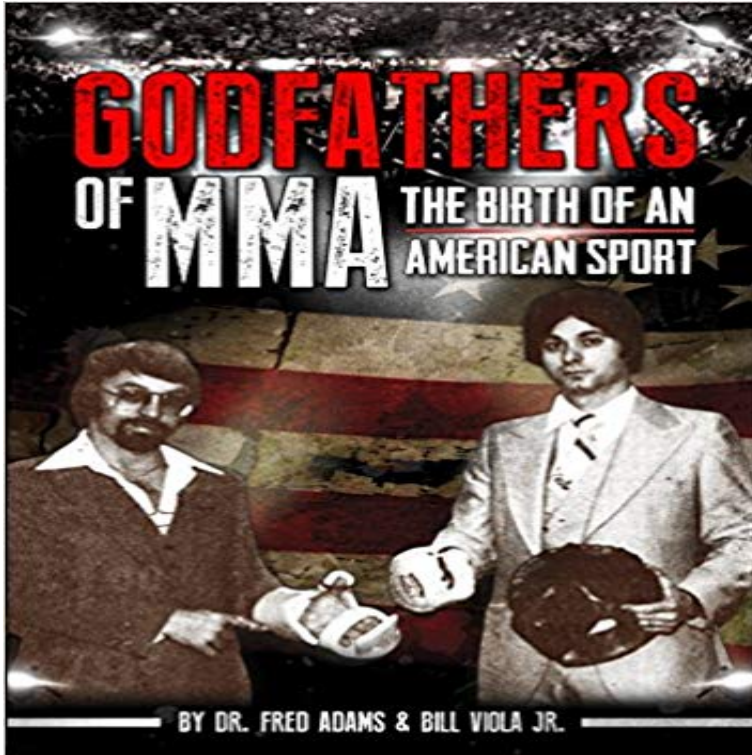


## Godfathers of MMA: The Birth of an American Sport



What do an NFL star, a United States Secret Service Agent, Sylvester Stallone's bodyguard, and Muhammad Ali's sparring partner all have in common? They were all characters cast in America's original anything goes reality fighting drama, an open call that led to the birth of a new sport MMA. Long before the Octagon was in vogue or Royce Gracie made his pay-per-view debut; decades before the UFC became a household brand and while the likes of Dana White were still in elementary school; two martial artists, Bill Viola and Frank Caliguri, set out to prove once and for all who the world's greatest fighter was by creating a radical new sport in 1979. *Godfathers of MMA* reveals the clandestine plot to subvert the first mixed martial arts revolution in American history, one poised to challenge boxing as the king of combat sports. Confounded by a freak accident (death in the ring) and widespread corruption, a massive struggle ensued over money, power, and respect between boxing's gentry and an upstart MMA company from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. CV (Caliguri and Viola) Productions ignited a bitter turf war with the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission that sparked a spectacular David and Goliath battle. The legendary story, buried for years by a compliant press and a complacent sports establishment, casts a wide net reeling in everyone from promoters to politicians to mobsters, all with ulterior motives; all with eyes on a billion dollar blueprint. It was utter madness: wild women, outlaws, pro-athletes, and all around Tough Guys turning the fight game upside down, long before it was labeled MMA. KDKA-TV dubbed the new sport, Organized, Legalized, Street fighting while the Philadelphia Journal proclaimed, No holds barred as Superfighters take over; headlines made thirty years before the UFC gained a mainstream audience. From boxing's Holy

Territory, the home of Rocky Balboa, to a bizarre connection with the Supreme Court that lead to the first legal precedent for MMA ever, Godfathers of MMA is a testosterone-laced whirlwind tale of what might have been told by the trailblazers who created it. Take a journey back in time to the Iron City and meet the fighters, the foes, and the visionaries who launched the first mixed martial arts league in history.

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