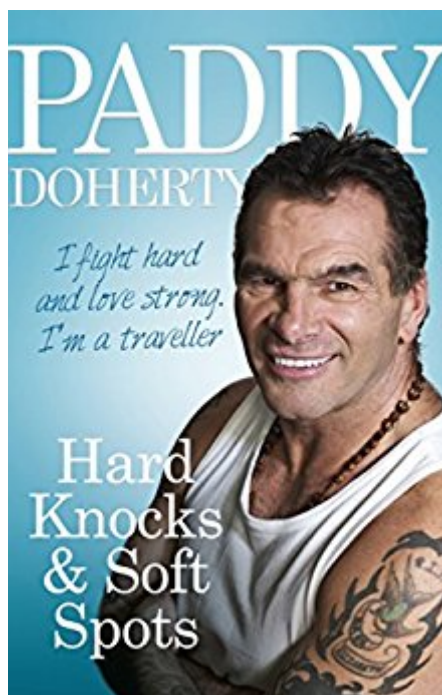




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Synopsis

'I fight hard and love strong. I'm a traveller.' Paddy Doherty loves his life as an Irish traveller, but as a child he felt like an outsider. He was different to his siblings. On the rare occasions he went to school, he was bullied for being a gypsy boy. And beyond the gates of the camp he found nothing but hostility. Slowly, Paddy's hurt turned into anger and by the age of 11 he had started out on an illustrious career in bare-knuckle fighting. This earned him a position as one of the most well-respected (and feared) men in the travelling community. Yet while he won countless contests in the ring, the real battles he faced were very much outside. In this deeply honest autobiography, he tells of how he has loved and lost five children; plummeted to seven stone while battling depression, drink and drugs. He describes how it feels to be shot point-blank in the head and the lengths he'll go to to protect his people, as well as life since *My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding* and *Big Brother*. Told with all the warmth and humour he is famed for, Paddy's rich and colourful story is one that will stay with you for a long time to come.

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I've always been fascinated by my Irish Traveller past, but when my great grandfather died- he took it all with him. Reading Paddy's story made me feel connected to my roots, and proud of who I am regardless of what others think. Great book, and a very good read- for the Traveller and the gorgier alike.

Great heart felt book. Amazing tale of perseverance and family

Fantastic book highly recommend

Great read about a great man! Paddy Doherty is a legend, an icon, and a role model. A well written book about a very interesting and awesome person.

Paddy Doherty has led an interesting, eventful, and sometimes tragic life. As an Irish Traveler, he grew up facing discrimination and turned to boxing and bare knuckle fighting as a controlled outlet for his anger. As he got older, he became a family man, but faced the tragedy of dealing with the loss of five of his children, including his first born son, Patrick. He deals with these stories and more in this refreshingly honest, not always easy to read, memoir that takes the reader up until the point of his winning Big Brother. My only knowledge of Paddy came from My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding, and I was unable to put this book down as I learned more about this fascinating man and the Traveler culture. This book is highly recommended for anyone interested in Travelers, or anyone who is looking to read a book about a remarkable life.

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