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Controversy Creates Cash Phoenix Books Incorporated

Throughout the years, there may have been equally charismatic performers, comparable athletes, and even better interviews, but none were blessed with the same combination of talents to manage to stay on top for over three decades. To wrestling

fans, the Nature Boy is a platinum-blond deity, a sixteen-time world champion who accurately boasted that he could have a five-star match with a broom. No matter how limited the opponent, Flair had the skill and determination to bounce all over the mat, transforming his rival into a star. When the camera light went on, "Slick Ric" could convince viewers that, if they missed an upcoming match, a momentous life experience would pass them by. Flair's opponents were challenged with this simple taunt: "To be the man, you have to beat the man." Away from the arena, Richard Morgan Fliehr spent years struggling with his own concept of what it meant to be a

man. He suffered periods of crushing self-doubt, marital strife and—in a profession where there was room for only one Ric Flair—broken friendships. *Ric Flair: To Be the Man*, cowritten with Keith Elliot Greenberg, chronicles the anguish and exhilaration of Flair's life and career—in painfully honest detail. In addition to his own words, Flair's story is enriched by anecdotes from ring greats like Superstar Billy Graham, Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat, Harley Race, Sgt. Slaughter, David Crockett, Arn Anderson, Bobby "The Brain" Heenan, "Mean" Gene Okerlund, Shawn Michaels, Triple H, Undertaker and Brock Lesnar. *To Be the Man* traces the rise

of one of wrestling's most enduring superstars to the pinnacle of the sports entertainment universe, and is a must-read for every wrestling fan.

Crazy Like a Fox M. Evans

Bischoff, one of the most controversial figures in the world of wrestling, takes a no-holds-barred look at his career and life. He discusses what he did right as WCW president--and what failed--as he helped shape the sports entertainment industry into the billion-dollar business it is today.

My Life in the WWE and Beyond Simon and Schuster

A walk-through wrestling history, starting with the founding fathers such as Ed "Strangler" Lewis and the incomparable Lou Thesz, to modern-day masters such as Daniel Bryan and Kurt Angle. *The Wrestlers' Wrestlers* spotlights elite performers and analyzes exactly what made them your favorite wrestler's favorite wrestlers. Authors Dan Murphy and Brian Young interviewed more than 40 in-ring veterans, historians, referees, and promoters to get a unique insider's look at the people who have

made a lasting impact on the world of professional wrestling. It offers a special peek "behind the curtain" and a rare look into the top stars' thoughts on their peers, their influences, and their personal favorites. *The Wrestlers' Wrestlers* is a history of professional wrestling but also a tribute to the frequently misunderstood art itself. Featuring stars of the 1920s to today, this essential read deserves a prominent spot on the bookcase of every fan and historian.

Remembering More of the World's Greatest Professional Wrestlers Simon and Schuster

Winner of the 2017 Wrestling Observer Award for Best Wrestling Book.

"Outstanding" - Stone Cold Steve Austin
"The best biography ever done on a wrestler" - Dave Meltzer, Wrestling Observer
"May very well be the most compelling pro wrestling biography in the history of the genre" - Alex Marvez, Sporting News
"Transcends wrestling bios" - Mike Johnson, PWInsider.com
"The research that this author went into...it's unbelievable. I can't recommend this book

enough" - John Pollock, POST Wrestling
"*****" - John Lister, Cinemazine
An alpha male with a beta body, looking to thrive in worlds where beta males with alpha bodies are the primary requirement. He was a complex paradox, a walking contradiction. He lived more in 35 years than most do in a lifetime, the product of an arduous infancy. His overachievement is awe-inspiring. Tales of his conflicts and conquests became the stuff of legend. His borderline genius and tragic demise made him an icon shrouded in mystique. He was Brian Pillman, and two decades later the most comprehensive look at one of professional wrestling's most fascinating stories has been compiled. Discover unheard details of his upbringing, the incredible story behind chasing an NFL roster spot and his introduction to pro wrestling in the crazy Stampede circuit. Revel at his trials and tribulations in WCW and the WWF, walking the fine line between the cusp of superstardom and political turmoil. Reflect in the most detailed, inside breakdown of his Loose Cannon gambit ever produced, the scam that turned him into the talk of the business,

before fatally drowning in personal tragedy and addiction. With exclusive interviews with some of Brian's closest friends and family, *Crazy Like A Fox* is a must-read for Pillman fans, and a breathtaking look at the bizarre world of wrestling to boot...

Death of the Territories Triumph Books

Delivering an inside account of one of wrestling's most famous fighters, this autobiography offers a rare chance to learn about Joe "Animal" Laurinaitis's life both inside and outside the ring. Revealing riveting stories about his participation in the 1980s and 1990s superstar wrestling team the Road Warriors, it recounts memorable fights with his partner Mike "Hawk" Hegstrand. He describes how he and Mike rose to become a revolutionary tag team—reinventing themselves with spiky accessories and wearing face paint before it was popular—and chronicles famous rivalries, movement between different wrestling associations, and dealing with Mike's longtime struggle with drugs and alcohol. He also invites fans into his personal life and discusses his family and newfound Christian faith. Featuring stories of incredible physical feats and deep-felt companionship, this testimony will help fans relive the glory days of a wrestling legacy.

Adam Copeland On Edge ECW Press

It's been a decade since *The Monday Night War* waged between the WWF and WCW generated unprecedented and astronomical ratings, and the landscape of "the sport of kings" has changed

radically. But one thing remains constant: the fans chanting "Fire Russo!" can still be heard at TV tapings and pay - per - view events across North America. And Vince Russo, the man who has at times been called "the most hated man in professional wrestling" wouldn't have it any other way. In his first book, *Forgiven*, Vince Russo delivered a modern - day parable about the price of success. In heartbreaking detail, he showed how a "godforsaken business" and the desire for acclaim in his career as a writer for Vince McMahon's WWF led him into a spiritual wasteland. Today, a changed Russo has returned to prominence in wrestling - a world he both loves and that has, he acknowledges, broken his heart - as one of the writers and masterminds behind TNA, the world's fastest - growing and most cutting - edge wrestling promotion. For two hours every Thursday, Russo's ideas and words revolutionize wrestling on Spike TV; but what he achieves on Impact! on a weekly basis has been many years in the making. He's been known as both the saviour of the WWF and the man who destroyed WCW, and *Rope Opera: How WCW Killed Vince Russo* is the true, behind - the - scenes story of, quite simply, the rise and fall and rebirth of professional wrestling. Many have tried to explain the inner workings of wrestling's most turbulent era - but this is the first time someone in the centre of the maelstrom has ever laid

everything bare. In returning to the page to take readers from the death of WCW to the rise of TNA, Vince Russo has crafted his most remarkable storyline: that a grown man can come to terms with, and find peace within, the insanity of the squared circle.

The Death of WCW : Wrestlecrap and Figure Four Weekly The Death of WCW

From the host of the critically acclaimed pro wrestling podcast *Straight Shoot*, this graphic novel history of wrestling features the key grapplers, matches, and promotions that shaped this beloved sport and form of entertainment. As a pop culture phenomenon, professional wrestling--with its heroic babyfaces and villainous heels performing suplexes and powerbombs in pursuit of championship gold--has conquered audiences in the United States and around the world. Now, writer/podcaster Aubrey Sitterson and illustrator Chris Moreno form a graphic novel tag team to present wrestling's complete illustrated history. Featuring legendary wrestlers like Bruno Sammartino, Hulk Hogan, and The Rock, and modern-day favorites like John Cena, Kenny Omega, and Sasha Banks, the book covers wrestling's progress from the carnival days of the Gold Dust Trio to the dominance of the WWF/WWE to today's diverse independent wrestling scene, and it spotlights wrestling's reach

into Mexico/Puerto Rico (lucha libre), the U.K. (all-in), and Japan (puroresu).

Wrestlers are Like Seagulls Simon and Schuster

He's called the human highlight reel of professional wrestling. His high-flying acrobatics have thrilled fans on every continent. He's been crowned champion of the world's greatest wrestling promotions, from Mexico to the U.S. But he's never revealed the inside story of who he is. Until now. Wrestling fans know him as Rey Mysterio, an American luchador of unparalleled talent, the ultimate proof that good things come in small packages. Now for the first time, Rey adds the personal side to the story:

- How he had to fight to get a tryout in the ring
- Who he was before Rey Misterio Jr. -- and even before Colibri, usually noted as his first identity
- What it was like to wrestle in Mexico -- from the bullrings to the riots
- How he fought plans for his unmasking in WCW -- and why he wishes he hadn't succeeded
- The inside story of the 619, the West Coast Pop, and his other signature moves
- The impact of Eddie Guerrero on his career in WWE
- The personal struggle that cost him ring time

in 2008 but ultimately made him a stronger man

- His real passion in life as husband and father

In *Rey Mysterio: Behind the Mask*, Rey talks candidly about his twenty-plus-year career, from the days of sneaking into bars as a fourteen-year-old to his most recent showdowns in WWE. He speaks of the emotional moments in the ring with his uncle Rey Misterio, and the dark days when he went under the knife to repair his damaged knee. Along the way, Mysterio introduces American audiences to the mysteries of lucha libre, the high-flying, anything-goes Mexican wrestling style that he has done so much to popularize in the U.S. He also talks about the debts he owes to wrestlers such as Konnan, known as the Mexican Hulk Hogan, and dishes some behind-the-scenes dirt on the collapse of WCW at the height of the Monday Night Wars. Mysterio talks tenderly -- but realistically -- of his friend Eddie Guerrero, providing a well-rounded picture of one of the most beloved wrestling figures of recent history. He also details his march toward the Heavyweight Championship, and his mastery of the WWE Triple Crown -- a feat that placed him in an elite group for all time. *Behind the Mask* is the intimate portrait

of one of wrestling's all-time greats, a story wrestling fans of all ages won't want to miss. *Slobberknocker* Grand Central Publishing
The Death of WCWE C W Press
Danger, Death, and the Rush of Wrestling ECW Press
From legendary wrestling announcer Jim Ross, this candid, colorful memoir about the inner workings of the WWE and the personal crises he weathered at the height of his career is "a must-read for wrestling fans" (Charleston Post Courier). If you've caught a televised wrestling match anytime in the past thirty years, you've probably heard Jim Ross's throaty Oklahoma twang. The beloved longtime announcer of the WWE "has been a driving force behind a generation of wrestling fans" (Mark Cuban), and he's not slowing down, having signed on as the announcer of the starry new wrestling venture All Elite Wrestling. In this follow-up to his bestselling memoir *Slobberknocker*, he dishes out about not only his long career, which includes nurturing global stars like Stone Cold Steve Austin, The Rock, and John Cena, but also about his challenges of aging and disability, his split from collaborator Vince McMahon, and the

sudden death of his beloved wife, Jan. The result is a gruff, endearing, and remarkably human-scale portrait, set against the larger than life backdrop of professional wrestling. Ross ' s ascent in WWE mirrors the rise of professional wrestling itself from a DIY sideshow to a billion-dollar business. Under the Black Hat traces all the highs and lows of that wild ride, in which Jim served not only as on-air commentator, but talent manager, payroll master, and even occasional in-ring foil to threats like Paul " Triple H " Levesque and Undertaker. While his role brought him riches and exposure he had never dreamed of, he chafed against the strictures of a fickle corporate culture and what he saw as a narrow vision of what makes great wrestlers—and great story lines. When suddenly stricken with Bell ' s palsy, a form of facial paralysis that makes it impossible to smile, he started down his greatest fear—being cast out of the announcing booth for good. Picking up where Slobberknocker left off and ending on the cusp of a new career in a reimagined industry, Under the Black Hat is the triumphant tale of a country boy who made it to the top, took a few knocks, and stuck around—just where his fans like

him. Not only being one of the greatest wrestlers of the WWE, Ross is also " a master storyteller, and this book is the perfect forum for his forty years ' worth of tales " (Chris Jericho, former WWE champion).

My Real Life in the Cartoon World of Wrestling
ReadHowYouWant

Wrestling journalist Keith examines the career and death of professional wrestler Chris Benoit and the infamous Hart Family Curse affecting all the alumnae of the Stampede Wrestling franchise. 8 pages of color photos.

Ring of Hell Simon and Schuster

One of the most inspiring stories in wrestling history, *Cheating Death, Stealing Life* sees Eddie Guerrero recount his saga in remarkably candid fashion, chronicling a life of heartbreaks and painful personal struggles in frank, graphic detail. Guerrero was born into Mexico's first family of sports entertainment, and his life story spans three generations of the wrestling business. His father, Gory Guerrero, was among the greatest legends of lucha libre—Mexican wrestling. Before Eddie was twenty, he was competing in the border town of Juarez, going on to work throughout Mexico. The family name made him an instant sensation

but also cast a large shadow from which he would spend years trying to emerge. Paired with the late Art Barr, Guerrero cofounded what became the most hated—and popular—tag team in lucha libre, the infamous Los Gringos Locos. *Cheating Death, Stealing Life* offers a no-holds-barred glimpse behind the curtain into the secret world of wrestling, from the harsh realities of a lifetime spent in hotels and rental cars, to the politics that permeate the dressing room. Of course, tight-knit friendships are also forged. Guerrero tells of his personal bonds with such Superstars as Chris Benoit and Dean Malenko. It's also the story of Guerrero's private struggle, of a son caught in the shadow of a larger-than-life father and three older brothers, of a marriage that reached the brink of disintegration before being reborn as a more powerful and fulfilling relationship. Throughout, Eddie Guerrero pulls no punches describing his battles with self-doubt and inner darkness. In the end, *Cheating Death, Stealing Life* is a story of great courage and personal redemption, of Guerrero's bravery in facing his disease and fighting to become a better man in every light.

Death of WCW, The ECW Press

What went wrong with WCW? In 1997, World Championship Wrestling was on top. It was the number-one pro wrestling company in the world, and the highest-rated show on cable television. Each week, fans tuned in to Monday Nitro, flocked to sold-out arenas, and carried home truckloads of WCW merchandise. Sting, Bill Goldberg, and the New World Order were household names. Superstars like Dennis Rodman and KISS jumped on the WCW bandwagon. It seemed the company could do no wrong. But by 2001, however, everything had bottomed out. The company--having lost a whopping 95% of its audience--was sold for next to nothing to Vince McMahon and World Wrestling Entertainment. WCW was laid to rest. How could the company lose its audience so quickly? Who was responsible for shows so horrible that fans fled in horror? What the hell happened to cause the death of one of the largest wrestling companies in the world? The Death of World Championship Wrestling is the first book to take readers through a detailed dissection of WCW's downfall.

Death Clutch Simon and Schuster
Owen's wife Martha, tells the story of their

life together from the days as high school sweethearts, through Owen's rise to fame in the WWF.

From McMahon to McMahon Sports Publishing LLC

The Wrestling Biography You 've Been Waiting For! There are few people who have been in the wrestling business longer than Jim Ross. And those who have made it as long as he has (half a century to be exact) probably made enemies or burned bridges. But that 's just not JR.

Slobberknocker is the story of how an Oklahoman farm kid, with a vivid imagination and seemingly unattainable dreams, became " The Voice of Wrestling " to record TV audiences and millions of fans around the world.

Jim opens up about his life as an only child on a working farm, who became obsessed with professional wrestling having first saw it on his grandparent 's TV. Even though the wrestling business was notoriously secretive and wary of " outsiders, " he somehow got a foot in the door to start a historic career, one where he held almost every job in the business?from putting up the ring to calling matches, from driving his blind, drunk boss towards revenge, to consoling two naked 600 pound brothers in the shower room after a rough match. With all those adventures and responsibilities, he 's also recognized as the man who built and nurtured a

once-in-a-generation talent roster that took the WWE to new heights, including " Stone Cold " Steve Austin, Brock Lesnar, and The Rock to name a few. Readers will finally get the opportunity to hear never-before-told stories about the politics, wackiness, and personalities of all the biggest stars. But this isn 't just a wrestling story. It 's a story about overcoming adversity and achieving your dreams, as success did not come without significant costs and unforeseen challenges to JR, including multiple bouts of severe facial paralysis called Bell 's Palsy. Currently the host of the podcast The Ross Report, any fan of wrestling?from the territory days to today?will be enthralled with stories from the road and behind the scenes. Slobberknocker is the first time Ross tells his story?and you don 't want to miss it!

The Extremely Unauthorized Story of ECW Skyhorse Publishing Inc.

Offering candid and detailed accounts of bona fide wrestling legends and a Foreword by Bret Hart, "Tributes II" takes its place among the most important books ever written on the world of pro wrestling.

Broken Harts ECW Press

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Undisputed ECW Press

A rare glimpse not only into the life of a professional wrestler, but the life of a gay man in a straight world, this tragic memoir is told in Chris Canyon's own words, with the help of journalist Ryan Clark. One of the most popular wrestlers of the late 1990s, Canyon kept his personal life private from his fans until finally revealing his biggest secret in 2004: he was gay. Going through the various roles that Canyon played, both in the ring and out of it, as well as his battle with manic depression, this book explores the factors that led to his suicide in 2010. In his voice and the

way he wanted it told, these are Canyon's last words about his experience rising through the ranks to the top of the professional wrestling world while keeping his sexuality hidden.

The True Story of Chris and Nancy Benoit Medallion Media Group

Examines the ethical practices of the professional wrestling industry, using wrestler Chris Benoit's murder-suicide case as an example of the industry's hidden scandals.

The Road Warriors: Danger, Death and the Rush of Wrestling Grand Central Publishing

An expose of the notorious Extreme Championship Wrestling—a must-read for all wrestling fans.