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The survivor of a difficult childhood and youth, Rubin Carter rose to become a top contender for the middleweight boxing crown. But his career crashed to a halt on May 26, 1967, when he and another man were found guilty of the murder of three white people in a New Jersey bar. While in prison, Carter chronicled the events that led him from the ring to three consecutive life sentences and 10 years in solitary confinement. His story was a cry for help to the public, an attempt to set the record straight and force a new trial. Bob Dylan wrote a classic anthem for Carter's struggle; and Joan Baez, Muhammad Ali, Roberta Flack, and thousands more took up the cause as well. Originally published in 1974, this account is an eye-opening examination of growing up black in America, problems in the United States prison system, and Carter's own battles.



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"When they come to list the greatest boxers, Hurrican's name isn't likely to pop up in the Top 10. But when they come to list the greatest figures of the 20th century, he'll be alone at the peak." "Boston Globe ""

"A shocking, savage and brilliant indictment of racial injustice and the inhumanity of the prison." "Globe and Mail""

"Carter's scorching and poetic autobiography." "Toronto Sun"" About the Author Rubin "Hurricane" Carter was released from prison in 1988. Former chair and CEO of Canada's Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted and, since 2005, CEO of Innocence International, Dr. Carter is the author of "Eye of the Hurricane: My Path from Darkness to Freedom." His life has been the subject of three books and a major motion picture, "The Hurricane, "starring Denzel Washington. The recipient of honorary doctor of law degrees from Griffith University, Australia, and York University, Toronto."

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