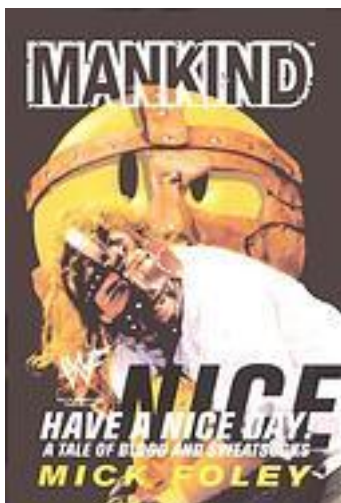

Mick Foley

Mankind: Have A Nice Day! A Tale Of Blood And Sweatsocks



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Description

Frankly, this literary critic didn't expect Mick Foley's memoir of his life as Mankind (and his other wrestling personas, Cactus Jack and Dude Love) to hit No. 1 on Amazon.com's hardcover nonfiction bestseller list in its first literary bout. The cover is cluttered and confusing, and do we really need 500-plus pages of Foley's boasts? Yes. Foley gives his all for his calling, and he burns to tell his adventures. Take the famous tale of how he lost most of his ear (the bloody result is depicted in the 16-page color-photo section). It was in his 1994 bouts with Vader (Leon White): after getting a broken nose, a dislocated jaw, and 21 stitches in the first match, Foley did his "hangman" routine, wherein he catches his neck between the second and third ropes and spins them into a twist. "The end result is the illusion of a man being hanged by his neck while his body kicks and writhes in an attempt to get out... the man actually *is* hanging by his neck and the body really *does* kick and writhe in an attempt to get out." Unfortunately, in the prior match, Too Cold Scorpio had had the officials tighten the ropes, so Foley tore off his ear to avoid death by strangulation, like "a fox that chews off its paw to escape a trap." Foley also wrestles on 10,000-thumbtack mats with barbwire ropes and C-4 explosives, and earns the ultimate compliment: "The fans really like the way you bleed." Many fans also like the way his gory story reads. --*Tim Appelo*

Insightful reviews

Colin McKay Miller: Mick Foley's *Have a Nice Day! A Tale of Blood and Sweatsocks* may have spurned an unfortunate number of wrestler-penned autobiographies (that I will never read), but it's a good and amusing enough read that I understand why the trend (and Foley's writing career—more books that I will never read) got rolling.

Mick Foley is that crazy wrestler. Not the one who puts up his hands to logically shield his head for a bump. Not the one who takes what could be a dangerous fall onto what ends up being a ridiculously obvious pile of fluff. Mick Foley was the guy who didn't realize that being handcuffed and getting repeatedly brained by chair shots in front of your wife and kids would freak them out. (Wrassin' didn't seem all that fake to them.) Mick Foley was the guy who got thrown off the top of a 16-foot steel cage, straight through a table, only to climb right back on top to be thrown through the middle of it again, busting his tooth out through his nose. This wasn't some backyard YouTube stunt either; this was at Wrestlemania (the biggest wrestling pay-per-view of the year—back when World Wrestling Entertainment was still the WWF and didn't care about how clean their image was).

Seeing as how this mullet-wearing wrestler hobbles around these days, it would be fair to assume that he probably couldn't write a good book, but *Have a Nice Day!* is an oddly endearing read. Though it focuses on Foley's struggles to pursue his dream, the classic tug of underdog overcoming the odds (and the sweetness of being a kid pursuing your dreams), the book obviously has its fair share of violence. In fact, I can still remember the opening scene more than a decade later: Foley has only used the f-word a few key times in his life. One of those times was when he got his head stuck between the ropes, and, when his opponent, a monstrous behemoth of a man, pulled him loose, two-thirds of his ear went sailing in to the

crowd. F-word indeed.

Have a Nice Day! also manages to be poignant in covering the death of one of Foley's wrestler friends. (Unfortunately, in an industry that loses far too many workers far too early, a fat slab of volumes could be written on the matter.) Additionally, though the book covers some behind the scenes dynamics—notably his mutual dislike for that whoo-bag Ric Flair—it doesn't seem to be written for the hardcore wrestling crowd (who inevitably buy all these wrestler books and push them to the top of the *New York Times* bestseller list). The writing is nothing special, but a ghostwriter probably would've killed the honesty and the passion of the story, emphasizing all the wrong areas, so even if I think far too much slop has snuck in the door behind it, *Have a Nice Day!* is still a solid autobiographical read. Three stars.

Jake: Mick Foley, aka Mankind, Cactus Jack, and Dude Love, put pen to paper on May 12, 1999 and in two months had handwritten a loving, intriguing, descriptive, and passionate story about his life up to that point. He started his strange tale of Blood and Sweatsocks as simply as one could, "I can't believe I lost my f***ing ear; bang bang!", and follows it with a quite descriptive series of events on how he lost that ear in Munich, Germany, 1994. Something quite common to see happen in the book is at times Mick will go on random tangents about a story or event that ties into the current situation he is describing and even pokes fun at it at one point by saying 'Alright I'm back now, did you enjoy the trip?'. However that shouldn't (Hopefully) derail you off the path to reading this, because if you enjoy comedy, LOTS of imagery, analogies that are clever inuendos at times, and the true story of how a kid who didn't look like, as Terry Funk once said, he had 'sh*t' in him achieve his life long goal of finally winning the biggest prize in all of sports-entertainment; the World Wrestling Federation Championship then this 692 page book is exactly down your alley.

Richard: While this is THE Pro Wrestling that proved how thirsty fans were to learn as much as they could about the business, it's also probably the best book ever written Pro Wrestling since it is always funny and wonderfully details an individual that has truly done it all - worked through the old territory system, became a working star, participated in the glory days of ECW and returned triumphantly to the WWF and earned the title. Anyone that is curious about the strange machinations of Pro Wrestling would welcome the wealth of information and history within this book.

Tom: In case my acquaintances are pondering why I learn this one, there are reasons: 1. i am doing study for whatever i am writing 2. I used to actually love wrestling, no less than until eventually i began college. Anyway, i believe i'd have gobbled this publication if i would learn it on the peak of my wrestling obsession. because it is, I acquired via it beautiful quickly, yet that is simply because i used to be capable of skim via most of the unending repetition. it is a bit interesting, yet spends approach an excessive amount of time on blow-by-blow debts of the matches, instead of discussing the human components of his story. Plus, as he notes in his foreword, he handwrote 796 pages in 7 weeks, and it truly is seen that they rushed it. With an exceptional editor, this might were a very solid three hundred web page autobiography, rather than a repetitive 500 page, typo-ridden (inexcusable!) ramble. And now I simply discovered that my longest evaluate on goodreads is set a WWF autobiography.

Oliver Bateman: The granddaddy of them all, *Have a pleasant Day* (which I would assiduously kept away from examining till I obtained an unfastened replica of it in early February) is a very precise chronicle of Mick Foley's career. It is a very readable and classy book--the resource of its early appeal, I suppose--and Foley's evidently a brilliant guy. Yet I have regularly been of 2 minds approximately Foley's work: a) every thing prior to the "King of the loss of life Match" period was...pretty decent. He took demanding bumps, yet his feuds have been plausible and realistic. Suits opposed to Sting and Vader have been tremendous. b) every little thing from the top of his ECW profession to regardless of the hell he was once doing in TNA has been beautiful pitiful. The "Hell within the Cell" match, that's now lovingly recalled by way of so much fans, is basically snuff porn. Foley's promos have been constantly been top-notch, yet as he received fatter and slower, he turned not anything yet a glorified comedy act/occasional substantial bump taker. Adrian Adonis used to be 20x the bump-taker Foley ever was, yet simply because he did not fall 30 toes from the ceiling, he by no means got an identical recognition. Foley's dialogue of discomfort and damage during this publication is remarkable, as a fundamental resource debts of the "garbage wrestling" of the mid-90s go. I had the excitement of assembly Foley in 2010, and whereas he used to be rather vibrant and personable, he gave the impression of he used to be 70 years outdated and his eyes seemed, uh, "befogged." Yeah, befogged is among the top method to place it. I worry for him in his declining years, yet a minimum of his kinfolk is decided for life.

Ryk Stanton: I wasn't staring at whilst Foley used to be nonetheless wrestling yet became conscious of him over the last few years that I've got began observing again. After examining of Chris Jericho's memoirs, I presumed I might see what else was once available in the market and stumbled throughout a replica of Foley's first book. Compared to Jericho's books (which I enjoyed), Foley's ebook is a masterpiece. There is something literary approximately this ebook that was once missing in Jericho's, and that I discovered myself carried alongside and never desirous to place it down. I'm desirous to learn the subsequent one, and I'm expecting seeing the various suits he describes during this ebook at the WWE Network.

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