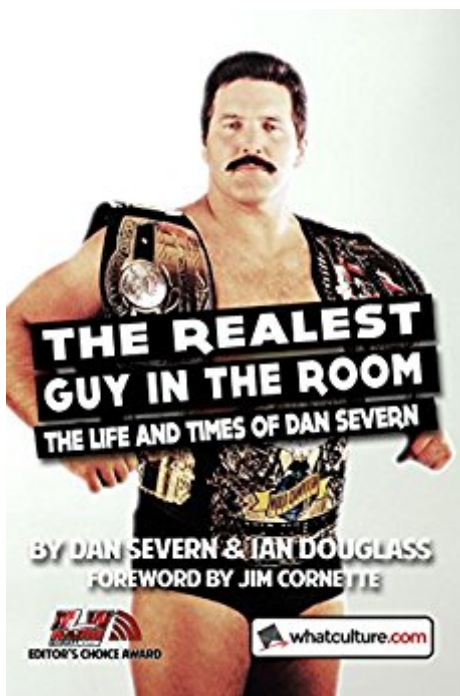


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The Realest Guy In The Room: The Life And Times Of Dan Severn



Synopsis

From his humble beginnings as a Mid Michigan farm boy, Dan Severn exploded onto the amateur wrestling scene as the most heavily recruited wrestler in history. After injuries and backroom dealings railroaded his Olympic dreams, Severn's initial failure to provide for his family led him down a path that turned him into "The Beast" - the most feared fighter of the UFC's no-holds-barred era. In the process, Severn became one of professional wrestling's hottest free agents, and one of its most copied performers. Pulling no punches, Severn addresses every aspect of his various combat careers, including his exclusion from the 1984 Olympic Wrestling Team, his overnight rise to the top of the MMA world, his rivalry with Ken Shamrock, how his reign as NWA World Heavyweight Champion gave rise to the modern independent wrestling scene, and how it felt to be the most legitimately feared and ignored champion in WWE history. Whether you're a fan of amateur wrestling, mixed martial arts or professional wrestling, this autobiography stands as a testament to the fact that Dan "The Beast" Severn will always be "The Realist Guy in the Room."

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Customer Reviews

If you started off watching the UFC in the 90s you know this guy, and I had hoped he would write a book for sometime. One of the first to bring Olympic level wrestling skills to the octagon and expose a Gracie as vulnerable. When I got to the UFC portions I could not put it down, but there is a lot more to his life and background many will find interesting. I knew he was accomplished in amateur wrestling, but I had no idea of the extent. He beat the rogues gallery of anyone who was anyone in 70s and 80s wrestling. Also if you are a fan of pro-wrestling there are some very entertaining stories he recollects with some well known names, Funk, Foley, Snow, and more. There's ups and downs he doesn't candy coat anything he considers a bad decision now. Well worth your time.

I am glad I read this book. It gave me a glimpse as to who the mysterious champ, Dan "The Beast" Severn is. An openly honest book from his point of view. I do wish the editing was maybe a bit better in places. But all in all, a worthy read.

I enjoyed this book.

I was pretty disappointed in all of the whining, blame and excuses that were found in virtually every chapter as they sucked the fun right out of the book. For a guy who accomplished so much, I just don't understand why he felt compelled to blame others and make excuses for what he didn't achieve. I also had a very difficult time with all of the emphasis he put on the "championships" he "won" in "professional" wrestling. How can Dan compare that scripted big time rasslin' crap with the legitimate, extraordinary success he had in amateur wrestling, no-holds-barred cage fighting and MMA? Not a complete waste of time, but close.

I was pleasantly surprised by Mr. Severn's book. I was used to him being portrayed so seriously that reading this book told with such humor was awesome. He also pulls no punches when it comes to his time in either amateur wrestling, UFC, or pro wrestling. He also shoots straight on all his rivals and has no problem speaking his mind on his issues with his time in WWE, or those who choose to use performance enhancing drugs. This is a great book, written by a true legend, and well worth your time.

Dan Severn, legendary amateur wrestler, mma fighter and pro-wrestler has lead a unique and interesting life. To read his story is to learn about the crossroads of American fighting sports, from the realist of the real to the dramatic and entertaining. Severn always had a plan and did things his way, never selling out. The book could be a little tighter. And although I agree with his takes on Ken Shamrock, Brock Lesnar and the Gracies, his repeated criticism grew a little tiresome. Those criticisms aside, Severn's book is a great, motivating read for any fight fan with a few life lessons to learn from a fighter that avoided many pitfalls of the lifestyle.

Mr Severn shares some very interesting experiences. I appreciated how candid he was regarding his thoughts on certain individuals. If the story regarding Dan Gable is true on how Mr. Gable refused to review a protested match where the results robbed Mr. Severn of his rightful place as an Olympian in 1984,,,,,,well that's just sick. It's certainly suspect that all protested matches for the Olympic trials were reviewed except Mr. Severn's. Mr. Severn writes in his book that Mr Gable preferred "one of his own guys" on the Olympic team. There should be repercussions for coaches who are guilty of this action. This book received 4 stars because I felt that the editing could have been more polished. I would have preferred a different cover. Something that appeals to the masses because I think the story of a small town boy makes it big is a great story.

Such a great, thorough, and honest book. My expectations were not super high coming in but once I started the book, I couldn't put it down. If you're a UFC, WWF/E, or MMA fan... You'll love this book.

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