

Biography: F.X. Toole

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F.X. Toole is the pen name of boxing trainer **Jerry Boyd** (1930 & mdash; September 2, 2002). He is most noted for writing the collection of short stories "Rope Burns: Stories from the Corner", two of which were adapted for the screen in the movie, "Million Dollar Baby" in 2004.

"Rope Burns: Stories from the Corner" is dedicated to Dub Huntley, the man who introduced Boyd to boxing, and many of the characters and events related in the book are from Dub Huntley's life and experience. Huntley trained Boyd to box when Boyd was in his 40's and the two became friends during that time. Immediately before his death, Boyd was acting as a cutman and assistant trainer to Huntley with female professional boxer Juli Crockett, whom Huntley told Sports Illustrated in an interview was the basis for the characterization of the character, Maggie Fitzgerald, in "Million Dollar Baby".