

Sports Illustrated signed by Muhammad Ali

Date

1988

Primary Maker

Sports Illustrated

Medium

Paper

Description

<i>Sports Illustrated</i> from April 25, 1988 signed by Muhammad Ali. The cover features a black and white photograph of Ali's face with his signature in blue marker across his forehead. Inside is a story titled "Ali and His Entourage" telling the stories of the people Ali surrounded himself with during his boxing career. Muhammad Ali,

born Cassius Clay, (1942-2016) was considered one of the most important sports figures of the 20th century and is arguably the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time. In the ring, Ali often sought the spotlight with high profile matches against top opponents such as George Foreman, Sonny Liston, and Joe Frazier. He is the only three-time lineal heavyweight champion with a 56-5 professional boxing record. Outside the ring, Ali's beliefs as a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War saw him convicted of draft evasion. His anti-war stance earned him respect in the counterculture movement of the 1960s. His prominent status in the African American community also made him a leading figure in the civil rights movement. Ali's legacy transcends sports. His thoughts on social and personal responsibility make him one of the most influential Americans in modern history.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 x 8 1/2 x 1/2 in. (27.9 x 21.6 x 1.3 cm)