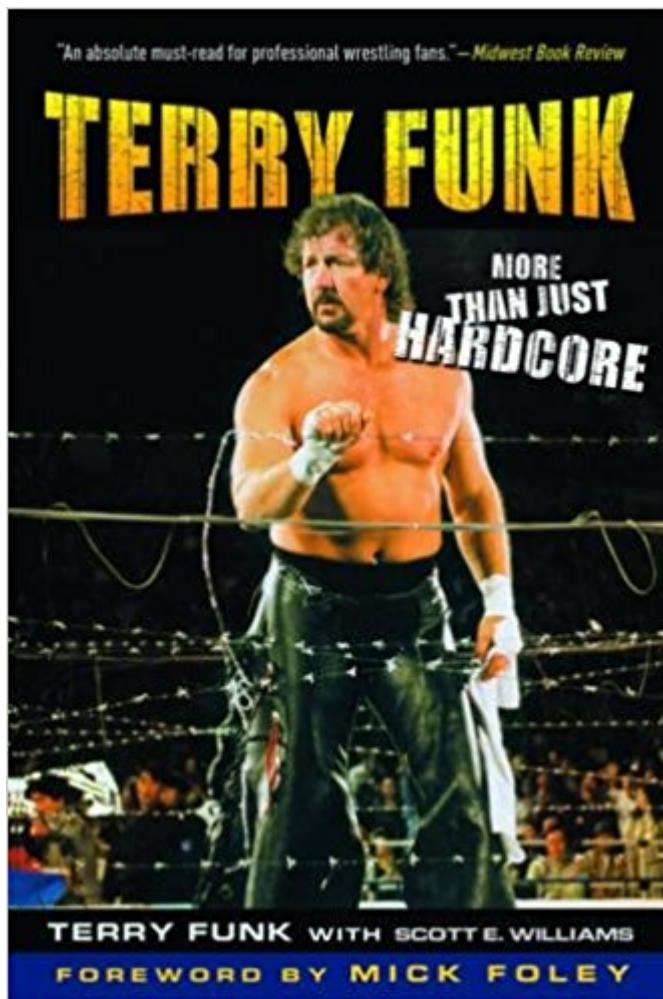


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Terry Funk: More Than Just Hardcore



Synopsis

He's been a fixture in professional wrestling for five decades. He helped introduce a hardcore wrestling style that you see in the WWE and Japan today. He's made his mark in Hollywood. He's Terry Funk, and this is his story. In this captivating look at the life of a living legend, Funk opens up about growing up in a wrestling family, working with various entertainment companies (including the ECW, WWE, and WWF), and so much more.

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Terry Funk has spent his entire life in the wrestling business and became one of the most influential figures in the history of wrestling. He lives in Amarillo, Texas. Scott E. Williams is an award-winning wrestling columnist and criminal-justice reporter. In addition to authoring *Hardcore History*, *Terry Funk: More Than Just Hardcore*, and *The Cowboy and the Cross: The Bill Watts Story*, Williams has been a fan of professional wrestling for over twenty years. He now lives in Galveston, Texas. Mick Foley is an American wrestler, commentator, and executive. He lives in East Setauket, New York.

Growing up a wrestling fan in Texas panhandle in the 70's, I was excited to see this book. I was looking forward to hearing Terry's stories of wrestling days in Amarillo. He didn't really do much, but I did enjoy the parts where he did. He talks about wrestlers "getting over" in the business. I think it is safe to say the Funks were over in the panhandle. I can remember the night Jr lost the title to Harley Race. We were sitting at home watching TV. The station we were watching actually ran a

crawler stating that Jr. had lost the belt! I have hated Harley Race ever since! I also discovered that it was fun to read about his matches and then find them on you tube and watch. I didnt find all of them but I found a lot. I never liked seeing him as a heel even in the latter years because he was always a hero to me as a kid. I enjoyed hearing his stories of being on the road and the crazy things he and the others did. I also appreciated his thoughts on why the WWE won the "wrestling wars" against WCW. I never could understand how that happened as I thought WCW was a much better product. This book explains it very well. It was a good read for someone that has enjoyed wrestling for years. Wrestling lost something to me when it became sports entertainment. Terry's book gave me a pretty good idea of why by explaining what wrestlers had to do to be successful in the business before as opposed to after the change. Wrestling today lacks of the characters from the old days. I recommend this book to anyone who has been a wrestling fan for many years, not just since Hulk Hogan hit the scene.

This book has it all. Terry Funk not only comes across as funny and likable but he also gives a crash course on pretty much the entire history of the wrestling business. He also responds to Ric Flairs jab at Mick Foley in his book (glorified stuntman). Instead of just ripping into Flair which he certainly could have done, he actually goes into what made Foley great. His chapter on the art of the promo is required reading. He is also brutally honest about what went wrong in ECW and WCW although he avoids blaming Hulk Hogan which is understandable because they're friends. Overall I really enjoyed this book

This book is a gem of Pro-Wrestling's history, a must read and a collector's items. The beginning of the ECW told by Terry, who was fundamental for the group to take off, is rich and insightful. This book also gives us interesting insights into Japan's wrestling circuits, not easy to find in any other book. I like very much his final reflections about the future of Pro-Wrestling and also on MMA, some of what Terry envisioned back in 2005, we are currently witnessing already, which only proves how much knowledge Terry grasped in his outstanding wrestling career .

All I can say is Terry Funk is one crazy dude. I knew that he acted crazy in the ring, but I didn't think he acted the same way in person. He is the real McCoy, there is no lying here folks, this is the real Terry Funk telling the readers about his wrestling career and how he got started. He also talks about some famous matches he did and comments on them as well. Great book full of stories of his time

in wcw, ecw, wwf, and more promotions as well.

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I saw this book for a while and finally got around to reading it. Its what you would expect from Funk. It's kind of all over the board, but it is very interesting if you are into wrestling from the 80's right up to the classic days of ECW. I saw Funk referred to as a madman in several other wrestling books and he truly does not let the reader down on this one. He has some great stories, on par with Classy Freddy Blassie's book. It holds your attention and the length is perfect. He does not get into the blood and gore that you would have expected, but he really does not need to. He gives an entertaining account of his life and really takes you into the locker room to understand the hijinks, tears, laughs, and betrayals that took place. Defintiely worht it if you are into 80's and 90's wrestling stars.

Other wrestling autobiographys should take notes from Terry Funk and Scott E Williams on how to share a story. I love reading about the Funk family's humble beginnings. I love all the road and wars storys from the old schoolers that people like that Cena will never have. Terry is very transperant in his storytelling and doesn't sugarcoat anything. He doesn't throw anyone under the bus, which is fine by me. Really a good read. Check it out.

I loved it. But I'm also an old-school fan that remembered most of the people and stories of back in the day. I could heat Terry talking to me in his high-pitched twang, as if we were having a beer on his porch in West Texas.

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