

# JOE BUGNER MY STORY

He was the man Muhammad Ali couldn't knock out.

He faced Cooper, Fraser and Bruno in the ring.

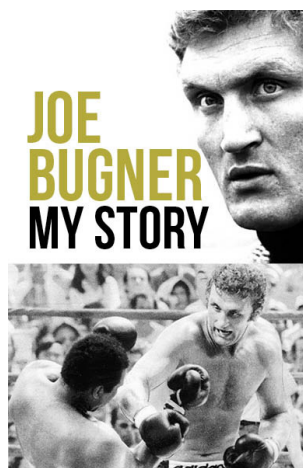
He survived press condemnation, rocky marriages and a colourful film career. And at 48 years of age, he became the oldest ever heavyweight champion of the world.

This is the story of Joe Bugner, one of the most controversial, fascinating and inspiring personalities in sports history.

From childhood beginnings in Hungary and an escape to England after the 1956 Soviet invasion, Bugner would become an imposing six-foot-four challenger, winning multiple British and European heavyweight titles and ranked among the best boxers in the world. In 1975, he lost the world heavyweight championship to Ali on points, and retired, but in 1986 he relocated to Australia and soon took up boxing again, which ended in another brutal loss, this time to Frank Bruno.

His final comeback attempt culminated in a 1998 world heavyweight championship win at the age of 48, a victory against the odds that took the whole world by surprise.

**Joe Bugner – My Story** is about far more than boxing. It is the story of a refugee looking for a true home; of fame gained, lost and reclaimed; of family and turbulent love; of reputation, pride and regret. Told in his own words to writer Stuart Mullins, Bugner's tale is a gripping account of one man's lifelong search for glory.



**Stuart Mullins** is the author of two other books – *The Satin Man: The Mystery of the Beaumont Children Revealed* (with Alan Whiticker) and *How to Get the Job You Really Want*. He also runs a successful recruitment agency on the Gold Coast.

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