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You have a small period of time when you can perfect your career and become good at it. A lot of guys get distracted, which only hurts them. You must stay focused and work very hard at boxing.

~Gerry Cooney

Boxing was not the sport that I thought is was due to all the politics.

~Gerry Cooney

I was a small kid from Huntington, Long Island. I never imagined that anything like that would happen to me.

~Gerry Cooney

You take that walk from the dressing room to the ring and that's when the real man comes out. Then you climb up those four stairs and into the ring. Then finally, you can't wait for the bell to ring.

~Gerry Cooney

I lost three times in my career. Losing to Holmes I could deal with, because I lost to a true champion.

~Gerry Cooney

All of the sports have a safety net, but boxing is the only sport that has none.

~Gerry Cooney

Muhammad Ali was the kind of guy you either loved or hated, but you wanted to see him. I happen to really love him. He brought boxing to another level and always made you laugh.

~Gerry Cooney

Roberto Duran was the kind of guy who was a true fighter and you hardly see guys like that anymore.

~Gerry Cooney

By the time you're 30 years old, you can be on a nowhere street, if you're not careful.

~Gerry Cooney

I am seeing all the guys, like Earnie Shavers, Tex Cobb, and Larry Holmes all the time.

~Gerry Cooney

The only regret I have in my career, is my managers wanted a big payday, and I wanted four or five more fights before going in with [Larry] Holmes. That would have made all the difference.

~Gerry Cooney

Like I say, boxing was on the floor, but it got back up.

~Gerry Cooney

Today I have a great life. I have three kids and a beautiful wife. I play golf every day. I give to charities. I'm in a lucky position.

~Gerry Cooney

[Michael Spinks] didn't belong in the same ring as me, but I wasn't taking good care of myself because of drink and he beat me.

~Gerry Cooney

I am a fight fan. I think boxing had its problems and kind of fell away for a while, but it's coming back strong.

~Gerry Cooney

With the Klitschkos, though, unless someone comes around, they can stay where they are forever! The heavyweight division is lackluster, and it will be until someone comes along who can test them.

~Gerry Cooney

I like the Klitschko boys, I think they're in a class of their own. I like

Manny Pacquiao. All the super-middleweights are great.

~Gerry Cooney

I was a left hooker, and I loved hooking. I also really liked to jab and mix it up right away.

~Gerry Cooney

I am involved in minor league baseball. I go around the country speaking to troubled youths, trying to help them understand that whatever path they choose, they'll need to really pay attention to it.

~Gerry Cooney

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