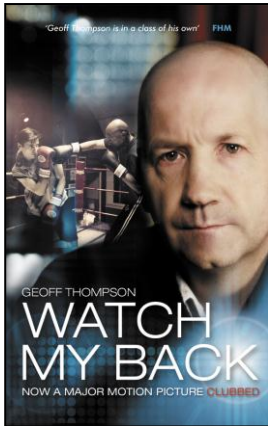


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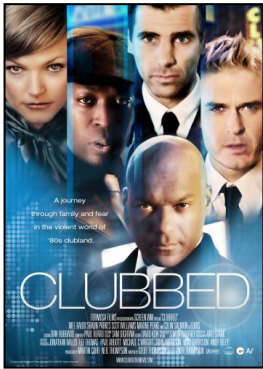
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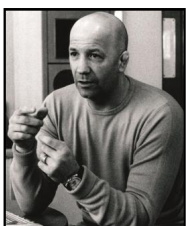
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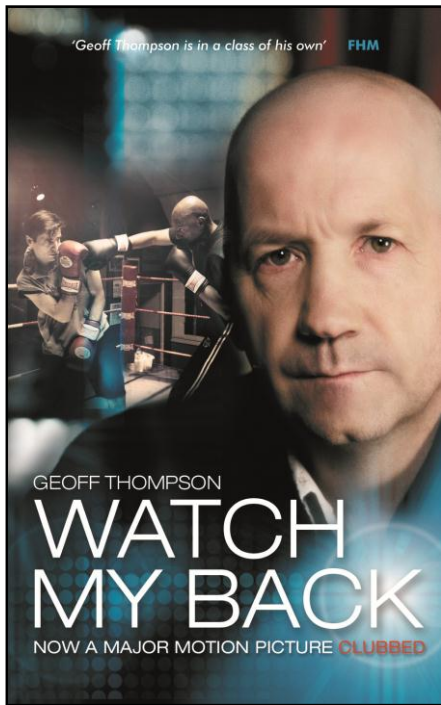


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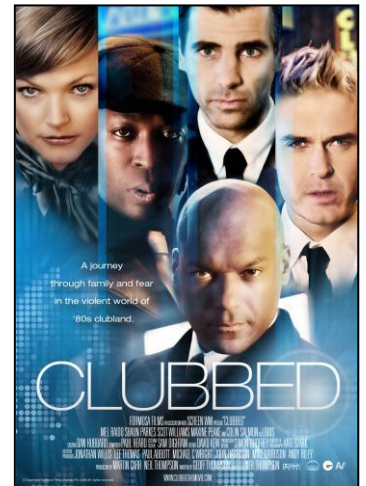
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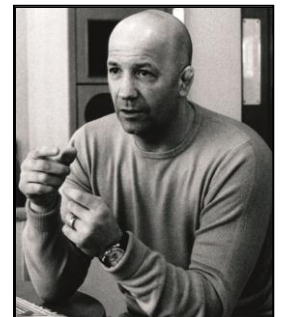
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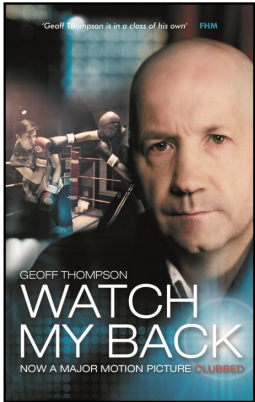
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Geoff Thompson's background

Writer, teacher and martial arts guru Geoff Thompson was born in Coventry in 1960. Growing up in the tough economic climate of the 1970s and 1980s. Bullied and victimised in his youth, Geoff sought to defend himself and turned to the martial arts for help – in particular, karate and Kung Fu.



After his teenage years, Geoff started to work on nightclub doors during the evening, and had day jobs that included factory worker and pizza delivery man. His stints on the door taught him new techniques, and he soon realised that what he had learned in the martial arts was inadequate in the tight spaces of a nightclub. Those techniques were only adequate for self-defence.

Mentored by some of the toughest doormen in Coventry, Geoff began to take what he had learned from martial arts and mixed it with new-found techniques from the world of boxing, kick boxing, Muay Thai and Greco-Roman, Judo and Free-style wrestling.

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Geoff had always wanted to become a writer, but 'the fear' always kept him in his place. But, after one of his doormen colleagues was killed in a horrific attack and realising he was becoming addicted to the lawless and violent life of a bouncer, he decided to finally turn his life around. He decided to fight back. **WATCH MY BACK** is his story.

Details of Geoff Thompson's other books, eBooks & DVDs are enclosed.



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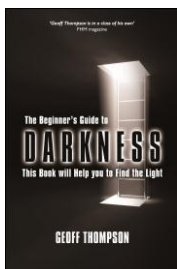
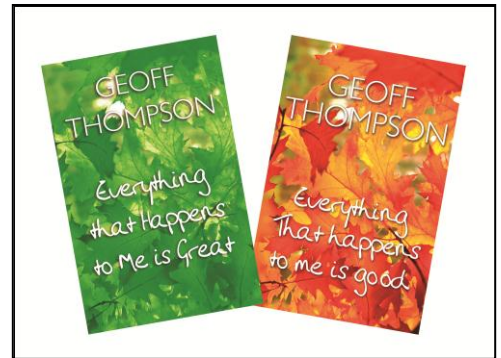
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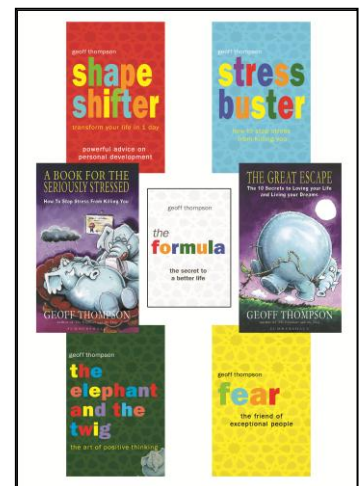
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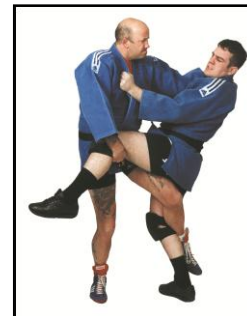
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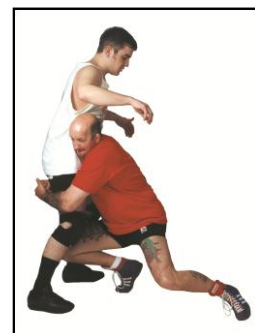
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