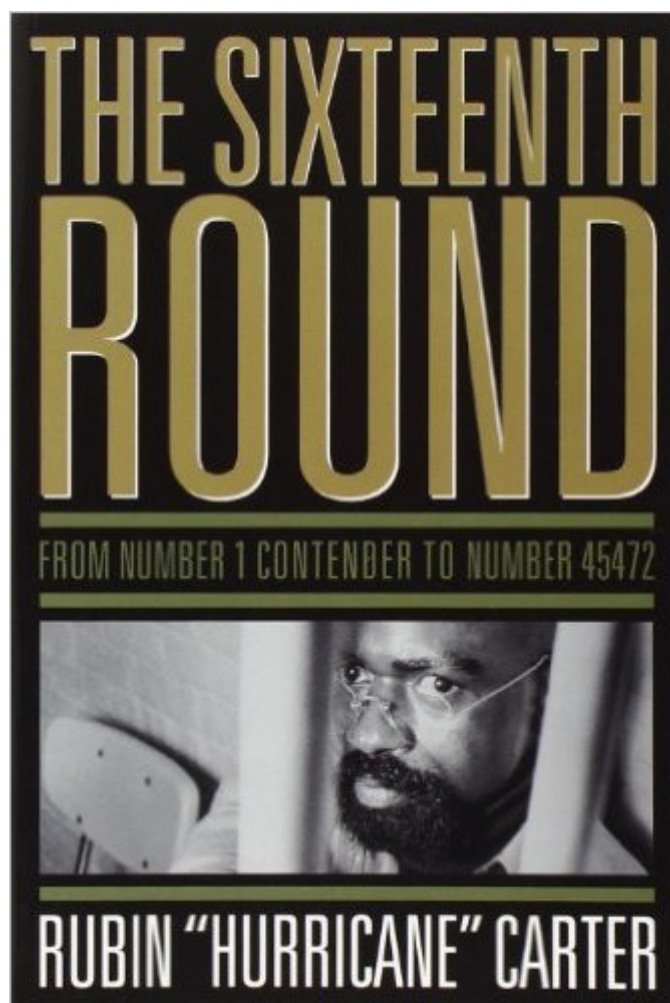


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# The Sixteenth Round: From Number 1 Contender To Number 45472



## Synopsis

Rubin "Hurricane" Carter was riding a wave of success. The survivor of a difficult youth, he rose to become a top contender for the middleweight boxing crown. But his career crashed to a halt on May 26, 1967, when he and another man were found guilty of the murder of three white people and sentenced to three consecutive life terms. Written from prison and first published in 1974, *The Sixteenth Round* chronicles Hurricane's journey from the ring to solitary confinement. The book was his cry for help to the public, an attempt to set the record straight and force a new trial. Bob Dylan wrote his classic anthem "Hurricane" about his struggle, and Muhammad Ali and thousands of others took up his cause. The power of Carter's voice, as well as his ironic humor, makes this an eloquent, soul-stirring account of a remarkable life.

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## Customer Reviews

I was inspired to read this book when I heard the Bob Dylan song "Hurricane". This amazing book is a moving account of Rubin Carter's life written by Rubin himself while he was in prison. The stories of his life in prison and the battles he fought were great. I couldn't put the book down. The only problem with this book is that it is out of print and very hard to track down. It is definitely one of the best books I have ever read.

I heard of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter from the inspirational film "the hurricane" starring Denzel Washington. After seeing the film I became enthralled in the story of a man framed for murders he

did not commit and locked away in a cell for 20 years. I decided to get the autobiography of the hurricane entitled the 16th round. The book starts by exposing the life of a child sentenced to a state home for boys from the brutality of the kids and guards to the racism and segregation of the prison system in America. Rubin was in prison for most of his early life filling him with hate and rage from the guards and other inmates. So he started boxing. His pure power and skill made him an unstoppable talent. That is until he shared his thoughts on the racist Police forces that patrolled the American ghettos. From then on the police set out to destroy his life. Rubin was pulled over after the murder of 3 white customers of a Patterson bar. After 3 witnesses claimed he wasn't the murderer he was released. Five months later he was about to take on Dick Tiger for the middle weight title. But it was not to be and he was arrested and sentenced to three times life after the admitted liars Bello and Bradley said that he was the murderer. And so Rubin entered the familiar walls of Trenton state prison once again for a crime he did not commit. This story of injustice is excellently written. It is an inspirational book that will fill you with love and compassion for the amazing fighter of battles in the ring and battles of political injustice, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. By Owen Clark.

The Sixteenth Round was the powerful, emotional document of Rubin Carter's life, ending with a plea to force a new trial to prove his innocence. But, it turned out to be a timeless, eye-opening portrait of prisons in America and the haunting truth of Justice and Fate. Needless to say, this book is explicit, angry, and takes all prisoners. You can't escape the cruelty of Rubin's life, witnessing the reality, and how he was caught in the center of Hell...and the haunting fact was that it was the truth. The pain he had to go through is, to me, inconceivable. Rubin Carter has written a terrific book, more than what he wanted it to be...a timeless testament about America, justice, prison, and fate...He may not be the best boxer, but he is one of the best fighters...fighting the dehumanization of his life weaving through prison and out, and fighting the cruelty of "Madame One-Eyed Justice" and "Fate." This book will not come off of your brain...it is a very honest, angry, stirringly emotional, thriller of a book. I recommend it to the people who saw the movie, and someone who wants a direct and eye-opening portal into the mind of a black man living through the Civil Rights Movement.

..having read the superb book "the hurricane", i wanted to know more of this remarkable man's story, his autobiography did not disappoint. reading his own words convey the powerful emotions one can only begin to imagine when your world is shattered by life imprisonment for a crime you did not commit. mr. carter's writings of his childhood up to his wrongful imprisonment paint a graphic picture

of the forces that mold us, he was by no means a model citizen, but then, who of us are. I found the spirit of this man extraordinary, I hope that the visibility his life story has received of late, will in some way compensate him. But for the many years stolen, there is no repayment. I found both "the 16th round" and "the hurricane" great reading, for they fill in the gaps for each other. FYI: "the 16th round" can be had from Penguin Books out of Canada.

Well from the other reviews you discovered the basic plot. I just want to let you know that I previously ordered this book, and I am about half way through. I do not even enjoy reading but I haven't been able to put this book down. What makes this book even greater is that fact that is true. Also while reading it, the irony of the fact that we know that Rubin Carter has been set free but he doesn't even know this, as it was written while he was in jail. This book is incredible, and if I knew how good it would be before I read bought it I would probably pay whatever I had to. Thank for taking your time in reading my review I just want to express my interest in this book

This book is a must read! It is by far the best book I have ever read. It is a true account of a man who has been repeatedly abused by the American justice system and by society. The descriptions of events and situations are painted so vividly that you can actually see them happening. The writing style is very similar to that of Martin Luther King, Jr. If you want to read a book that shows the struggle that black people (and other minorities) must endure everyday, then you should definitely read this book. It will make you laugh, it will make you cry, and it will make you want to get up and yell at somebody. And hopefully, it will make you want to be an activist. Read this book if you want to read about something REAL! Rubin Hurricane Carter and John Artis are heroes!

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