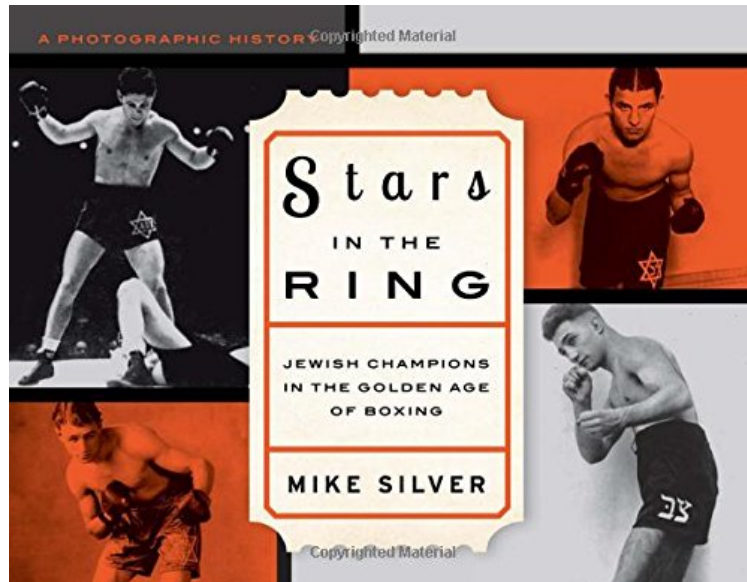


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating and Engrossing Read!By KennethI just finished reading "Stars in the Ring," and I am totally impressed with this book. It is both a thoughtful historical depiction of a unique period in American history and a fascinating glimpse into the personal lives of these boxers. Mike Silver is a great storyteller. He brings the Jewish boxers who fought during the first four decades of the 20th century to life again. He sets their achievements into the larger historical context of their time. The book is enhanced by fascinating sidebars, colorful anecdotes and numerous "top ten" lists. I found the book to be so engaging that I had trouble putting it down once I started reading. Aside from the superb writing, the 250 plus photos are worth the price of the book. This engrossing book is a worthy complement to Silver's other book, "The Arc of Boxing: the Rise and Decline of the Sweet Science." If you have any interest in learning about a fascinating and forgotten aspect of Jewish immigrant history, this book is for you.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Mike Silver scores a knockout!By AsilMike Silver leaves no stone unturned as he relates the history with all its glamor, hardships and glory of these gallant warriors fighting under the six-pointed Star of David, beginning with the reign of Daniel Mendoza, the pride of England's bare-knuckle fighters at a time when George Washington was organizing thirteen colonies into the United States of America until today's small band of still prominent Jewish warriors. It may have been a labor of love for Mike Silver but it is a treasured treat for all who read it.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy JLMFine

For more than sixty yearsfrom the 1890s to the 1950sboxing was an integral part of American popular culture and a

major spectator sport rivaling baseball in popularity. More Jewish athletes have competed as boxers than all other professional sports combined; in the period from 1901 to 1939, 29 Jewish boxers were recognized as world champions and more than 160 Jewish boxers ranked among the top contenders in their respective weight divisions. Stars in the Ring, by renowned boxing historian Mike Silver, presents this vibrant social history in the first illustrated encyclopedic compendium of its kind.

Boxing writer Silver looks at four centuries of Jewish pugilists, from the slums of London to the ghetto of the Lower East Side. The bare-knuckle era produced relatively few Jewish prizefighters, but their numbers included champion Daniel Mendoza, who revolutionized boxing with his defensive prowess. Only with mass immigration to the U.S. did Jewish boxers enter the ring in large numbers. For young men growing up in poverty, the sweet science offered an escape from the sweatshop and allowed them to rebut stereotypes of Jews as frail bookworms. Boxing's golden age (ca. 1920-1940) produced a host of Jewish champions, including all-time greats Benny Leonard, Barney Ross, and Lew Tendler. Post-WWII prosperity saw Jews leave boxing with the slums, but the recent diaspora from the former Soviet Union has created a few Jewish contenders. After a broad overview of boxing history, Silver lists Jewish fighters first by era and then alphabetically, leavening the capsule bios with colorful anecdotes. He also includes profiles of important Jewish figures around the sport, including promoter Mike Jacobs and The Ring publisher Nat Fleischer. Entertaining sidebars cover "Boxing Suffragettes" and "The Shanghai Ghetto," and a series of appendices includes Jewish Olympic medalists and Jewish Golden Gloves champions. The quality and expanse of this impressive survey make it an achievement unlikely to be equaled. (Publishers Weekly) About the Author Mike Silver is an internationally respected boxing historian and the world's foremost authority on the Golden Age of the Jewish boxer. His first book, *The Arc of Boxing*, won two awards for boxing journalism from the American Association for the Improvement of Boxing and The Boston Veteran Boxers Association. He has been an inspector with the New York State Athletic Commission; a boxing promoter; a historical consultant and on-air commentator for 19 televised boxing documentaries; a curator of the *Sting Like A Maccabee: The Golden Age of the American Jewish Boxer* exhibit at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia (2004); and a co-curator of the San Francisco Jewish Film Festivals centerpiece program, *Jews, Boxing, and Hollywood* (2007). Silver currently serves as an advisor to the Hank Kaplan Boxing Archives at Brooklyn College. He continues to research and write about the sport as a member of the International Boxing Research Organization (IBRO). Silver lives in New York. His website is www.mikesilverboxing.com.