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The complete story of the most successful wrestler of them all; In the late 1970s Terry Bollea was part of a rock band playing smoky, low-key bars. Few would imagine that twenty years later the man who became known as Hulk Hogan would stand as arguably the most successful wrestler of all time, a man whose name is synonymous with the WWE. And along the way he's found time to make his mark as a movie star as well... Since he first fought as an amateur way back in 1978, Hulk Hogan has won seven World Titles, and in those early years of the 1980s he did more than any other single wrestler to bring the WWE to the massive international audience it enjoys today. In his time he has been both hero and villain, and in the 1990s he took the decision to turn his talents to Hollywood. For the next five years he devoted himself to roles both in film and on TV and subsequently became the star of his own animated series. In 1994 he returned to the ring, becoming WCW World Heavyweight Champion, before retiring for a second time at the end of 1999. Now set once more to make a sensational return to the WWE arena, Hulk Hogan tells his inspirational story, from his earliest years in the ring through th

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From Reader Review Hollywood Hulk Hogan for online ebook

Bobby Toskey says

This book is bad, but it isn't the worst wrestling book I've read. If you can forget the fact that 99% of it is bullshit, there are some interesting stories.

Nick says

Back in 2004, when Hulkamania was still sweeping the nation, it swept over me. The spirit caught me and I fell down.

I read this nominally non-fiction book for a class on non-fiction book writing. This book on wrestling was supposed to give me a feel for the non-fiction book proposal I was writing on wrestling. And, I have to say that, although it did not help much in that regard, it was a lot of fun to read. I love wrestling.

Hollywood Hulk Hogan was trotted out to cash in on Hogan's rebirth as a member of the WWE or the WCW or whatever. It contains a basic retelling of Hogan's life, and there are some nominal concessions to his fallibility, i.e. "gee, I really regret doing steroids," and "gee, I really regret lying about it, too."

There were good parts - I enjoyed hearing about his banged up knees, about his famous matches, about his sweating in restaurants while on the juice. And while this slightly human Hulkster comes off sounding like a shallow simpleton, that's OK. He's learned to accept himself, and so too should we.

Noah Bourdeu says

As a kid growing up, one of my childhood heroes was Hulk Hogan. He was a larger than life figure, and unlike many athletes, he was had a HUGE positive impact on many children's lives. I know that some might complain that his later steroid use controversy might have tainted his reputation, but to each his own.

I enjoyed reading about Hulk Hogan (Terry Bollea) Terry's younger days and how much he struggled to find a way into professional wrestling. I was impressed at how determined he was, not only in his wrestling career, but also with his acting and music. He seem to be passionate about so many things and always gave 110% effort in each of his endeavors.

It was also great to hear behind the scenes tells from the locker room of the WWE and WWF. His relationship with other wrestlers and especially that of WWE CEO Vince McMahon's is highlighted.

I highly enjoyed this book, I would love to read it again and research some of the wrestlers and matches that Terry mentions in the book.

Nikky3 says

I was all about Hulk in my youth. but as a "sister" I kinda resent being called "brother" for the whole book. I feel like most of these reviews, it could have been a much better read with some more Terry in it and less Hulk.

Matt Y says

In this story Hollywood Hulk Hogan you learn about the famous wrestler Hulk Hogan. In the beginning he tells you about his older brother. He tells you how he was always in fights, and how his dad was a very hard working man. Then he goes into how overweight he was. Then he he see the awesome thing on t.v. now as wrestling. After that he says he stopped watching it in high school. Then he found a band to play in he became pretty rich. HE was able to buy to cars brand new, but no girl wanted to date him. But then he went and saw a wrestling show that came to town, right away that is what he wanted to do. So a couple days after he went and quit his band. He then wanted to get a trainer. the fist match he broke his leg. But he did not give up! He trained and became a tiny big hulk. then they saw him and got he in wrestling. He worked his way up the ladder of fame. Then they found out he was doing drugs. He stop wrestling and went to movies. When he was making a movie he saw Rick Flair and was convinced to go back to wrestling. Then he starts to fight.

I am relating this story to the story holes. Because they both start at the bottom. Then they work as hard as they could, and went up the ladder to success. Then they both live good for a while. Then it goes down hill when they make some bad choices. But then they hop back on the road to success. And it goes back to the way it should be.

I would recommend to any fan of wrestling. You learn more info about wrestling an Hollywood Hulk Hogan. then you really respect how these wrestler do their job. But in this book you also learn about a lot of other wrestlers. You learn very much about his family. But if you really love wrestling then I recommend this book to you.

Ron says

Reverenddave says

I think this is an oral history. its like listening to Hulk Hogan talk to you. Every third sentence ends in "brother" or "let me tell you brother". Like the Hulkster himself its brilliantly over the top and as complex as a kids book

David says

Excellent book. I read this book a few years ago, but just found this site. Great account of Hogan's story from childhood to his days in the ring with the WWE/WWF

David Bowles says

This book certainly was not one of the best books that I have read, not even one of the best wrestling books that I have picked up. Nevertheless, Hulk Hogan has been a wrestling icon who I grew up watching from the mid-eighties and it was interesting hearing from him and his experiences from his perspective.

It glossed over many things and the writing style was a bit basic, it was a light read. The reason I gave it 4 stars instead of 3 was because I was so interested in the subject matter rather than how well it was written. For any 80's wrestling fan, it would be an interesting if unchallenging read!

Andy Carrington says

Overhyped "wrestler" and one hell of a twat outside the ring (not to mention, RACIST).

Oh, and he says "BROTHER" quite a lot.

Matt Murphy says

Typical Hogan B.S. A dishonest autobiography and a complete waste of paper. It's too bad Hogan couldn't transform back into Terry Bollea long enough to write this, because he was a pop-culture icon who would have a great story to tell if he'd tell it right.

Scotty Wirth says

This is a good book that explains a lot about the well known WWE/WWF wrestler and what struggles in his life and how you can be as successful as a wrestler like him. This book tells you information like how he got his start, what was his motivation, and etc. I would recommend anybody that likes to learn about history of the unknown.

Tyrus Wong says

From Golden Sterling to Thunderlips to the man who forever changed pro-wrestling, the Incredible Hulk Hogan!

I've had the honor of meeting Terry Bollea twice back in his amazing AWA days and let me tell you something, brother...those were the best of the best days because every show was electric! Denver's Auditorium Arena was about blown off its foundation! There was never the excitement when Terry would

take on Nick Bockwinkle and Bobby The Brain Heenan, and the rest of the Heenan family (Bobby Duncum and BlackJack Lanza)...wild times! And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, Terry would tag team with the only true legend and largest in life, the 8th Wonder of the World, Andre The Giant Rousimoff!

This account recalls these amazing times as well as Terry's unbelievable run in the WWF; kicked off by Verne Gagne's AWA refusing to drop the AWA title to Terry...what a different world we could have lived in if they had decided the other way...redefining pro-wrestling is not something new because the sport has been able to do that for over fifty years.

What Terry Bollea did was put the most recognizable face on it by being that larger than life character, the perfect look and energy for the role of Champion that millions upon millions of fans could follow...there have been phenomenal performers that's for sure but no one carried the flag or ever will like Terry did.

"...watcha gonna do brother..." is a phrase that will live forever just like "Wooooooooo!" and these are really the only two phrases in pro-wrestling that will live forever!

Luke Koran says

Everyone knows Hulk Hogan. The icon of the professional wrestling scene in the 1980s through the late '90s, the Hulkster put both himself, his aura of "Hulkamania", and the WWF into the national mainstream for the first time. Even the younger generation of wrestling fans who grew up in the late 1990s and 2000s know of Hulk Hogan through his occasional appearances on WWE and reality TV shows (and sadly, in recent years, of his divorce, leaked sex tape, and racial controversy). However, reading this autobiography doesn't really give the average fan anything truly new or in-depth into either Hulk Hogan, or the man behind the character, Terry Bollea.

As one of those '90s babies that I referenced to earlier, I grew up with Hulk Hogan, though usually seeing him live once in a blue moon at a Wrestlemania or in his last full year of active wrestling in 2003. Otherwise, I relied on what popular culture and WWE documentaries fed to me about Hulk Hogan. And I learned a lot. However, when I saw that Hogan had two autobiographies, I thought I would try expanding my understanding of this man a little bit more than just short videos. After reading this books' reviews, I knew to not expect a world-class, detailed autobiography. And for the most part, these limited expectations were met, if not exceeded. Hulk Hogan's life from childhood through the early 2000s is nicely laid out here, all in one place for a casual WWE fan to enjoy. I learned so much about Hogan's early years, both in the wrestling industry and his high school career. His two stints with the WWF and relationship with both Vince McMahon Sr. and Jr. are nicely highlighted. His reflection on his personal life and the toll the wrestling profession has on a marriage is mentioned throughout, though he seemed a bit too hopeful considering his family soon came crashing down following his retirement.

But even with my toned-down expectations, there were still disappointments. Once he began to write about his many years as a full-time wrestler, from regional promotions in the southeastern U.S. to Japan to WWF, he never really talked about any specific matches. You never hear what it was like to wrestle in that ring against other legends like Paul Orndorff, The Ultimate Warrior, or Randy Savage. Hogan is more likely to talk about one or two of his close friends outside the ring, notably Andre the Giant. And even then, he mentions time and again that the '80s blended together in his mind. Hogan can hardly recall the vaguest details... they are simply lost to time, now. His time with WCW is even more condensed. Besides his initial inclusion into the NWO, his long run in WWE's main competition is heavily ignored. As this book was

published under the WWE label, I can understand that they wish the focus to be on his 10+ years in their promotion. But I didn't learn anything about Hogan's time in WCW. To get even a decent look at that perspective, you have to read Eric Bischoff's "Controversy for Cash" autobiography. That should not be the norm for your own autobiography, being forced to read somebody else's book just to learn about your life.

I gave this autobiography 4 stars because yes, I indeed liked it enough that it wasn't just "okay / average" but it wasn't a MUST MUST MUST - READ. However, you must remember this: it's about and from the very MOUTH of Hulk Hogan, for Pete's Sake! So, yes, I would encourage all of you to read it, though check it out from your library rather than reluctantly purchasing it like I did. Also, his 2009 autobiography "My Life Outside the Ring," borrows PLENTY of the wrestling material while focusing his story around his family and the sad decline both he, his wife, and two kids suffered in the late 2000s. However, in this book which is not associated with WWE publishing, his outlook on life is incredible for a man in his state of mind. I highly recommend that you read that book, as well (though you could get away with JUST reading that book).

Will says

Were you aware that Hogan/Andre was the draw for the Shea Stadium show that had the Bruno/Zbyszko cage match? No? Then you have a brain. Unlike Hulk Hogan.

And yes he really makes that claim in this book.

Shayla says

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Review for Hollywood Hulk Hogan

By Shayla Ericksud

This book was mainly talking about Hulk Hogan's life before he got into wrestling and after which is associated with sports. He was talking in first person because he was talking about his experience getting into WWE. If you think about it the genre would be sports autobiography.

My personal experience with this book was good because I love WWE wrestling superstars. Even though Hulk Hogan isn't my favorite I still enjoyed this novel. I mainly love it because it talks about WWE.

When I was reading this book, I thought of Hulk Hogan as a beast because the way he wrestled. To be fair that is why his first name is Hulk Hogan. Reading this book was like eating ice cream to fast and getting a brain freeze. I say that because it was cold how this guy he met at a bar was mean to him for no reason.

I would recommend this book to whoever likes WWE as much as I do. Well I suppose people who don't watch wrestling would like this book to, but it all depends on what you like or dislike.

In Hollywood Hulk Hogan, one of the themes is never give up. In fact, that is true you don't get anywhere in life if you quit. Think all of the people who quit and they don't do anything.

I would rate this book a 5 out of 5 because everyone who knows me knows I Love WWE. I have been only watching it for 3 years though. So, everyone knows I'm obsessed with it.

As I was saying before I loved this book, If I ever want to read a book like this book I just have to talk to my uncle Travis because he has like 20 books because he collects them. Well actually he collects only older wrestlers not the newer ones. I collect the newer ones other than Roman Reigns because I dislike him.

All this stuff I talked about I think people will really like this book even if you like WWE or not. I think people who love WWE will love it more because you would understand it more because you know

everything about it. Actually, it would depend on what you like and dislike.

I love wrestling so much that I'm reading one now named Foley is Good by Mick Foley which is also an autobiography they all are. I think that Dean Ambrose should write a book. I just love wrestling and autobiography's.

There are a lot of books I have to read that are written by Chris Jericho and Daniel Bryan which probably will take me a long time to read if I decide to read slow so I can enjoy it, which I enjoy all the books I read. From all the stuff I have been talking about, I think people will really enjoy this book no matter if you like wrestling or not so much. It just depends on what you like and dislike pretty much.

Victor Orozco says

Good book though slightly flawed. Hogan truly has too much of an ego and it shows in his writing. This man elevated multiple wrestling companies to great success, yet he leaves out that he was culpable in some of their weakest moments. Nevertheless he is an amazing entertainer and worthy of praise. B+.

Joe Juarez says

I have to say that despite the problems he's facing right now over his racial comments during the summer, Hulk Hogan gives himself credit into making professional wrestling what it is today.

There comes a time where in the 1980's pro-wrestling fans assumed that Hogan was the man; and truthfully from merchandising, endorsement deals, movies, and creating a counterculture between sports and entertainment, he deserved to be the man. However, nowadays, it's a whole different story.

With names like John Cena, The Rock, Triple-H, and Brock Lesnar, sports entertainment continues to evolve. But despite how people feel about him now, Hulk Hogan is still a pioneer.

John Cress says

An ok book for a wrestling fan but nothing really shocking or eye opening which came out shortly after the Wrestlemania match with Hulk vs the Rock. One could definitely tell that Hulk had a ghost writer as many portions read as a promo. I enjoyed the book and I read a few pages here and there until I was done.

David says

This book would have been a lot better if he had written it as Terry Bollea instead of in character as "Hulk Hogan." I got tired of reading "brother" after about every 2nd or 3rd sentence ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE BOOK. I had to FORCE myself to finish it.
