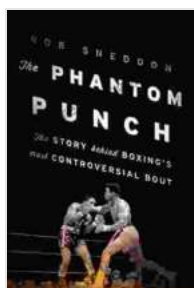


The Story Behind Boxing's Most Controversial Bout: The Thrilla in Manila

On October 1, 1975, Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier squared off for the third and final time in what would be known as the "Thrilla in Manila." The fight was one of the most brutal and controversial in boxing history, and it remains a source of debate today.



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The build-up to the fight was filled with animosity. Ali had won the first two fights, but Frazier felt that he had been robbed in both. He was determined to prove that he was the better fighter, and he trained harder than ever for the third fight.

Ali, on the other hand, was confident that he would win again. He was in his prime, and he had never lost a professional fight. He also knew that Frazier was a dangerous opponent, but he felt that he had the skills to beat him.

The fight took place in the Philippines, and it was billed as the "Thrilla in Manila." The atmosphere was electric, and the fans were eager to see the two fighters finally settle their rivalry.

The fight was a brutal affair. Both fighters landed heavy blows, and neither man was willing to give up. In the 14th round, Frazier was knocked down, but he got back up and continued to fight. In the 15th round, Ali knocked Frazier down again, and this time he was unable to get up.

Ali had won the fight, but he had paid a heavy price. He was badly beaten, and he had to be hospitalized after the fight. Frazier was also badly injured, and he retired from boxing shortly after.

The "Thrilla in Manila" is considered to be one of the greatest boxing matches of all time. It was a brutal and controversial fight, but it also showed the indomitable spirit of both fighters.

The Controversy

The "Thrilla in Manila" was a controversial fight from the very beginning. Many people felt that Frazier had won the first two fights, and they were outraged that he was given a rematch.

The fight was also controversial because of the way it ended. Frazier was clearly knocked out in the 15th round, but the referee did not stop the fight. Many people believe that the referee should have stopped the fight sooner, and they argue that Frazier was seriously injured as a result.

The controversy surrounding the "Thrilla in Manila" continues to this day. Some people believe that Ali won the fight fairly, while others believe that

Frazier was robbed. It is a debate that is unlikely to be resolved anytime soon.

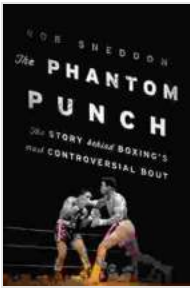
The Legacy

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Ali and Frazier were two of the greatest boxers of all time, and their rivalry is one of the most famous in sports history. The "Thrilla in Manila" was the culmination of their rivalry, and it is a fight that will never be forgotten.



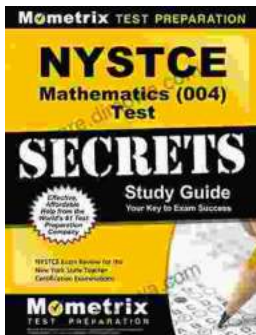
Ali and Frazier during the Thrilla in Manila



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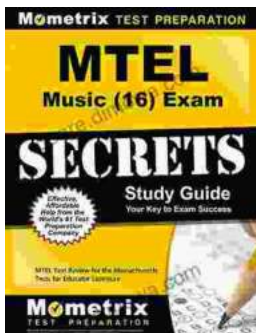
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