



Fighting Men of the North: A History

By Gary Wharton

The History Press Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Fighting Men of the North: A History, Gary Wharton, The North East of England has been witness to some of the finest fighting men in the world. Featured here are 22 of the greatest, over the past 100 years, with full biographies and career statistics. It is a story that starts with the North's first glove champions Will Curley, George Chriss and Jack Palmer and the historic ring battles of the early 1900's which saw touring Americans like Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, the 'Coloured Champion' Denver Ed Martin and the 'Harlem Coffee Cooler' Frank S. Craig at Newcastle's legendary venue Ginnells Circus and Gateshead's Strand Theatre. The years leading up to the First World War saw the great characters North Shields' Spike Robson and Middlesbrough's Johnny Summers, two of England's finest ringmen and great rivals themselves, make their names in America and Australia challenging the World's best. During the hungry thirties when boxing venues in the North-east were as plentiful as picture houses and fighters were donning the gloves around once a week the likes of Benny Sharkey, Jack 'Cast Iron' Casey and Seaman Tommy Watson fought for the World title...

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