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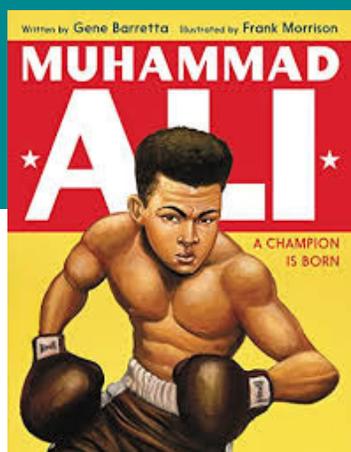
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Book Review

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Dependable

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Muhammad Ali was born as Cassius Clay. His historical career as a boxer began with a stolen bicycle when he was just a boy. When he was just 12 years old his brand new bicycle was stolen while he attended ?The Louisville Home Show?. He made a report about the stolen bike to Officer Joe Martin, who he found inside a boxing gym. Officer Martin inspired Cassius to be a boxer. Others laughed at his great ambition but Cassius worked hard, training every day after school with Officer Martin. When he was older Cassius began working with a second trainer as well, Fred Stone Muhammad Ali was born Cassius Clay. His historical career as a boxer began when his brand new bicycle was stolen when he was twelve. He made a report about the stolen bike to Officer Joe Martin, who he found inside a boxing gym. Officer Martin inspired Cassius to be a boxer. Others laughed at his great ambition but Cassius worked hard, training every day after school with Officer Martin. When he was older Cassius began working with a second trainer as well, Fred Stoner, who help him improve even more. He became the champion he had dreamed of being once he started fighting professionally. He famously won fifty-six out of sixty-one professional fights. He also became known as the “People’s Champion” because he fought for those peoples who were treated unfairly due to race or religion. Cassius Clay truly became a champion in more ways than one.

The timeline of this book becomes confusing when the opening pages portray Cassius Clay winning multiple professional fights and then quickly backpedal into his childhood. The book details how Cassius was trained to be a boxer but does not go on to give details about the fights he won. It simply describes him becoming a champion. In theory, all the fights mentioned in the beginning are supposed to be the ones featured by the book, but the order of events make it really difficult to connect those few opening pages with the following story of Cassius Clay. The book describes not only Cassius’s boxing career but also his life as an advocate for peoples discriminated against in that time. This book would be a valuable asset in a classroom to help students to understand more about the civil rights movement in general terms. r, who help him improve even more. He became the champion he had dreamed of being once he started fighting professionally. He famously won 56 out of 61 professional fights. He also became known as the ?People?s Champion?, because he fought for those peoples who were treated unfairly due to race and/or religion. Cassius Clay truly became a champion in more ways than one.