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The full story of one of wrestling's most colourful and outspoken personalities. An often controversial figure, Jerry 'The King' Lawler has been at the top of his profession both as a wrestler and most recently as a commentator for over 30 years. Holder of more than 90 regional or national titles over the course of his career, he is as well known for his feuds, both in and out of the ring, as he is for his achievements and his expertise. No stranger to the airwaves, he has hosted his own show both on radio and on television, and he is also a successful commercial artist whose work can be seen on several sites around his home city of Memphis. Outside the WWE arena perhaps his most famous dispute was with actor and comedian Andy Kaufman, a long-running conflict that at one point put Kaufman in hospital and culminated in a televised brawl on 'Late Night With David Letterman'. Now in a no-holds barred autobiography 'The King' is prepared to tell all both about his sometimes stormy career and about the backstage secrets of the WWE.

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Brent Darling says

It had some good stories, but Lawler spends a lot of time whining about his ex. Really dragged the book down for me.

Dav8d777 says

This man's waters don't run very deep, but I guess mine don't either since I read this. This book is very good if you loved Memphis Wrestling and want to hear its history recounted by a glib, sometimes funny and always shallow ex-wrestler.

Craig says

Jerry "the King" Lawler was my favorite professional wrestler. Then I read this book. My opinion of him dropped significantly. Still, I enjoyed all the stories of old-school Memphis wrestling.

Pat Devlin says

Being a huge Pro Wrestling fan, I have read a lot of Autobiographies and Non Fiction about wrestling. Having said that, I was a little disappointed in Jerry Lawlers book.

The good parts of the novel were his upbringing and most of his wrestling career. The bad parts had to be the couple parts that I found to be chronologically incorrect and his infatuation with younger women. It's hard to feel sorry for him when he's constantly whining about being lonely and the way he deals with it is to jump relationship to relationship.

Greg Allan Holcomb says

Not the worst book on the wrestling lifestyle.

The chapter on Sputnik _____ was enlightening. I'd want to read more on him.

Mr. Pease says

I'm partial to The King, as I grew up in Louisville, KY and some of my earliest memories are of Tuesday night trips to the Louisville Gardens to see USWA Wrestling. (7:30 belltime!) As one of my long-time

favorites, hearing about the life and times of the King of Memphis was thoroughly entertaining, and when Lawler reminisces about his time with Andy Kaufman it becomes downright moving. Recommended for wrestling fans - particularly those who remember the "good old days."

Chris says

One of my favorite wrestlers, but not one of the best books the WWE has put out. This book is ok, but I would get it from the library and not worry about purchase unless you get it reduced on ebay or something.

Bookbear says

Decent

A lot of good stories for those who love wrestling history. But it jumps around a lot and lacks a cohesive story.

Melvin Rivers says

As a wrestling fan who grew up in Memphis, TN watching Saturday morning wrestling on TV and going to the Mid South Coliseum to watch wrestling matches in which Jerry Lawler was almost always in the main event, I bought "It's Good to Be the King...Sometimes when it hit the shelves. I was disappointed. Reading the book was like going down memory lane. I remembered most of the wrestling angles Jerry Lawler spoke about during his reign in the Memphis area. Watching him wrestle for many years, I didn't know much about his personal life. The book examined his life growing up and his many relationships. In my opinion his relationships with his wives, the infidelity, and the depression he had when his last wife left him brought the book down a notch. On the other hand the section about the angle with comedian Andy Kaufman and the appearance on Night Late with David Letterman was the highlight. If you are a wrestling fan--especially a fan of Memphis and Mid South Wrestling, this is the book for you.

Patrick Michael says

The WWE released autobiography of Jerry Lawler is a good read that is enjoyable but suffers the same fate as the Flair book by trying to cover a 40 year career in 375 pages.

As a fan of the Memphis wrestling scene I was looking forward to a lot of great stories but it ends up lacking at times. No fault of Lawler as his career could cover several books instead of one.

The book ends on a sad note with the discussion of his marriage ending to Stacy Carter that was still not resolved at the time the book was released. I wish they could have spent more time on his career and stories from his younger years with all the crazy gimmicks and matches that Memphis was known for.

Good book and recommended for any wrestling fans but nothing really that most people did not already

know.

Tim Dunn says

I like Jerry Lawler and I liked this book, not loved it, but liked it a fair amount. For Wrestling fans it's good, otherwise, maybe take a pass.

Hurdylyn says

It was a fun read but not as good as other stars' books. King jumps around quite a bit which can be off putting at times. Still has his humor and great history of wrestling in the South. I think this is a book for hardcore wrestling fans.

Matt Murphy says

One of the more dull wrestling books I've read. Not much else to say about it.

Frank Mongelluzzo says

It takes a King to know a King and it takes an artist (like myself) to know an artist!

Kevin says

Horribly written, lacking direction, misogynistic, self-absorbed, all of those things describe this book and its author.

Craig Allen says

It's hard to slam a book written by one of your all time heroes, so I won't do that. I will say--I enjoyed this book about "The King" breaking into the wrestling business, his early fame, becoming a major star in Memphis and then his success in WWE. I just wish there had been more detail about his famous angles in Memphis and even in WWE. It was a good summary of what happened, but real hardcore fans know that stuff--I wanted more details and insight. However, the stories that did get details, such as the Andy Kaufman angle and his divorce with Stacy Carter, were quite interesting. A fun read, but too much about his life before wrestling and not enough stuff about good ole "Memphis Rasslin"--3 stars, but he's still THE KING!

PB & Jason says

Jerry is a talented guy. An interesting read this is. Sorry, Yoda moment.

Daniel says

Good but no great book...not enough insight into his own motivations nor what wrestling is really like behind the scenes. More like a biography and recounting of his life without the insider analysis that would have been more interesting.

Al Young says

One of the best thing about the relatively recent dissolution of WCW and the WWE breaking some of the rules of kayfabe was the glut of books that suddenly appeared.

There were a couple of those books that intrigued me. Ric Flair's, of course, which I highly recommend to the wrestling fans. Lawler's probably was the next most intriguing, and I think wrestling fans will enjoy it.

What makes you love or hate Lawler comes out in his writing- great one-liners, the history, the smugness. Jerry's recounting of the late-70's/mid 80's wrestling scene, is pretty interesting to someone who grew up idolizing those men. Of course, the Andy Kauffman story is in there, and is pretty interesting. Lawler's book gets less interesting as he shifts from wrestling anecdotes to stories about his personal life.

I think wrestling fans will find it enjoyable.

Big says

Stopped reading this one about a third of the way in. I don't know if it was because the prior book was so good, if this book was that bad, or if I'm just tired of reading, but I couldn't go on.
