



Looking for a Fight: A Memoir

By Picket, Lynn Snowden

The Dial Press, 2000. Hardcover. Condition: New. No Jacket. 286 Pages. From Booklist: In 1995, fresh from an emotionally draining, angry divorce, Picket sought solace in the stark but physically seductive world of boxing. She did the running, the sit-ups, the speed bag, and the heavy bag. These days you'll see a scattering of women working out at legendary Gleason's gym, whose grungy appearance has given it a kind of chic in the eyes of many New York professionals. But Picket got in the ring at Gleason's and sparred with men. Though seldom did they unleash their full fury, she took a lot more punishment than she dished out. But the blows she did land were sweet indeed, and she earned the respect of the gym's serious fighters and trainers. Readers may initially pair this book with Julie Sekules' *The Boxer's Heart* [BKL S 1 00], another female-in-boxing memoir, but the books differ significantly. Sekules examines boxing from within and writes of its beauty and its obvious shortcomings. Picket utilizes the sport as a catalyst for self-examination. She felt her stature had been diminished by divorce, and she chose boxing as a unique venue to reassert her independence and reestablish...



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