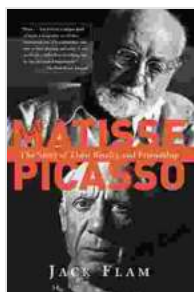


# The Rivalry and Friendship of Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier

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This book is a must-read for any fan of boxing or sports history. It is a fascinating and inspiring story about two of the most iconic athletes of all

time.

## **Early Lives and Careers**

Muhammad Ali was born Cassius Clay in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1942. He began boxing at the age of 12 and quickly showed a natural talent for the sport. He won the Olympic gold medal in 1960 and turned professional the following year.

Joe Frazier was born in Beaufort, South Carolina, in 1944. He also began boxing at a young age and won the Olympic gold medal in 1964. He turned professional the following year and quickly rose through the ranks.

Ali and Frazier first met in the ring in 1971. Ali won the fight by unanimous decision, but it was a close and competitive bout. The two fighters would meet again in two more fights, in 1974 and 1975. Ali won both of those fights as well, but Frazier gave him a tough fight each time.

## **The Rivalry**

The rivalry between Ali and Frazier was one of the most intense and personal in sports history. The two fighters were both proud and competitive, and they each wanted to prove that he was the best heavyweight in the world.

The rivalry reached its peak in 1975, when the two fighters met for the third and final time. The fight was billed as the "Thrilla in Manila" and it lived up to its billing. The two fighters fought for 14 rounds in the sweltering heat of Manila, Philippines. Ali won the fight by knockout in the 14th round, but Frazier gave him a tough fight every step of the way.

## The Friendship

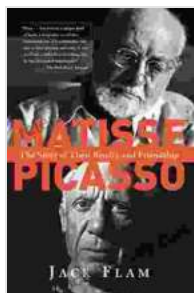
Despite their intense rivalry, Ali and Frazier had a deep respect for each other. They both knew that they were two of the best boxers in the world, and they both appreciated each other's skills and talents.

After their third fight, Ali and Frazier became friends. They spent time together outside of the ring and they even trained together on occasion. They remained friends until Frazier's death in 2011.

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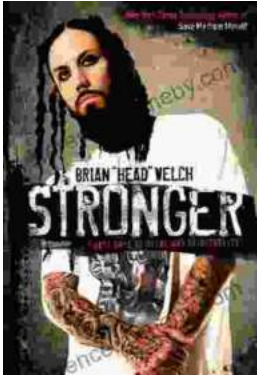
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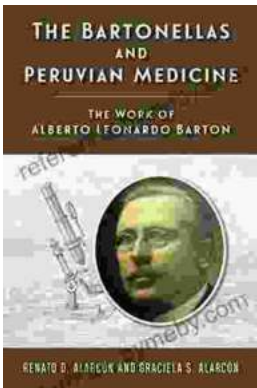
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