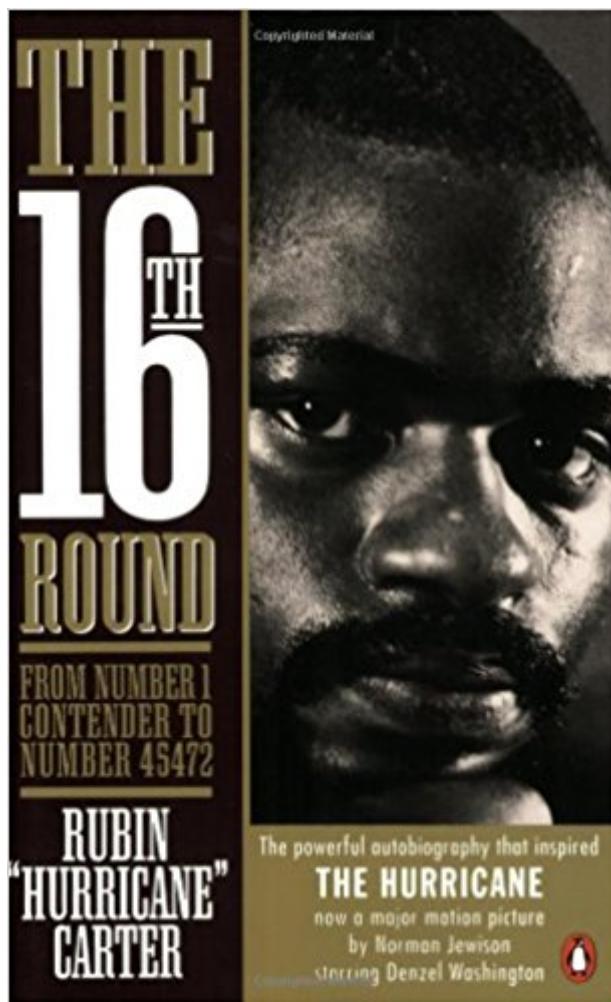


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In 1974, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter's autobiography, *THE 16th ROUND* was published by Viking. Written from prison, Carter chronicled the twisted events that took him from world middleweight boxing contender to his life sentence as the accused murderer of three people in a New Jersey bar. Joan Baez, Muhammad Ali and Roberta Flack protested his innocence, and Bob Dylan wrote his

classic anthem "Hurricane" about Carter's struggle. But it took the determined efforts of a group of Canadians, including Sam Chatton and Terry Swinton to free Rubin Carter.

I actually stumbled across this by accident and I must say it was an amazing read.

Great read, well written, could not put it down.

Great book

Enjoyed this book every much, but was totally saddened by his anger and hate toward "the system", authority, and his family. Early in the book he remarks how his family was never short of food, housing, love between family members, but that his father was very strong-willed, and did use a belt, etc. But then who's parents didn't at that time; it was normal parenting techniques. He also said that he had numerous brothers and sister, many of who obtained advanced degrees, yet he was the only one who became a harden criminal. He leads you to believe he was completely a creature of his tough, criminal enviornment, but yet he then states how he really loved to fight, to case pain, to enforce his will on others. Yes, his incarceration for murder is a complete misapplication of justice, and his anger is expected and worthy, (luckily he was later able to get his verdict overturned. But he fails in his mind that where he finally ended up was because of his own poor decisions; his failure to obey rules and orders, and his complete unwillingness to have anyone tell him what to do. I enjoyed the book very much, but found myself feeling very sorry for the man, and yet at the same time being very angry at him because throughout the book fails to realize because of his poor choices and actions, he was his own worst enemy.

Very absorbing autobiography...be advised, though, that the book ends with the author still in prison and does not chronicle his eventual release. Definitely worth reading if your interested in the Hurricane 's life.

Great somber reading. Awesome American boxer who suffered through the HELL of our penal system. I hope it has changed, your children are watching.

This book has been brilliantly written to make the reader have an insight into life in prison and the unjust racist judicial system that was prevalent at the time.

I enjoyed this book very much. Donated it to my local library after I read it and they lost it. Possibly a patron never returned it and I am sorry I didn't keep it as it is out of print now.

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