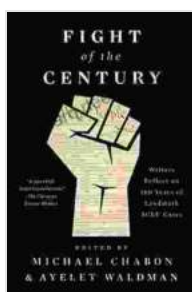


# The Fight of the Century: Ali vs. Frazier, the Thrilla in Manila

The Fight of the Century was a boxing match between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier that took place on October 1, 1975, in Manila, Philippines. The match was the third in a trilogy of fights between the two boxers, and it is considered to be one of the greatest boxing matches of all time.



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Ali and Frazier were two of the best boxers in the world at the time of the fight. Ali was a former Olympic gold medalist and world heavyweight champion, while Frazier was the reigning world heavyweight champion. The two boxers had fought twice before, with Ali winning the first fight and Frazier winning the second.

The Fight of the Century was a brutal and bloody affair. Both boxers were knocked down multiple times, and the fight was eventually stopped in the 14th round when Ali's trainer threw in the towel. Frazier was declared the winner by technical knockout.

The Fight of the Century was a major event in boxing history. It was the first time that two undefeated heavyweight champions had ever fought each other, and it remains one of the most talked-about fights of all time.

## **The Fighters**

Muhammad Ali was born Cassius Clay in 1942. He began boxing at a young age, and he quickly rose through the ranks. In 1960, he won the Olympic gold medal in the light heavyweight division. Ali turned professional in 1964, and he quickly became one of the most popular boxers in the world. He was known for his charisma, his quick wit, and his unorthodox fighting style.

Joe Frazier was born in 1944. He began boxing at a young age, and he quickly became one of the best amateur boxers in the United States. In 1968, he won the Olympic gold medal in the heavyweight division. Frazier turned professional in 1969, and he quickly became one of the top contenders in the heavyweight division.

Ali and Frazier were two very different boxers. Ali was a tall, lanky fighter with a long reach. He was known for his quick jabs and his ability to move around the ring. Frazier was a short, stocky fighter with a powerful left hook. He was known for his ability to take a punch and his relentless pressure.

## **The Fight**

The Fight of the Century took place on October 1, 1975, in Manila, Philippines. The fight was held in the Araneta Coliseum, which was packed with over 30,000 fans. The fight was broadcast live to over 100 countries around the world.

The fight began at a fast pace, with both boxers exchanging punches. Ali was able to land some early jabs, but Frazier was able to close the distance and land some powerful punches of his own. The first round was a close one, but Frazier was able to win the round on the judges' scorecards.

The second round was even more brutal than the first. Ali was knocked down twice in the round, and Frazier was able to land some heavy blows. Ali was able to get up both times, but he was clearly hurt. Frazier won the second round on all three judges' scorecards.

The third round was a turning point in the fight. Ali was able to land a series of jabs and right crosses, and he was able to knock Frazier down twice. Frazier was able to get up both times, but he was clearly exhausted. Ali won the third round on all three judges' scorecards.

The fourth round was a close one, but Ali was able to land some key punches and win the round on two of the three judges' scorecards. The fifth round was a brutal round, with both boxers exchanging punches. Ali was able to land a few more punches than Frazier, and he won the round on all three judges' scorecards.

The sixth round was a turning point in the fight. Frazier was able to land a powerful left hook that knocked Ali down. Ali was able to get up, but he was

clearly hurt. Frazier was able to land a few more punches before the round ended, and he won the round on all three judges' scorecards.

The seventh round was a close one, but Frazier was able to land a few more punches and win the round on two of the three judges' scorecards. The eighth round was a brutal round, with both boxers exchanging punches. Ali was able to land a few more punches than Frazier, and he won the round on all three judges' scorecards.

The ninth round was a turning point in the fight. Ali was able to land a series of jabs and right crosses, and he was able to knock Frazier down twice. Frazier was able to get up both times, but he was clearly exhausted. Ali won the ninth round on all three judges' scorecards.

The tenth round was a close one, but Ali was able to land a few more punches and win the round on two of the three judges' scorecards. The eleventh round was a brutal round, with both boxers exchanging punches. Ali was able to land a few more punches than Frazier, and he won the round on all three judges' scorecards.

The twelfth round was a turning point in the fight. Frazier was able to land a powerful left hook that knocked Ali down. Ali was able to get up, but he was clearly hurt. Frazier was able to land a few more punches before the round ended, and he won the round on all three judges' scorecards.

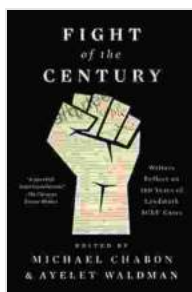
The thirteenth round was a close one, but Frazier was able to land a few more punches and win the round on two of the three judges' scorecards. The fourteenth round was a brutal round, with both boxers exchanging punches. Ali was able to land a few more punches than Frazier, and he won the round on all three judges' scorecards.

The fifteenth round was a turning point in the fight. Frazier was able to land a powerful left hook that knocked Ali down. Ali was able to get up, but he was clearly hurt. Frazier was able to land a few more punches before the round ended, and he won the round on all three judges' scorecards.

The sixteenth round was a close one, but Frazier was able to land a few more punches and win the round on two of the three judges' scorecards. The seventeenth round was a brutal round, with both boxers exchanging punches. Ali was able to land a few more punches than Frazier, and he won the round on all three judges' scorecards.

The eighteenth round was a turning point in the fight. Frazier was able to land a powerful left hook that knocked Ali down. Ali was able to get up, but he was clearly hurt. Frazier was able to land a few more punches before the round ended, and he won the round on all three judges' scorecards.

The nineteenth round was a close one, but Frazier was able to land a few more punches and win the round on two of the three judges' scorecards. The twentieth round was a



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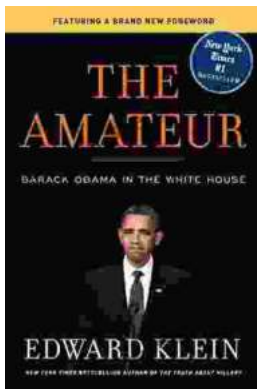
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