

Muhammad Ali book is a real heavyweight

WEIGHING in at 75 pounds, readers will need the strength of The Champ to lift this new book tracing six decades of Muhammad Ali's life.

Three exclusive copies of GOAT — Greatest of All Time — have arrived in Easons Bookstore on Middle Abbey Street with a price tag of €2,980.

There are only 10,000 copies of this gigantic book, which is personally signed by Muhammad Ali, available worldwide.

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The book, published by Taschen special publicists to the Vatican, compiles a rare collection of photographs, art and memorabilia about the champion boxer, much of which hasn't been published before.

Readers interested in browsing through its 792 pages have to wear a pair of white cotton gloves to protect

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the hundreds of precious contributions from the boxer, his family, friends and managers.

Measuring 55cm by 50cm, the book, which took four years to compile, comes with this health warning for its new owner: "Do not leave this book open for too long on the knees or it will injure the spine".

Eason's general manager Martin Black told the *Evening Herald*: "We have never seen a book like it before. It would be an ideal gift for the die hard fan. There are only six in total of these available in Ireland and we are lucky enough to be getting the other three later on this week.

"We are expecting these to sell out very quickly. One thing is for sure — you'll need a huge coffee table for this one."



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