



# MUHAMMAD ALI

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## Suggested Muhammad Ali Reading List for Adults

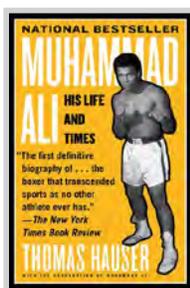
**Discover through this collection of books how Muhammad Ali, otherwise known as “The Greatest,” rose to incredible fame.**

These books will allow the reader to explore his widely celebrated achievements, as well as delve into an up-close personal history, guided by great authors. The film premieres September 19th 8/7c on PBS stations nationwide (check local listings). Visit [pbs.org/ali](https://pbs.org/ali) for more information.

### Muhammad Ali: His Life and Times

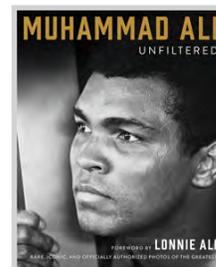
Thomas Hauser

Hauser captures the real Muhammad Ali through the words of those who knew him best. First-person accounts from more than 200 of Ali’s family members, opponents, friends, and world leaders provide a unique look at the man globally known as “The Greatest.” This candid portrait reveals a man who was deeply religious, mercurial, generous, and a showman in and out of the ring.



### Muhammad Ali Unfiltered: Rare, Iconic, and Officially Authorized Photos of the Greatest Muhammad Ali & Lonnie Ali

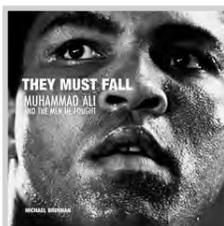
A striking visual narrative of Muhammad Ali’s life, this book uses the power of pictures to speak volumes. The collection contains rarely seen images, each a special moment in time and history. With each picture of Ali, a new side of him is revealed.



### They Must Fall: Muhammad Ali and the Men He Fought

Michael Brennan & Jimmy Breslin

This book is a collection of images and stories, focused on Ali’s most challenging and striking location: the ring. Award-winning photographer Michael Brennan reconnects with those Ali once fought, understanding how they carved out their own paths as athletes and career contemporaries among “The Greatest.” Every section of the book traces a different opponent, each with a careful focus.



### Muhammad Ali, Kinshasa 1974

Jean-David Morvan, Rafael Ortiz & Abbas

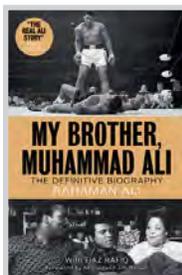
A graphic novel often captures a fascinating creative spin on the real world—as is the case with this recently published work. With a focus on the ‘Rumble in the Jungle’ match, the most famous fight of the 20th century, Ali comes alive in his match against George Forman in breathtaking photography and illustration.



## Suggested Muhammad Ali Reading List for Adults, continued

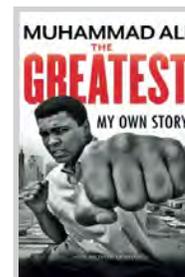
### **My Brother, Muhammad Ali: The Definitive Biography** Rahaman Ali & Fiaz Rafiq

Dedicated to Muhammad Ali by his loving brother, this book captures the awe in a sibling bond. Rahaman Ali chronicles the personal and public reverence Ali earned through being his authentic self. With an intimate connection to the champion, Ali's only sibling shares stories, as well as family scenes and dialogue, that heartwarmingly illustrate his rise to fame.



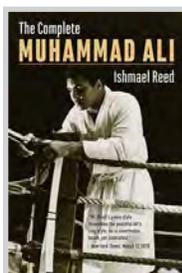
### **The Greatest: My Own Story** Muhammad Ali, Richard Durham & Toni Morrison

Perhaps the best author of Muhammad Ali's story is, ultimately, himself. This autobiography, from the perspective of the man who lived it, is an expression of pride over one's own history. While it begins with a fact-based chronology and professional fight record, the novel blossoms into a captivating discussion, all recorded by writer Richard Durham from the six years he spent alongside Ali.



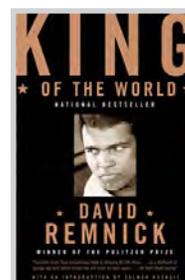
### **The Complete Muhammad Ali** Ishmael Reed

Reed discusses Ali with a unique addition of previously uncharted documentary material. He traces Ali's connection to the Nation of Islam, numerous feats in competitive boxing, and his undeniable trailblazing place in modern African American history. The biography is a crucial and nuanced portrait of the 20th and beginning of the 21st centuries. Don't miss the [PBS Books Author Talk](#) with Ishmael Reed and his daughter Tennessee!



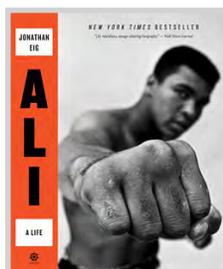
### **King of the World: Muhammad Ali and the Rise of an American Hero** David Remnick

This book showcases Ali, with a profound understanding of the context and landscape of the time when he both grew-up as Cassius Clay and rose to fame as Muhammad Ali. Remnick carefully traces crucial threads like race relations and sportsmanship, that made up the life of an American hero.



### **Ali: A Life** Jonathan Eig

Winner of The Times Sports Biography of The Year of 2018, this book is a tribute to one of the most iconic figures and fighters of the 20th century and American history. The biography shares Ali's narrative: intricately detailed, honest, and up-close. Ken Burns himself calls Eig a master storyteller.



### **The Fight** Norman Mailer

This book is about the primary boxing fight of the 20th century: that between Muhammad Ali and George Forman, two athletes with enormous talent, in 1974. The Fight in Kinshasa was a historic moment, charged with energy and strength from the fighters and the audience. Norman Mailer, a commentator at the time, and two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, narrates the tale to share with contemporary readers far and wide.

