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THE ST. PAUL PHANTOM

The Gibbons Brothers' Fight for Glory, Volume I

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AS THE TWENTIETH CENTURY ROARS TO LIFE,
EVERYONE HAS A DREAM,
SO EVERYONE HAS A FIGHT

From the hardscrabble immigrant neighborhoods of St. Paul's Frogtown to the bright lights of boxing's Golden Age, Irish-American brothers **Mike and Tommy Gibbons** rise from poverty and prejudice to become the legendary “Shining Knights of the Ring.”

Mentored by their priest, a local firefighter, a whipsmart sportswriter, and pioneering Black champions **Jack Johnson, Joe Gans, and Sam Langford**, they perfect a dazzling “scientific” style of boxing that captivates a rapidly changing America.

Mike and Tommy's journey carries them from famine-scarred Ireland and earthquake-ravaged San Francisco to Havana, Madison Square Garden, World War I, and the devastation of the 1918 influenza pandemic. Along the way, Mike wrestles with family loyalty, romance, Catholic faith, his father's bloody past with the Irish rebellion, and the demands of fame before returning to the ring for one final shot at redemption.

The brothers' world teems with larger-than-life figures, including **Harry Houdini, Theodore Roosevelt, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Nellie Bly, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Grantland Rice, and Damon Runyon**, while America itself hurtles into modernity through outlaw prizefighting, racial conflict, women's suffrage, and the birth of radio, cinema, and jazz.

Drawing on never-before-seen family archives and thousands of historical sources, award-winning filmmaker and Gibbons-family descendant **Dr. Gerard Gibbons** delivers a richly illustrated work of narrative nonfiction. *The St. Paul Phantom* launches the **Fight for Glory** saga—an epic of brotherhood, resilience, ambition, and the American Dream.



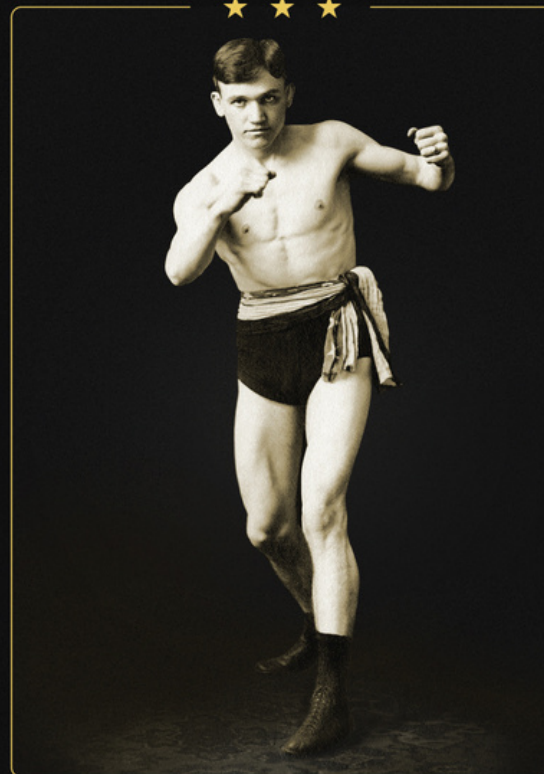
*They Fought to Be Champions.
They Became Heroes Instead.*

BY THE AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF *SHELBY 1923*

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AT A GLANCE

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“RECOMMENDED!

A sweeping, unforgettable
saga of courage, ambition,
and glory that illuminates the
American experience and the
common ground that binds
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“The kind of true story
Hollywood spends years
looking for.”

—Paul Tamasy, Oscar-nominated
writer/producer, *The Fighter*

“A HIGH-VELOCITY work of
narrative history, full of
heart, soul, and fury.”

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“LIVELY, WONDERFULLY
VIVID, TRULY ENGAGING...
A stirring story of siblings
against the world with expert
pacing and character
development.”

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“TIMELESS & POWERFUL!”

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producer, *Field of Dreams*

“BREATHTAKING &
CINEMATIC!”

—Biography.com

WHY THIS BOOK MATTERS NOW

America250 Context

As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, *The St. Paul Phantom* makes a meaningful contribution to our nation's storytelling effort by revisiting a formative moment when modern America—media-driven, celebrity-obsessed, racially divided, and commercially ruthless—first came into focus.

Cultural Reckoning

Immigration, race, class warfare, masculinity, women's rights, political unrest, global pandemic preparedness and response, wartime posture, and economic instability shaped early 20th-century America much as they shape our present moment.

Resurgence of Narrative History

Blending rigorous archival research with character-driven storytelling, the book speaks to renewed reader appetite for long-form American history that reads like a novel.

Sports as Social Mirror

Boxing becomes a lens for labor, violence, masculinity, athleticism, discipline, respect, resilience, media ethics, and fame—issues that resonate powerfully today.

A Human-Scale Epic

At its core is an intimate story of brotherhood, rivalry, competition, love, faith, unlikely friendships, lessons from failure, humility, and sacrifice that transcends sports.

Bridges the Past and Present

By illuminating how modern America was forged, *The St. Paul Phantom* helps readers better understand who we are, how we got here, and how we can rise to become something better.

BOOK LAUNCH & HOMECOMING

September 12–19, 2026

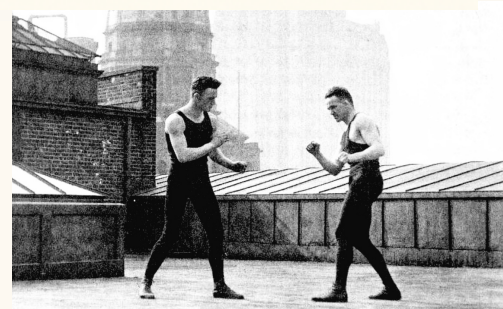
Author, historian, filmmaker, and Gibbons-family descendant Dr. Gerard Gibbons will launch *The St. Paul Phantom* with a week-long slate of special events, media opportunities, and interviews, returning to the Saintly City, where his family has lived nearly 150 years of stories. Don't miss your opportunity to help bring this extraordinary forgotten history back to life!

MEDIA + INTERVIEW TOPICS

- Boxing as the Birthplace of Modern Celebrity
- America's Outlaw Sport
- Forgotten Architects of the Ring
- Family Legacy and Historical Research
- Immigration, Faith, and Violence
- Golden Age Sportswriters as Mythmakers
- Brotherhood Under Pressure
- How Boxing Shaped American Masculinity
- The American Dream—and Its Cost
- Why Boxing History Explains America Better Than Politics

COMPARABLE TITLES

- *The Boys in the Boat* — Daniel James Brown
- *Seabiscuit* — Laura Hillenbrand
- *Friday Night Lights* — Buzz Bissinger
- *Unforgivable Blackness* — Geoffrey C. Ward
- *Cinderella Man* — Jeremy Schaap
- *Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe* — David Maraniss



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

BRINGING THE GIBBONS BROTHERS HOME TO MINNESOTA, WHERE THE FAMILY HAS LIVED NEARLY 150 YEARS OF STORIES



Dr. Gerard Gibbons is an author, historian, filmmaker, and descendant of the legendary Gibbons boxing family—the grandson of heavyweight contender Tommy Gibbons and great-nephew of Mike Gibbons.

His family fled County Mayo, Ireland's war and famine in 1884, making their new home on Burgess Street in St. Paul, with glory and gratitude to God and Archbishop John Ireland. For nearly 150 years, the Gibbons Clan have lived extraordinary stories of courage, sacrifice, faith, service, and heroism throughout the Saintly City, playing key roles at Great Northern Railway, St. Thomas Academy, St. Paul Athletic Club, 3M, YMCA, and more.

Drawing upon a century-old family archive and more than a decade of research in libraries, museums, galleries, historical collections, and newspaper repositories, including Minnesota's superlative resources, Dr. Gibbons has worked to recover the lost story of the Gibbons brothers and restore their place in American sports and cultural history. *The St. Paul Phantom* is the first installment of the *Fight for Glory* literary trilogy.

Before developing the *Fight for Glory* books and screen projects, Dr. Gibbons spent thirty years as an award-winning filmmaker, storyteller, and brand strategist through Visual Eyes Inc., working with NASA, Disney Imagineering, the U.S. Department of Defense, Special Operations Command, DARPA, the Military Health System, and more.

His live presentations combine historical scholarship, family connection, rare imagery, cinematic storytelling, humor, and a deeply human perspective.

DR. GIBBONS IS COMING HOME TO ST. PAUL SEPTEMBER 12-19, 2026.
INVITE HIM TO SHARE FORGOTTEN STORIES OF ST. PAUL AND HIS LEGENDARY FAMILY WITH YOU!



THE GIBBONS BROTHERS
Mike and Tommy

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