

# The Life and Legacy of Muhammad Ali: The Greatest Boxer and Legend of All Time

Muhammad Ali, born Cassius Clay, was an American professional boxer, activist, and philanthropist. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest boxers of all time and is often ranked as the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time. Ali won the world heavyweight championship three times and defended it 19 times, more than any other heavyweight champion in history. He is also known for his social activism and his advocacy for racial equality and justice.



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## Early Life and Career

Muhammad Ali was born Cassius Clay on January 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky. He began boxing at the age of 12 after his bicycle was stolen. Ali won six Kentucky Golden Gloves titles and two national Golden Gloves titles before turning professional in 1960.

Ali quickly rose through the ranks of professional boxing, winning his first 19 fights. In 1964, he defeated Sonny Liston to win the world heavyweight championship for the first time. Ali would go on to defend his title 19 times, defeating some of the greatest boxers of his era, including Joe Frazier, George Foreman, and Ken Norton.

## **Social Activism**

In addition to his boxing career, Muhammad Ali was also a prominent social activist. He was a vocal supporter of the Civil Rights Movement and was a close friend of Martin Luther King, Jr. Ali also spoke out against the Vietnam War and was a conscientious objector.

Ali's social activism made him a controversial figure, but he never wavered in his beliefs. He was stripped of his world heavyweight championship in 1967 for refusing to be drafted into the U.S. Army. Ali would not fight again for three years, but he eventually regained his title in 1970.

## **Later Life and Legacy**

Muhammad Ali retired from boxing in 1981 with a record of 56-5. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1984, but he continued to be active in public life. Ali was a global ambassador for the United Nations and a special envoy for peace.

Muhammad Ali died on June 3, 2016, at the age of 74. He was mourned by people around the world and is remembered as one of the greatest boxers and humanitarians of all time.

## **Legacy**

Muhammad Ali's legacy is immense. He was not only one of the greatest boxers of all time, but he was also a social activist and a humanitarian. Ali's fight for racial equality and justice helped to change the world, and his indomitable spirit inspired people around the globe.

Ali's legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. He is a reminder that anything is possible if you have the courage to fight for what you believe in.



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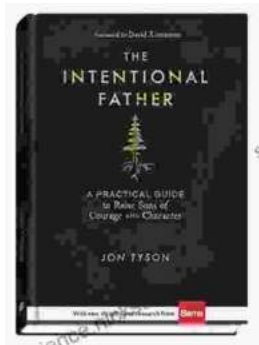
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