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Jack Johnson was a true Rebel.in another time&place he would have been more respected.this book does a good job reflecting on him.it's one of the few times that he gets actual repesct.a must read and he shouldn't be forgotten.

Learn all you want about the first black HW champion. From his early days in Galveston, TX to his domination of the Tommy Burns to win the championship, get the scoop from the man himself. This was originally published in 1927, so 20 years or so of his later life are missing. That doesn't take away from Mr. Johnson's excellent tome. The only caution you should observe is not to take everything written as the gospel truth. This reprint has footnotes by the editor to warn of any inconsitencies, so you will be fairly safe. A must read for any boxing fan.

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This book is an exact reprint of his autobiography which was first published in 1925. The language is an echo of his voice. The dialogue is sophisticated but not to the point of pretentiousness. I do not wish to spoil this text but this is one remarkable introspective as to a higher intelligent being understanding why he was misunderstood. Aside from not being bitter Jack Johnson taught me what humility does to the soul.

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