

Lord of the ring



Director: David O Russell

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Melissa Leo

Mark Wahlberg plays boxer 'Irish' Micky Ward – the pride of Lowell, Massachusetts – who goes from being a punching bag for better boxers to eventually triumph in the ring despite his rocky upbringing as part of a sprawling, dysfunctional family including six sisters, an overbearing mother and an older half-brother whose own boxing career was cut short by drug addiction and imprisonment.

Based on a true story, The Fighter is a powerful biopic that features a great cast punching well above their weight, chief among them Christian Bale as Dicky Ecklund, Mickey's bug-eyed crack-addicted brother-cum-trainer.

## **The Fighter**

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The fight sequences are visceral and realistic. Russell puts you right in the ring – and Wahlberg has the moves and the physique to be credible as a determined, thinking fighter.

The Fighter is a rousing, captivating and heartfelt piece of work filled with heavyweight performances. It's a knockout!

**Genre:** Biography | Drama | Sport

**Age Restriction:** R

**Runtime:** 115 min