



bookshorts

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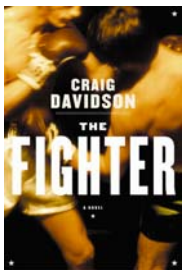
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BASED ON THE BOOK
The Fighter
Author, Craig Davidson
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THE FIGHTER

DRAMATIC BOOKSHORT BASED ON THE NOVEL BY CRAIG DAVIDSON

DIRECTED BY MARK HESSELINK

ABOUT THE FILM: THE FIGHTER is a story of violence, fear, and how men become men, a visceral drama of one man's violent awakening. Paul Harris has just been beaten up - badly. Voyeuristic by-standers gawk -- some entertained, some disgusted -- all fascinated. He painfully crawls to the safe haven of his parked car, abandoned to his fear and humiliation. As he gazes on his wrecked and disfigured face, he experiences a slow awakening. The random act of violence has defined for him a way out of his flabby body, his passive existence, an way of life that has pained him and in ways far worse than the beating. It's not defeat he sees, it's a spark.

ABOUT THE BOOK: Set in the violent world of illegal bare-knuckle boxing, *The Fighter* unflinchingly captures that world's colourful denizens, its bleakness, and its bracing and bloody violence. It is a reflection on fathers and sons and on the ultimate question of how a modern man makes his way in today's society.

FILM

THE FIGHTER – BROADCAST CUT (3:55)
THE FIGHTER – DIRECTOR CUT (6:15)

FEATURE

DECONSTRUCTING THE FIGHTER (7:00)
Interview with Director Mark Hesselink on the process of adapting the book to film, and shooting in St. John's Newfoundland.

FORMATS

BETA SP; MINI-DV, DVD-R/V, .MOV, .AVI, .ASF

SCREENINGS

Nickel Independent Film Festival, St. John's
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