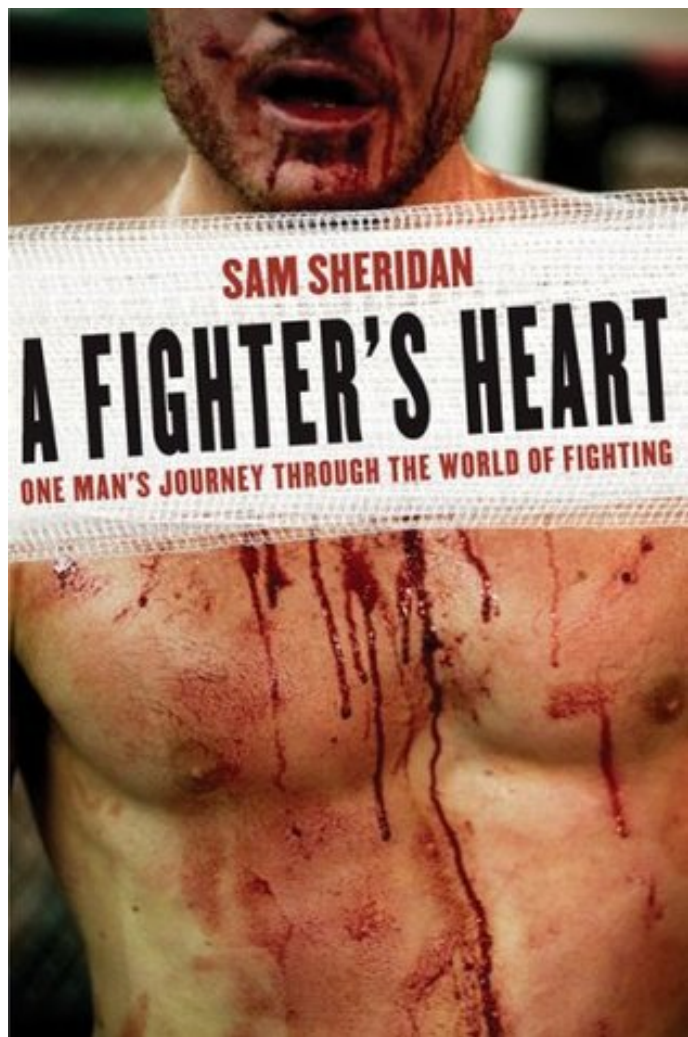

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Description

In 1999, after a series of wildly adventurous jobs around the world, Sam Sheridan found himself in Australia, loaded with cash and intent on not working until he'd spent it all. It occurred to him that, without distractions, he could finally indulge a long-dormant obsession: fighting. Within a year, he was in Bangkok training with the greatest fighter in muay Thai (Thai kickboxing) history and stepping through the ropes for a professional bout. That one fight wasn't enough. Sheridan set out to test himself on an epic journey into how and why we fight, facing Olympic boxers, Brazilian jiu-jitsu stars, and Ultimate Fighting champions. Along the way, Sheridan delivers an insightful look at violence as a career and a spectator sport, a behind-the-pageantry glimpse of athletes at the top of their terrifying game. An extraordinary combination of gonzo journalism and participatory sports writing, *A Fighter's Heart* is a dizzying first-hand account of what it's like to reach the peak of finely disciplined personal aggression, to hit—and be hit.

Insightful reviews

Kari: I agree with the reviews that say this book needed an editor. Ideas are repeated just a few pages apart in paragraphs worded slightly differently.

Sheridan offers a lot of insight about mixed martial arts training and fighting. Some chapters are a little too long, and I lost interest in the Brazilian jujitsu and boxing chapters.

I think it's hard to follow if you've never trained in martial arts. He goes into detail about a lot of different styles and their histories. I enjoyed the chapter about Muay Thai, largely because I have trained at the Fairtex camp he describes. I also found the dogfighting chapter interesting. (Not because I support dogfighting.)

Midway through, he starts talking about wanting to fight barefisted in Myanmar, so I expected that to be the big finale. But it never happens. I don't think the book necessarily would have been better if Sheridan had fought more, but I wish he'd structured it so that it had a more satisfying ending.

John Schwabacher: Sheridan writes about studying martial arts around the world, from boxing in Oakland to meditation in Thailand (and why meditation is like fighting). He talks about what draws him to fighting, about violence and "gameness".

Referring to *_On Agression_*, by Konrad Lorenz, he says "The ability to love and form bonds has evolved as a way to temper aggression, to turn it into something more powerful when defending hearth and home. Friendship and love are essentially evolutionary by-products of aggression."

One of the most interesting sections to me was about dogfighting. I feel like I have maybe a little understanding of what it's about.

As a fan of Mixed Martial Arts, I also loved the sections about the world famous athletes he

trains with and gets to know, from Jens Pulver and Pat Miletich to Mario Sperry and Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira.

Andrea: I was just re-reading the notes I took while I read this book and a 3 doesn't seem fair. Granted, there are some slow points while we travel with Sam from training locale to training locale. However, there are a number of thoughts and reflections, paragraphs here and there, which really gave me pause. I had been bracing myself for the dogfighting chapter, but came away with a better understanding of the aspirational quality of the sport. (I'm resisting using quotes around sport there.) I don't agree with the practice but Sam's logic about the perceived barbarity can be applied to many an animal that I don't happen to keep as a pet helped me hang in there so that I could hear about this idea of gameness. I will say that dogfighting, as he described, is not as I had imagined. Is it vicious? Yes, but it seems, dare I say, less cruel. Anyway, I find the idea of fighting, of conquering fear and feeling physically capable, intriguing, particularly in combination with gender identity.

Nathan: This was once a pretty attention-grabbing read, very matter-of-fact, and with reliable pacing. What it lacked in plot, it made up for with charisma. with the intention to study the short background of MMA, in the course of the standpoint of a tender university grad on a holiday round the world, this is often for you.

Brandon: there has been an episode of kin man as soon as the place Lois makes a crack concerning the Da Vinci Code making her believe shrewdpermanent as the chapters have been so short. even if (or probably because) i am an English major, i am a stunning gradual reader. i will have fun with brief chapters simply because they at the very least supply the looks of progress. It makes me believe dumb to even admit that, but, fuck it. brief chapters help. This e-book didn't have brief chapters. every one part makes a speciality of one kind of battling and the guy's makes an attempt to get a few event in that style. He starts off with muay Thai and strikes directly to MMA, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, boxing and struggle choreography for movies. He additionally takes a glance at puppy struggling with which allowed me to have a dialogue with a person approximately soccer for as soon as in my life. The booklet is barely attention-grabbing in case you are already a battling nerd. he is not the easiest author on this planet and his earnest makes an attempt at analogizing combating to poetic circulation finally fail. However, it is also Sheridan's first book, so i will be able to minimize him a few slack.

Reynolds: i am a struggle fan, and that i love examining approximately diversified fighters, their mentality, and numerous combating systems/techniques. yet this e-book is in desparate want of an editor. i have heard the publishing has reduce on such things as editors, and this booklet indicates it. there's a critical loss of organization, the constitution is horrible, it truly is not less than seventy five pages too long, if now not more. An skilled editor can have made a truly strong ebook out of this - the fabric is clearly there. evaluate this booklet to, for example, The Gloves, through Robert Anasi, and you'll see what I mean. i do not blame the writer rather a lot because the publisher.

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