 80's was right on the money. Besides all the behind the scenes of his fights, family and friends, it was his drive to be a great boxer, a good man, father and husband that make Micky deserving of many great things to come. Hoping "The Fighter 2" can make it to the big screen - Micky's life story is not complete without this epic fights with Arturo Gatti.

Great book particularly if you saw The Fighter. Well written and fast paced with just the right amount of detail. It's done in Mickey's voice, so you can practically hear him talking. He sets certain things straight that you didn't get from the movie or were not accurate. I grew up 3 miles from where Mickey lived (except I was one of those "Chelmsford Kids") so I am pretty biased for Micky Ward. That said, it's a great read.

Micky Ward is my hero! He should be everyone's hero! The movie does not do the real man any justice and I applaud him for sticking to his strong moral values and his guns. It helped him from going down the same destructive path his brother went and I applaud him for choosing his wife over his controlling family. It is sad that his sisters still do not like Charlene to this day, but that is their cross to bear, not his and he should be given credit for that. God Bless you and your family Micky, keep up the good work.

Micky and Joe did a great job in telling the story of The Fighter. As a boxing autobiography it's in the

top 5, up there with Sugar Ray Robinson's and Jake Lamotta.

Faithful fan from back in the day. Led a caravan of fans to Lowell and were never disappointed in Mickey's performance, win lose. A true Warrior in every sense of the word. Rick

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