

“The Race of the Century”

“*The Race of the Century*” is written along the lines of “*Gangs of New York*” and “*Chariots of Fire*”. The story is about the hugely popular, but brutal, worldwide Victorian spectator sport of ‘Pedestrianism’, its promoters, spectators and, especially, its competitors, who were the ‘rock stars’ of their day. The sport’s most famous and thoroughly eccentric personality, the American, Edward Payson Weston, sails to New York, from England, to defend his belt and try to win back the love of his fellow citizens. But would his strategy work and would his worldwide army of devoted fans eventually win any money on the race favorite who claims he’s “unbeatable”? Will he start well and how will he and those who have backed him and promoted the race react within Madison Square Garden and around the world, if he doesn’t? The ‘*Cambridge Wonder*’, ‘*Black Dan*’ the ‘*Sheffield Flyer*’, the ‘*Steamboat*’ and the ‘*Buffalo Postman*’, amongst others, have other ideas about winning and are determined to beat the ‘*Wily Wobbler*’. So, who will win and will, amongst others, a three-foot midget, a notorious Cincinnati gambler, a beautiful Swedish opera singer and a Jack Russell terrier have any influence on the result?

With comical twists and turns at every step, “*The Race of the Century*” will appeal to a worldwide audience of all ages.

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List of Characters...

From left to right: *Edward Payson Weston*; *P.T. Barnum + Tom Thumb*; *Sir John Astley*; *Charlie Rowell*; *George Littlewood*; *Daniel O’Leary*; *Frank Hart*; *Christina Nilsson*; *John Ennis*; *George Hazael*; *Napoleon Campana*; *George Noremac*; *Charles Harriman*; *Peter Panchot*; *Eph Holland*; ‘*Skip*’; *The Prince of Wales*; *Lily Langtry*; *US President, R.B. Hayes*.