Bummy Davis vs. Murder, Inc.: The Rise and Fall of the Jewish Mafia and an Ill-Fated Prizefighter by Ron Ross

A Refresher For A 89 Year Old

tough kid with a heart of gold, Bummy grew up in the streets of Brownsville, New York on the fringes of the Jewish mob during the 20s and 30s-thanks to his older brother, a feared racketeer. But as much as he resisted the underworld of Murder, Inc. by becoming a championship fighter and a Brownsville hero, he never did escape the Jewish mobs shadow. Though he repeatedly stood up to mob kingpins like Abe Reles, Bummy suffered a spectacular fall from grace as a result of a smear campaign by the press. Capturing a unique place and time in history, Bummy Davis vs. Murder, Inc. redeems a tragic hero who fought the pull of one of the most brutal groups of killers to grace the twentieth century.

My Personal Review:
For anyone who loves a good story, written with wit, humor, and style, this book is for you. I couldn't put it down, and found something to chuckle about or a phrase to admire or an ironic comment I loved at least once on each page. I finished the book today (March 29, 2007) and did something I never did before (and I am 80 years old). I noted from the book jacket that the author divides his time between Oceanside, LI and Boca Raton, Fl, and even though it is 4 years since the book was written and the authors name is a relatively common one, I called information for his Boca Raton number and took a chance that it was the right Ron Ross. I left a message that if this Ron Ross was an author, would he please call me, and I left my number. A few hours later I received a call from Mr. Ross and we had a delightful conversation for 10 minutes or so. For me to have taken the time to locate Mr. Ross and call him is an example that actions speak louder than words. Believe my action and go out and buy, read, enjoy, and love the book. Its cheap enough, and you'll thank me, and more so, will thank Ron Ross.

Ed Gold
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