

YOUNG GRIFFO

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IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY, THE DANK STREETS OF SYDNEY WERE CONTROLLED BY PUSH GANGS...AND NO ONE PUSHED BACK...

The top of these gangs was the Greens push and they were led by a tough bare-knuckle fighter by the name of Larry Foley.

One of their pastimes was running illegal underground prize-fights. Mr Foley became a pioneer for the Marques of Queensbury rules fighting, later known as "boxing".

Larry trained many of the best boxers in Australia and some of the best in the world. In the 1880s Larry was introduced to a well-known street fighting kid called - Young Griffo. The kid, under Larry's training, became a true boxer and won the Australian boxing title, then one year later became the first Australian to win the World Title.

Promoters, crowds and the press were amazed by his speed and skill. Filled with confidence, Young Griffo headed for the states to tackle their best and found he had become extremely popular for his cleverness and entertaining way of boxing and winning.

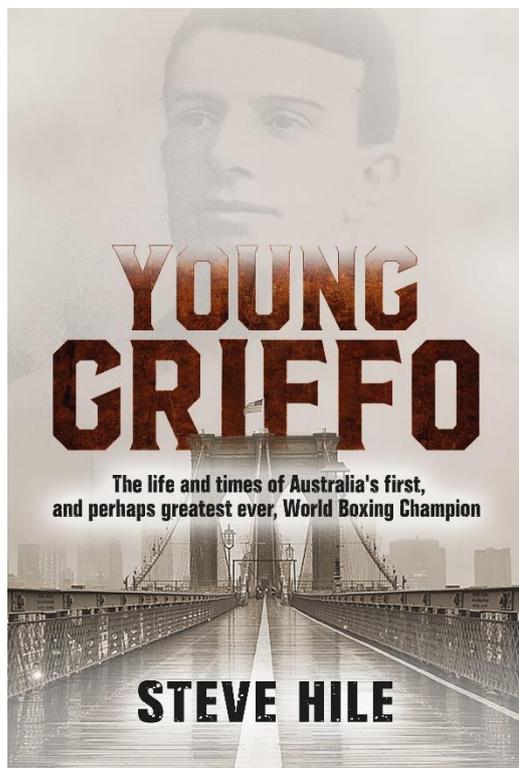
Years past, age progressed, and old boxing fans would often approach him with praises and most sports journalists rated him as one of the cleverest boxers to ever lace on a pair of gloves.

Young Griffo was a true legend of the sport, and you hold in your hands the story of how and why this vey legend came about...

AUTHOR BIO

Steve Hile has been interested in sports and writing most of his life and through the *Young Griffo* story, has been able to bring the two together. He has a diploma in sports journalism and after having published articles in newspapers, has now realized his passion in completing his first book.

Steve lives in western Sydney with his wife and three children and has always been involved in sports, both competing and following. His interest was sparked by this story of one of Australia's most incredible athletes and he is excited to share the first biography on Albert Griffiths, known as Young Griffo, to be written and published in Australia.



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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'YOUNG GRIFFO'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

I wrote this book to tell what I believe is an incredible story in Australian sporting history. I first heard about Young Griffo about 25 years ago whilst working at a club in the city of Sydney. Then years on, I started looking up more about him and was amazed by the stories, then was amazed even more to find out that no books were written about him in Australia.

HOW HAD YOU DECIDED ON THE BEST CHARACTERS FOR THE BOOK?

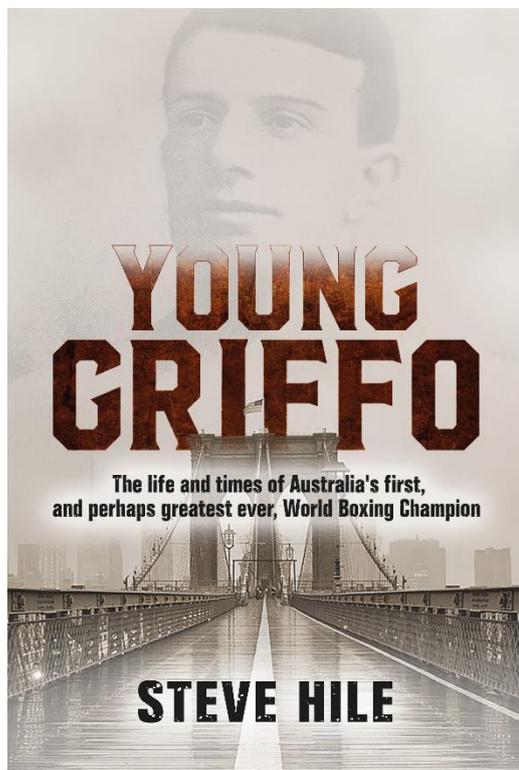
I included those that were closest to my subject's life.

WHAT RESEARCH DID YOU DO TO SUPPORT THE FACTS WITHIN YOUR TITLE?

I looked for information through Google, libraries, I purchased books and newspaper articles, and read whatever I could possibly find on him.

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR INFORMATION OR IDEAS FOR YOUR BOOKS?

I first got the idea from a man named Balmain John, about 25 years ago whilst working at a club in the city of Sydney.



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