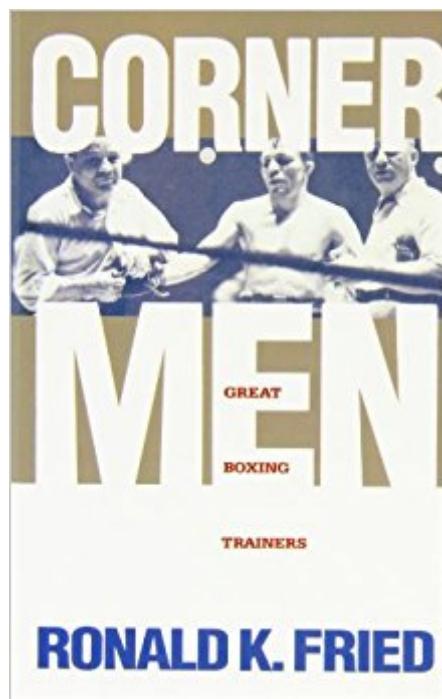


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# Corner Men: The Great Boxing Trainers



## Synopsis

The ultimate book on boxing trainers, the men who shaped the champions. Including profiles of Angelo Dundee, Ray Arcel, Whitey Bimstein, Al Silvani and many others, and a special chapter on the golden days of New York's notorious Stillman's Gym. A New York Times Notable Book of the Year (1991). Indexed, illustrated with black and white photos throughout. "Fried delivers an action-packed ten-rounder that ranks as a top contender for fans of the sweet science." -- Kirkus Reviews

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Forget the title! This is a "How To" book. How To Box, How To Win Fights, How To Lose Fights and, even, How To Watch Fights - but especially How To Write the Best-ever Boxing Book.

I'm a former sparring partner and trainer and I write about boxing with a special interest in its history and connection to literature. I thoroughly enjoyed Corner Men. Ron Fried did a heck of a lot of research and interviewing to produce this book, and the resulting read is both entertaining and informative. If you like to read about boxing and to learn about what goes on behind the scenes, Corner Men can't be beat. You'll get the inside scoop on some of the all-time greats, including Benny Leonard, Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, Jake LaMotta, Muhammad Ali, Roberto Duran, and other great champions. Their stories are told in the words of their trainers, Ray Arcel, Whitey Bimstien, Manny Seamon, Freddy Brown, Angelo Dundee and too many others to list. Fried also includes a great profile of Lou Stillman, the prickly gym owner who provided the perfect place

for many champions to train. Fried has gathered a ton of information for this book and has combined excerpts from newspaper and magazine stories with interviews with trainers, fighters, family and friends, and boxing experts like Bert Sugar. The editorial work it took to blend all of the sources into a highly-entertaining book are commendable. Along with profiles of many great champions and famous fight figures, Fried also includes fascinating short descriptions of lesser-known fighters worthy of recognition such as Charlie Burley. My trainer, the venerable Earnee Butler, who taught Larry Holmes how to box, is even mentioned briefly. Reading this book made me feel a closer connection to the names Earnee frequently referenced during our years together. I gained a much deeper understanding of the big picture of the fight world and how it operated from the 1920s through the 80s. This book is a must for any serious fan of boxing. I would definitely buy Volume II if Ron ever finds the time to produce it!

If you appreciate A. J. Liebling, then you'll be delighted by Fried's important book. He clearly has a great passion for his subject, and it comes through. He captures the lingo and the feel of an earlier era with precision and subtlety.

All the chapters in this book were captivating. Ronald Fried shows that the most interesting and knowledgeable people in boxing are the trainers. The chapters on Whitey Bimstein and Charley Goldman truly give a flavor of New York when Stillman's gym was still the epicenter of boxing.

Behind every great champion there is great corner men. I have had the privilege to meet some of these men, and appreciate the story from their view.

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