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many have tried to explain the inner workings of wrestling s most turbulent era but this is the first time someone in the centre of the maelstrom has laid everything bare taking readers from the death of wcw to the rise of tna the world s fastest growing and most cutting edge wrestling promotion vince has crafted a remarkable storyline about how he came to terms with and found peace within the insanity of the squared circle

it s been a decade since the monday night war waged between the wwf and wcw generated unprecedented and astronomical ratings and the landscape of the sport of kings has changed radically but one thing remains constant the fans chanting fire russo can still be heard at tv tapings and pay per view events across north america and vince russo the man who has at times been called the most hated man in professional wrestling wouldn t have it any other way in his first book forgiven vince russo delivered a modern day parable about the price of success in heartbreaking detail he showed how a godforsaken business and the desire for

acclaim in his career as a writer for vince mcmahon s wwf led him into a spiritual wasteland today a changed russo has returned to prominence in wrestling a world he both loves and that has he acknowledges broken his heart as one of the writers and masterminds behind tna the world s fastest growing and most cutting edge wrestling promotion for two hours every thursday russo s ideas and words revolutionize wrestling on spike tv but what he achieves on impact on a weekly basis has been many years in the making he s been known as both the saviour of the wwf and the man who destroyed wcw and rope opera how wcw killed vince russo is the true behind the scenes story of quite simply the rise and fall and rebirth of professional wrestling many have tried to explain the inner workings of wrestling s most turbulent era but this is the first time someone in the centre of the maelstrom has ever laid everything bare in returning to the page to take readers from the death of wcw to the rise of tna vince russo has crafted his most remarkable storyline that a grown man can come to terms with and find peace within the insanity of the squared circle

as seen on who killed wcw the four part vice tv docuseries post wrestling book of the year the famous best seller now expanded in e book form synopsis in april 1999 entertainment weekly asked its readers what many were surely wondering to themselves how did wrestling get so big as a consequence of the heated ratings competition between world championship wrestling wcw and the world wrestling federation wwf the spectacle had taken over monday nights on prime time cable television but in a departure from the family friendly programming produced by the last industry boom the 1980s wave which made household names of hulk hogan rowdy rodpy piper and andre the giant the new era of wrestling combined stunning athleticism with a raunchy sex appeal engrossing story lines and novel production techniques that reflected a changing society and its shifting values once again wrestling was a ubiquitous phenomenon only this time it seemed as though the fad would never end with both wcw and wwf expanding into other forms of entertainment movies video games music and the like the potential for growth appeared to be limitless but with uncertainty surrounding its corporate future and increasingly uninspired programming eroding its audience wcw stood on the verge of collapse three years into a five year plan devised by its charismatic leader a former blue ribbon foods salesman named eric bischoff the company whose unexpected ascension initiated the entire boom was operating on borrowed time for by the end of the five year plan wcw ceased to exist but nitro is a story about much more than wcw and the monday night wars it is a story of an era a time in which the media and cultural landscape precipitated and later supported pro wrestling s mainstream popularity it is a story of how a company made in the image of an intuitively brilliant risk taker betrayed its original promise it is a story of how a handful of men each struggling with their own limitations facilitated a public obsession that changed television forever and so with the inside knowledge of a journalist the perspective of

a historian and the passion of a fan author guy evans provides a fresh look at an unfortunate inevitability the downfall of world championship wrestling bolstered by exclusive interviews with over 120 former tbs and wcw employees nitro is the definitive picture of the last wrestling boom featuring exclusive interviews and comments from over 120 former tbs and wcw employees including eric bischoff fmr president of world championship wrestling harvey schiller fmr president of turner sports jamie kellner fmr ceo of turner broadcasting system bill burke fmr president of tbs network joe uva fmr president of turner entertainment sales and marketing scot safon fmr svp of marketing for tnt network dick cheatham fmr group controller for tbs alan sharp fmr wcw director of public relations mike weber fmr wcw director of marketing kevin nash diamond dallas page vince russo marcus buff bagwell kevin sullivan hugh morrus neal pruit david crockett jerry jarrett and many many many more expanded edition contains four bonus chapters a new foreword from eric bischoff dozens of new tidbits over 100 footnotes to the original story the most definitive well written and thoroughly researched book on the rise and fall of wcw eric bischoff former wcw president

the team at historyofwrestling co uk are back with the tenth in their series documenting every episode of wwf monday night raw year by year we cover every angle segment and match in detail and offer plenty of thoughts and facts along the way the book is written and presented in the usual history of wrestling style with various awards match lists and a host of star ratings for fans to debate at will featuring wwf vs wcw the wcw and ecw alliance the return of ric flair that tag team title match steve austin as a heel rob van dam kicking people in the face crazy moonsaults from cages paul heyman on commentary the build up for the greatest wrestlemania of all time and so much more fans of the series won t be disappointed and once again the tome clocks in at a monster 140 000 words a must have have all wrestling fans

most wwe fans tune in each year to watch wrestlemania remember the monday night wars of the 1990s and have heard the story behind the montreal screwjob but only real fans recall the name of steve austin s original character can tell you how the intercontinental championship was created or know the best places to get an autograph of their favorite superstars 100 things wwe fans should know do before they die is the ultimate resource guide for true members of the wwe universe whether you ve been keeping kayfabe since the days of bruno sammartino or you re a more recent supporter of aj styles and becky lynch these are the 100 things all fans need to know and do in their lifetime bestselling author bryan alvarez has collected every essential piece of wwe knowledge and trivia as well as must do activities and ranks them all from 1 to 100 providing an entertaining and easy to follow checklist that will have you chanting yes yes yes

a biography tracing the life and career of vince mcmahon the professional wrestling promoter whose family has been in the professional wrestling business for more than eighty years

long before he became hardcore holly robert howard was a fighter from humble beginnings to fame as an internationally known superstar the hardcore truth tells the story of bob s life including his 16 years working for vince mcmahon in this rollercoaster tale of success and frustration replete with missed opportunities broken promises and a broken neck bob shares his uncompromising views on the present wrestling landscape with fascinating insights into the world leader in sports entertainment

an invaluable resource for any wrestling fan of the era the fifth in the series from historyofwrestling info this is the complete guide to every wwf vhs release from october 1999 to may 2002 with full reviews of every tape alternative wrestler bios exclusive artwork by bob dahlstrom awards match ratings and much much more read about the failed wcw invasion angle the return of hulk hogan ric flair kevin nash scott hall and many others relive some of the greatest matches of any era cringe at some of the worst enjoy the rise of triple h to genuine main event player witness the rock take off as an icon on a whole new level plus tough enough who ran over steve austin tlc matches diva tapes and much much more by far the biggest book the team have ever done featuring more in depth analysis and comment than ever before

what went wrong with wcw in 1997 world championship wrestling was on top it was the number one pro wrestling company in the world and the highest rated show on cable television each week fans tuned in to monday nitro flocked to sold out arenas and carried home truckloads of wcw merchandise sting bill goldberg and the new world order were household names superstars like dennis rodman and kiss jumped on the wcw bandwagon it seemed the company could do no wrong but by 2001 however everything had bottomed out the company having lost a whopping 95 of its audience was sold for next to nothing to vince mcmahon and world wrestling entertainment wcw was laid to rest how could the company lose its audience so quickly who was responsible for shows so horrible that fans fled in horror what the hell happened to cause the death of one of the largest wrestling companies in the world the death of world championship wrestling is the first book to take readers through a detailed dissection of wcw s downfall

who is the greatest of all time with the help of several historians the top 100 will both enlighten and enrage keeping fans enthralled in spirited debate for years to come

the brothers and tag team professional wrestlers recount their journey to success in this

intriguing personal family centered memoir library journal these guys are the pioneers of making it big in the pro wrestling business outside of the corporate structure by doing things their own way matt and nick are the true definition of success in the wrestling world and beyond chris jericho multiple time world champion and author of three new york times bestsellers famous for their highflying moves superkicks and viral videos matt and nick jackson are two of the hottest competitors in professional wrestling today inspiring fans and dreams worldwide through their resilience and eagerness to forge their own path in young bucks matt and nick recount how they made it not only as spectacular wrestlers in the all elite wrestling lineup but also as visionary executives heralding one of the most exciting eras in the independent wrestling industry from taking odd jobs to pay for their own wrestling ring and hosting backyard events with friends to being recruited into the independent california circuit and becoming one of the sports biggest acts matt and nick look back on the sacrifices they made and share personal reflections on their faith their families and the pressure of the spotlight paying tribute to the wrestling acts and inspirations that came before them they elaborate on this historic moment in the evolution of wrestling and their pivotal role in the dramatic transformation of the sport and culture alternating between matt s and nick s perspectives young bucks is a complete portrait of what it means to grow into and give back to wrestling young bucks makes you feel motivated to pursue your own dreams and shows us the real meaning behind the phrase never give up whether you re looking for a book on pro wrestling a motivational journey or an example of how to take a risk and start a business to do things on your own terms this is a book for you slam wrestling

ring of hell is the true story of chris benoit s journey through the destructive dysfunctional and bizarre pro wrestling industry and the catastrophic physical and mental breakdown that led to his grisly end

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vince russo known as the most successful writer in the history of professional wrestling brought the world wrestling federation to its greatest success during the attitude era creating a brand of wrestling that brought the industry to record heights three decades later russo is still talked about as one of the most influential men in the industry following the success of his first two books *Forgiven* covering his years with vince mcmahon s wwe and *Rope Opera How Wcw Killed Vince Russo* his time with ted turner s rival total nonstop agony the rise and fall of tna picks up russo s story as he begins work with the upstart tna where the daily drama proved greater than ever the storylines here feature an indecisive millionaire southern belle dixie carter who cared more about her image than her wrestling company the demise of his friendship with his best friend wrestling superstar jeff jarrett the network executives at spike tv who understood very little about the business they were in and the return of his mortal enemies from wcw eric bischoff and hulk hogan russo s tna stories are epic and many have never been told before the politics runaway egos backstabbing and underhandedness make the real housewives of beverly hills look like little women finally the time has come to discuss tna this is the tell all that no one has ever dared and no one can tell the story better than vince russo

fritz von erich rick rude bruiser brody and a dozen more who couldn t walk away from the fame and the treadmill that came with it even when their bodies quit and their families begged them to stop it is an homage to their athletic ability their charisma and drive a celebration of the characters they brought us and a warning to those who figure to follow in their footsteps book jacket

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guidebook of basic information about the popular entertainment style wrestling form

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