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Review

Donald McRae's newly updated *Dark Trade* remains a classic of sports writing—a vividly personal journey through the highly charged world of the professional fight game.

“Donald McRae, in thrall to a 30-year boxing addiction, has seen countless fights both minor and major in England and the United States, and is on friendly, even intimate, terms with a number of boxers and their associates. *Dark Trade* bears comparison with Thomas Hauser's *The Black Lights*...but *Dark Trade* is more picaresque in form, taking the reader ringside in vividly rendered, and in several cases graphically brutal, matches...McRae brings to the highly charged, obsessive world of professional boxing a novelist's eye and ear for revealing detail and convincingly recalled dialogue...Engaging, sympathetically rendered, emotionally direct...This is an impassioned book.” —Joyce Carol Oates, *Los Angeles Times*

About the Author

Donald McRae is the award-winning author of eight books. He is one of only two authors to have won the prestigious William Hill award twice, for *Dark Trade* and *In Black & White*. As a journalist he has twice won Sports Interviewer of the Year - as well as winning Sports Feature Writer of the Year. He lives in Hertfordshire.

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