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Norton, the likeable former Marine whose crossed-arm, off-kilter style gave Muhammad Ali fits in their three close fights in the 1970s, was briefly heavyweight champion himself before losing in a rousing battle with Larry Holmes. Following his retirement and several movie roles, Norton nearly died when his car tumbled from the Santa Monica Freeway in 1986. Norton emerged from the TV death watch and recovered enough to tell his story and see his son, Ken Norton Jr., become a star in the NFL. This book, with a foreword by Joe Frazier, is two-thirds a narrative of his dramatic life and one-third approving testimonials from family and friends. Norton harbors surprisingly little bitterness, especially toward the impressive group of men (Ali, Foreman, Shavers, Holmes) he fought in the ring: I've always liked Ali. I liked him before we fought; I liked him after we fought: Just not during. This patchy but honest telling of his life should appeal to Norton's fans and to large sports collections."Nathan Ward, Library Journal

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Review

Nortons boxing career (is) now one for the books... --*San Diego Union-Tribune*

About the Author

Norton writes candidly about his experiences in the movie industry; his sometimes strained relationship with son Ken Jr., a member of three Super Bowl-winning teams; and the agonizing road to recovery after a near-fatal car crash in 1986, where medical experts gave him little chance of surviving. Ken Norton has proved the doubters wrong his entire life, and *Going the Distance* will serve as motivation to anyone who has ever been told they cannot achieve their dreams.

Marshall Terrill has been a featured writer for *Sports Arizona Magazine* since 1997. His work has also been featured in several boxing publications, including *The Ring*, *KO*, *The USA Boxing News*, and *International Boxing Digest*. Ken Norton: *Going the Distance* is his fourth book.

Mike Fitzgerald is a boxing historian who has contributed articles to *Sports Arizona Magazine*. This is his first book. Fitzgerald is currently working on a biography of Archie Moore.

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