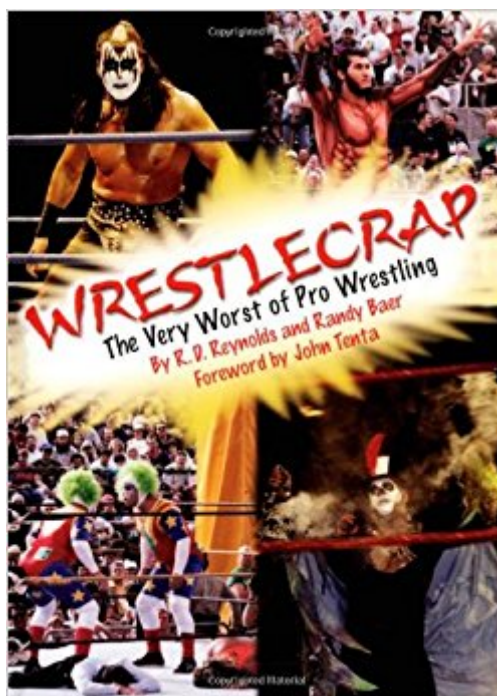


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# Wrestlecrap: The Very Worst Of Pro Wrestling



## Synopsis

Outrageous costumes, cartoonish characters, and scripted story lines are featured in this retrospective look at the no-holds-barred stunts pro wrestling promoters have used to attract viewers.

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"The book's funny, well written and different. Highest recommendation." – The SmartMarks.com "No matter how bad some of these gimmicks were, it's fun recounting them through this book." – Post and Courier "I've told all I know that they have to pick up a copy of WrestleCrap, because I'm keeping mine." – Doug Lunney, The Winnipeg Sun

R. D. Reynolds left the independent wrestling circuit to maintain WrestleCrap.com. Randy Baer is the creator of WrestleCrap.com. They both live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Based off the long-running website dedicated to the worst angles, feuds and matches in American professional wrestling, "Wrestle Crap" carried their popularity into a few books over the years, of which this is the first. It's not a bad book whatsoever and, when it was released, it was likely a somewhat illuminating effort. Now, the book feels more like an unhappy median between coffee table reader and non-fiction narrative. I feel like it would've been better as the former, but we get more of the latter. Each chapter is well organized, yet the narrative structure betrays it and leaves

the reader feeling like each topic could've been given a few more paragraphs at least. I'm a fan of the site, but this book felt too much like an introduction to the topic instead of an in depth analysis for fans of the site. If you've never read the site, this a good primer; otherwise, you can skip it entirely.

I bought this because I saw the rave reviews and thoroughly enjoyed RD's other book 'the Death of WCW'. I enjoyed the presentation of that, and figured this was continuing in the nature. It did just that, but included far more humorous affair. The book spotlights several, not every single one, but a big chunk of some of the worst gimmicks and events to happen in the modern sport of entertainment we know as Professional wrestling. Two of the key things I was concerned about was that the book not just be a repetition of 'Death of WCW', and that they didn't just rip on Hogan the entire time. They did a good job keeping that stuff separate, although everything example they give about Hogan in this book is sadly valid. But make no mistake about it, this book isn't solely about cheesey 80s to the failure of WCW in the last chapter, it keeps going, further proving there will always be more WrestleCrap to write about. I strongly recommend you read this book as well, it's a very educated read and will shock you: The Death of WCW: WrestleCrap and Figure Four Weekly Present . . . (WrestleCrap series)

It is amazing reading this that people actually watch wrestling as the storylines that the authors mention are so laughably ridiculous that one would think that people couldn't possibly love the sport. I found this book to be a good read, contained a great deal of humour and it gave a concise history of the recent years in wrestling. As mentioned in earlier reviews, there are a number of research errors in the book that take away from the overall rating of the work but nevertheless I think it is a worthwhile addition to the wrestling bookshelf.

As someone who really liked the website, this has two major problems. One is that it isn't nearly as funny as the website. The other is that if you're going to make fun of something, even when it deserves to be made fun of, you really need to have your facts straight. Almost every chapter has multiple factual errors.

Awesome book! If you love wrestling, then you'll love this book!

I bought this book to support the WrestleCrap.com site. Most of the book pretty much gives brief

descriptions of the website inductions. Still, the book will keep you in stitches as you read about the absurdity behind some of pro-wrestling's absolute WORST gimmicks and booking decisions in history. The guilty parties being Vince McMahon of the WWF (now WWE), the multiple moronic bookers WCW had, and even one of AWA's worst with grown men fighting over a raw turkey (good going Bischoff). There were a few chronological errors that only hardcore fans would pick up like the nWo splitting into 2 factions and then rejoining after the finger poke of doom. The book depicts it differently. Mike Awesome was the "Fat Chick Thriller" in the summer of 2000 and later evolved (or devolved) into "That 70's Guy" (which was a gimmick I found to be entertaining even though it was stupid, but gave Mike Awesome a chance to improve on his mic skills). It wasn't detrimental to his career like the Red Rooster gimmick was to poor Terry Taylor's...RD Reynolds sticks to his guns by not bad mouthing the original Doink the Clown gimmick played to perfection by Maniac Matt Borne. He explains that the gimmick sucked when Borne left the promotion and a jobber was given the clown garb and made into a "goodguy." And a "Mini-Me" version was created named Dink, Men On a Mission and the Bushwackers dressed up like him at Survivor Series '93 (which I had the displeasure of seeing in person). And yes, Jorge Gonzales' "ass crack" Sashskwatch bodysuit would've made a very symbolic backcover picture for the book. It would be where wrestlecrap comes from and also what the promoters were using to think up some of these horrible gimmicks! Towards the end of the book you get a sneak preview feel of his latest book; The Death of WCW which is an excellent read. Are you a glutton for punishment? Would you like to relive some of the worst in pro wrestling history? Be warned! Wrestlecrap is definitely a funny and entertaining read!

After reading this book, you will shake your head and ask yourself over and over again: What were they thinking? This book chronicles the most embarrassing, hysterical, and worst moments and gimmicks in pro wrestling. From the Gobbly Gooker to The Goon to Oz to Vince Russo's entire booking in WCW, this book is a must own for wrestling fans.

really funny book. It made me remember gimmicks I chose to forget a long time ago. They did their research and it showed! Fine Job!

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