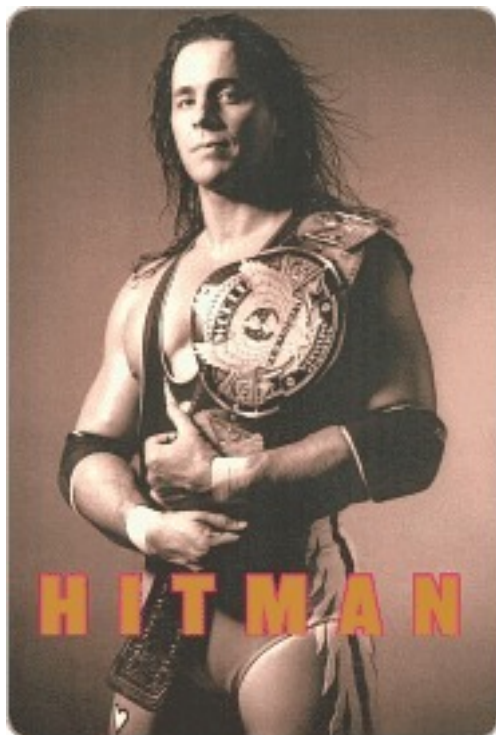

Bret Hart

Hitman: My Real Life in the Cartoon World of Wrestling



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Description

Written without collaborators and based on decades of tape recordings he made throughout his career, HITMAN is Bret Hart's brutally honest, perceptive and startling account of his life in and out of the ring that proves once and for all that great things come in pink tights.

Insightful reviews

Adrian Breckel: When reading biographies, I think a common pitfall in reviewing is reviewing the person vs. the book. This book compels me to do both.

This is a long book that does not turn into a page turner until the fourth section. It took me a month to read this 550+ page woolly mammoth; but rather than a forced read, it became more of a steadfast companion night after night. Bret's colorful recounts of matches and adventures on the road were an enjoyable and candid look into the real world of wrestling. It is very clear that this is Bret's story to tell and his obvious lack of objective perspective is at sometimes humorous; at one point he compares himself to Jesus... I also do not see this being an enjoyable read for non-wrestling fans. If you aren't already a fan, I would recommend watching Bret's documentary "Wrestling with Shadows" to get a bit of a background. He has a fascinating story that I think will connect to any audience, but having a background in wrestling will definitely increase those "I was there..." and "Oh yeah, I remember that!" moments.

As for my hero The Hitman, reading this has been quite a psychological ride. Coming from being a seven year old fan of wrestling, idolizing The Hitman, this can be tough read. No one is asking Bret to be Owen, but the infidelity and double standards in regards to steroid usage, partying etc, is unnerving at best. I am not sure if his inability to garner any perspective on his out-of-whack moral compass is a result of his stroke, but I have an aching feeling this is just a part of our hero and always has been. But this makes me love him even more as I appreciate imperfection in my heroes; he is the best there was, the best there is, and the best there ever will be, and not a lot of people can deny that. Whether you like it or not, whether you are annoyed to pieces by his affect, he is the excellence of execution. And I like that in people. When you are a lone wolf that doesn't feel like you belong in this world; your output in life is all you have. He didn't always have the talk, but he walked the walk when it came to his life's passion. And although Shawn Michael's makes me smile, Bret at least stood for an image of decency, which made his inability to walk THAT walk a little hard to take. Bret is not a saint and I appreciate this book's ability to pull the curtain on the character of The Hitman and force us to face the reality that life brings it to all of us; whether we come from the dungeon or not.

Ben Fowlkes: Once again, a pro wrestling autobiography delivers the Schadenfreude like no other work can. Bret Hart is a narrator who is always willing to give himself the benefit of the doubt, while still assuming the worst about other people's intentions.

For example, other wrestlers took steroids because they wanted a quick path to the top. Hart did it because he hurt his knee and needed to keep working to feed his family. And his many, many, many extra-marital indiscretions -- covered in enthusiastic detail, of course -- yeah, he

takes some responsibility for those, but he's not afraid to put a lot of it on his wife. I mean, sure Hart nailed tons of chicks on the road. But did his wife have to be such a bitch about it, even if she was raising their children all on her own while he spent a few hundred days a year on the road, wrestling and boozing and nailing chicks?

Yeah, that's the kind of ride you're in for. And it lasts over 600 pages, in small print, because Bret just has to tell you all about every single match he ever worked. Strap in.

you know that you want my books ;) Very good book. Bret is now with the WWE and McMahon again. If things were so bad why does he keep going back? He seems like the spouse that calls the cops to report their spouse for abuse and then refuses to divorce the spouse. He seems to like the drama. I don't believe that he was always this way. As time and injuries have caught up with him, his options have sort of run out.

Bret has money. Bret has the ability to speak and write well. He was a hero to many because he always stayed true to himself. I hope that he will continue to act and get away from the world of wrestling.

It is not that wrestling is bad, or that Bret Hart is bad. Wrestling is a drug to him. It takes him back to a time in his life when things made sense. When he steps into the auditorium and he is cheered or booed it reminds him of his late brother Owen, his father Stu cheering him on, and the Members of the Hart Foundation (Most of whom had drug/steroid related deaths) at his side. There is no looking back. If you live in the past, the present becomes sour and turns into poison in your heart.

Great Book.

Not a tragedy.

Bret planned ahead and has money.

Definitely not a fairytale.

A tale of hope and redemption....but not victory.

Mark Farley: the realm wrestling, or because it is now, activities leisure is a slightly ordinary and ambiguous beast. A multi-billion greenback company that started off as a truly diverse entity earlier than the greed and cash grabbing international of the 80s kicked in and Bret "The Hitman" Hart is the single guy in the course of the complete procedure that has lived and breathed the whole enterprise like no one else. known as "The top there is, the easiest there has been and the easiest there ever will be", the life and occupation of this guy is a testimony to the switch among the previous and the massive company new of the realm of wrestling. i used to be approximately 14 while I first acquired into the WWF. It used to be pointed out within the locker rooms and study rooms of my education years and that i used to be so resentful of these who had satellite tv for pc television to observe it. I couldnt notwithstanding and that i

used to be left with the handed tales of Hulk Hogan and the Macho guy and Andre the enormous in its place via rumour and enjoyed to listen to concerning the intrigue, drama and virtually cleaning soap opera-like storylines of the exhibits and pay-per-views. while i ultimately obtained typical entry via a chum to monitor the indicates there has been one guy and one guy in basic terms that sparked the hero element inside me and that used to be Bret Hart. I walked down the road together with his ring front tune in my head. I imagined the strut of his arrival in my each step. I had the crimson wraparound shades. I sought after and appeared upto this man's integrity and fervour and perspective and loyalty and he certainly left a lastng impact so it used to be very welcoming to ultimately see this booklet in print here. it is a nice e-book and a ebook that has benefitted from loads of excessive and dependable observe taking and documentation all through this particularly interesting individual's career. From the early day's of Stampede wrestling and the influence of his father's education reliable more often than not tradition to his dominance within the most sensible of the business, Bret's publication is filled with nice anecdotes, revelations and interesting insights into what's a really attention-grabbing global and the folk who're the gods and dominators within. it is a superb ebook and very good positioned together. each wrestling fan may still learn it and very do not ever have to learn one other wrestler's e-book after it, since it is all right here

Brian: My favourite wrestler of all time eventually places pen to paper and recounts his maximum triumphs and tragedies. If it wasn't for an arrant kick added via invoice Goldberg in the course of a championship fit there's a likelihood he may nonetheless be active... he would possibly not have had a stroke and should were capable of end his occupation with dignity. His interesting tales approximately lifestyles at the highway and the battles he persevered out and in of the hoop had me at the fringe of my seat. My favourite a part of the ebook was once whilst he stated turning into champion for the 1st time and never feeling like he deserved the belt, uncertain how the enthusiasts could take him because the best dog. by the point he received his moment championship he knew he was once the simplest and might do every little thing in his strength to stick on top. -BRIAN'S e-book CLUB-

Chris: easily amazing. Bret's vibrant depiction of his adolescence in lifestyles and in his father Stu Hart's wrestling merchandising are touching, funny, shocking, and poignant. Bret has been accused of being an egotistical man who took this "fake" enterprise some distance too seriously. The Bret Hart i discovered within the publication is a guy who enjoyed his paintings and gave every little thing he needed to be the best, frequently with heartbreaking consequences. Have the nice ones ever performed it the other way? The eulogy he gave at Stu's funeral introduced me to tears. The word "five stars" hasn't ever been extra appropriate.

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