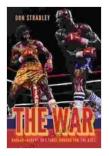
# Hagler vs. Hearns: Three Rounds for the Ages

On April 15, 1985, Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns engaged in one of the most thrilling and iconic boxing matches of all time. The fight, which lasted only three rounds, was a back-and-forth slugfest that saw both fighters knocked down multiple times. In the end, Hagler emerged victorious, but both fighters left the ring with their reputations enhanced.



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The fight was a highly anticipated event, as both Hagler and Hearns were considered to be among the best pound-for-pound fighters in the world. Hagler was the reigning undisputed middleweight champion, while Hearns was the reigning undisputed welterweight champion. The fight was also seen as a potential preview of a future showdown between Hagler and Sugar Ray Leonard, who was considered to be the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world at the time. The fight started off at a furious pace, with both fighters trading punches in the center of the ring. Hagler was the first to land a significant blow, knocking Hearns down with a right hand in the first round. Hearns got up quickly, but Hagler continued to press the attack. In the second round, Hearns knocked Hagler down with a left hook. Hagler again got up quickly, but Hearns continued to press the attack. In the third round, Hagler knocked Hearns down with a right hand. Hearns got up again, but Hagler landed a series of punches that forced the referee to stop the fight.

The fight was a classic, and it is still considered to be one of the greatest boxing matches of all time. Both Hagler and Hearns showed tremendous heart and determination, and they both left the ring with their reputations enhanced. The fight is also remembered for its iconic ending, as Hagler celebrated his victory by climbing to the top of the ring and shouting, "I am the best!"

#### **The Fighters**

Marvin Hagler was born in Newark, New Jersey, on May 23, 1954. He began boxing at the age of 15, and he quickly rose through the ranks. In 1980, he won the undisputed middleweight championship, and he defended his title successfully 12 times. Hagler was known for his powerful punching and his relentless aggression. He was also a very skilled boxer, and he was able to adapt his style to any opponent.

Thomas Hearns was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 18, 1958. He began boxing at the age of 16, and he quickly rose through the ranks. In 1980, he won the undisputed welterweight championship, and he defended his title successfully 13 times. Hearns was known for his

lightning-fast hands and his powerful punching. He was also a very skilled boxer, and he was able to adapt his style to any opponent.

## The Fight

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### The Aftermath

The fight between Hagler and Hearns had a major impact on the boxing world. Hagler cemented his status as the undisputed middleweight champion, and he went on to defend his title successfully for another two years. Hearns' reputation was also enhanced by his performance against Hagler, and he went on to win the undisputed light middleweight championship in 1987. The fight also helped to set the stage for a future showdown between Hagler and Sugar Ray Leonard, which took place in 1987. Leonard won the fight by a controversial split decision, but it is still considered to be one of the greatest boxing matches of all time.

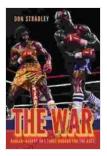
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The fight between Hagler and Hearns is a reminder of the golden days of boxing. It was a time when the best fighters in the world fought each other in their prime. The fight is also a reminder of the importance of heart and determination. Both Hagler and Hearns showed tremendous heart and determination in the fight, and they both left the ring with their reputations enhanced.

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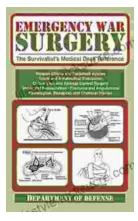
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