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[The Very Worst of Professional Wrestling](#) The Death of WCW

"Before I became a professional wrestler, everyone told me "You're gonna hurt yourself." They were right. But it was worth it. Live the reality of professional wrestling; the real stories, real failures and real characters I met as I failed my way to the top. It's completely unbelievable. And I couldn't make it up."- Ben Nelson This book is a collection of short stories and the authors story of his struggle to reach the top in professional wrestling. It is hilarious, heartbreaking, and honest in showing what the life of a wrestler is

really like. * * * * * "The wrestling world is very different from most other aspects of life. Ben has encapsulated the likes of wrestlers, and other shenanigans, perfectly." Tyson Kidd "Any book with a Romeo Adams chapter I have to buy."- Eric Young "Worst Doink Ever."- Sinn Bodhi

My Real Life in the Cartoon World of Wrestling Phoenix Books Incorporated

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 American cable TV. But by 2001, 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. How could the company lose its audience so quickly? Who was responsible for shows so bad that fans fled in horror? The Death of WCW is the first book to take readers through a detailed dissection of WCW's dramatic

downfall.

100 Things WWE Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die ECW Press

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "Entertaining . . . an insightful and funny observer of pro wrestling's universe." - Publishers Weekly In this insightful, riveting book, Jericho takes us into WWE wrestling arenas around the world as he details his classic rivalries with The Rock, Steve Austin, HHH, Shawn Michaels, and John Cena, along with all the politics and backstage machinations he faced outside the ring. Chris recounts his hilarious escapades of breaking in with the Hollywood elite via doomed auditions, short-lived reality shows, made-for-television movies, and red-carpet interviewing fiascos. Jam packed with CJ's trademark self-effacing humor, one-of-a-kind writing style, and ridiculous random encounters with everyone from Arnold Schwarzenegger, Axl Rose, and Wayne Gretzky to Paul McCartney, and Howard Stern, UNDISPUTED is one of a rare breed—a sequel that might be better than the original.

From McMahon to McMahon Citadel Press

For decades, distinct professional wrestling territories thrived across North America. Each regionally based promotion operated individually and offered a brand of localized wrestling that greatly appealed to area fans. Promoters routinely coordinated with associates in surrounding regions, and the cooperation displayed by members of the National Wrestling Alliance made it easy for wrestlers to traverse the landscape with the utmost freedom. Dozens of territories flourished between the 1950s and late '70s. But by the early 1980s, the growth of cable television had put new outside pressures on promoters. An enterprising third-generation

entrepreneur who believed cable was his opportunity to take his promotion national soon capitalized on the situation. A host of novel ideas and the will to take chances gave Vincent Kennedy McMahon an incredible advantage. McMahon waged war on the territories and raided the NWA and AWA of their top talent. By creating WrestleMania, jumping into the pay-per-view field, and expanding across North America, McMahon changed professional wrestling forever. Providing never-before-revealed information, *Death of the Territories* is a must-read for fans yearning to understand how McMahon outlasted his rivals and established the industry's first national promotion. At the same time, it offers a comprehensive look at the promoters who opposed McMahon, focusing on their noteworthy power plays and embarrassing mistakes.

How Dr. Death Became Dr. Life Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

The "baddest man on the planet," undisputed, three-time WWE Champion and current UFC World Heavyweight Champion, Brock Lesner, shares his true personal story of determination, domination, and survival in *Death Clutch*. A raw, no-holds-barred memoir from one of the most popular—and polarizing—figures in sports entertainment and professional mixed martial arts, *Death Clutch* is an essential volume for every WWE and Ultimate Fighting fan.

My Story of Determination, Domination, and Survival Simon and Schuster

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.

Wrestling with the Devil Grand Central Publishing

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.

Rope Opera ECW Press

Lex Luger, wrestling megasensation and three-time world heavyweight champion, ruled the ring for years as "The Total Package." Whether he was making a dramatic entrance from a helicopter, defeating champ Hulk Hogan, or sculpting a near-perfect physique, Lex was on top of his game. Yet backstage, he was wrestling with addictions to sex, drugs, and alcohol—things he clung to even when his mistress died suddenly of a drug overdose and Lex went to jail. There, Lex faced the truth: he was losing the fight for his life. And still awaiting him was his

most brutal opponent yet, when the wrestling champ found himself helplessly paralyzed from the neck down. In *Wrestling with the Devil*, Lex Luger reveals never-before-told stories from his career, his struggle with personal demons, and how, through unexpected faith, grace, and redemption, he overcame all odds to fight the only battle that really matters.

Slobberknocker Penguin

As history repeats itself, a wrestling classic becomes even more relevant. 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. 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. What went wrong? This expanded and updated version of the bestselling *Death of WCW* takes readers through a detailed dissection of WCW's downfall, including even more commentary from the men who were there and serves as an object lesson - and dire warning - as WWE and TNA hurtle toward the 15th anniversary of WCW's demise.

Daily Struggles of Small Time Wrestlers Tiller Press

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

Rey Mysterio Skyhorse Publishing Inc.

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.

Under the Black Hat ECW Press

WrestleCrap: The Very Worst of Professional Wrestling examines some of the ridiculously horrible characters and storylines that pro wrestling promoters have subjected their fans to over the past twenty years. Why would any sane person think that having two grown men fight over a turkey was actually a reasonable idea? Was George Ringo, the Wrestling Beatle, really the best gimmick that a major promotional organization could come up with? And who would charge fans to watch a wrestler named the Gobbeldy Gooker emerge from an egg? In an attempt to answer such questions and figure out just what the promoters were thinking, authors Randy Baer and R.D. Reynolds go beyond what wrestling fans saw on the screen and delve into the mindset of those in the production booth. In some instances, the motivations driving the spectacle prove even more laughable than what was actually seen in the ring. Covering such entertainment catastrophes as an evil one-eyed midget and a wrestler from the mystical land of Oz, not to mention the utterly comprehensible Turkey-on-a-Pole match (a gimmick which AWA fans might recall), *WrestleCrap* is hysterically merciless in its evaluation of such organizations as the WCW and the WWF. This retrospective look at the wrestling world's misguided attempts to attract viewers will leave wrestling fans and critics alike in stitches.

NITRO: the Incredible Rise and Inevitable Collapse of Ted Turner's WCW Sports Publishing LLC

The Death of WCW ECW Press

The Comic Book Story of Professional Wrestling Simon and Schuster

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.

The Death of WCW Triumph Books

A breakthrough examination of the professional wrestling, its history, its fans, and its wider cultural impact *The Squared Circle* grows out of David Shoemaker's writing for *Deadspin*, where he started the column "Dead Wrestler of the Week" (which boasts more than 1 million page views)—a feature on the many wrestling superstars who died too young because of the abuse they subject their bodies to—and his writing for *Grantland*, where he covers the pro wrestling world, and its place in the pop culture mainstream. Shoemaker's sportswriting has since struck a nerve with generations of wrestling fans who—like him—grew up worshipping a sport often derided as "fake" in the wider culture. To them, these professional wrestling superstars are not just heroes but an emotional outlet and the lens through which they learned to see the world. Starting in the early 1900s and exploring the path of pro wrestling in America through the present day, *The Squared Circle* is the first book to acknowledge both the sport's broader significance and wrestling fans' keen intellect and sense of irony. Divided into eras, each section offers a snapshot of the wrestling world, profiles some of the period's preeminent wrestlers, and the sport's influence on our broader culture. Through the brawling, bombast, and bloodletting, Shoemaker argues that pro wrestling can teach us about the nature of performance, audience, and, yes, art. Full of unknown history, humor, and self-deprecating reminiscence—but also offering a compelling look at the sport's rightful place in pop culture—*The Squared Circle* is the book that legions of wrestling fans have been waiting for. In it, Shoemaker teaches us to look past the spandex and body slams to see an art form that can explain the world.

Tributes II ECW Press

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!

Crazy Like a Fox ECW Press

Chris Jericho is the first undisputed Heavyweight Champion of the WWE and WCW, and has been called one of the fifty greatest wrestlers of all time. Now retired, he is writing his memoir, telling the story of his journey from wrestling school in Canada to his time in leagues in Mexico and Japan to his big break in the WCW.

He’ll dish the dirt on how he worked his way through the ranks alongside major wrestling stars like Chris Benoit and Lance Storm to become a major superstar.

The Eddie Guerrero Story Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

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.

Around the World in Spandex 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).

Ric Flair: To Be the Man E C W Press

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...