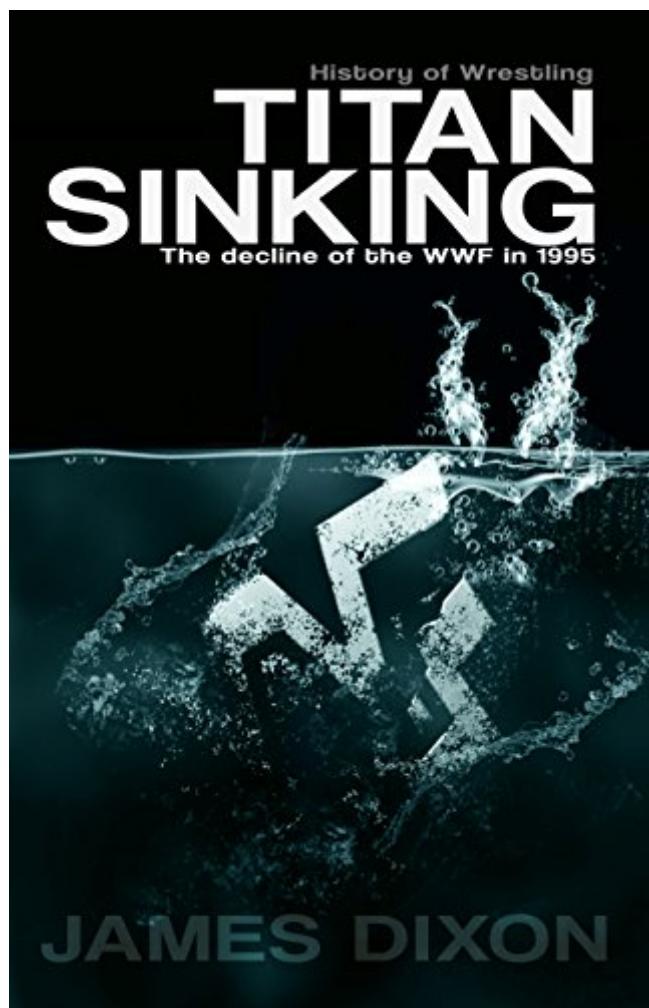


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Titan Sinking: The Decline Of The WWF In 1995



Synopsis

Throughout the history of the WWF, there have been times of prosperity and times of hardship, cycles that shape the ethos of the company by forcing changes to its infrastructure and on-screen direction. The one constant throughout three decades of change is Vincent Kennedy McMahon, the stalwart puppet-master who captains the ship. Unflinching, thick-skinned, and domineering, McMahon has ultimately outlasted all of his competition and come out on top of every wrestling war he has waged. In 1995, he very nearly lost. *Titan Sinking* tells the tale of one of the most tumultuous, taxing and trying years in WWF history. Vince was reeling from a nightmare first half of the decade as the year commenced, but having seemingly steered the company through an image-shattering five years, he looked to rebuild his ailing brand and rediscover the magic formula that made his promotion such a juggernaut in the eighties. As each week passed, more and more problems behind the scenes began to unfold, plunging the WWF on the brink of crisis. This book gives the inside story of all of it: with detailed accounts of incidents from Syracuse to Montreal, from the Kliq to the BSKs, Vince's new hope, to his various creative flops and failures. Find out the real story of the year, and learn how 1995 brought WWF to the brink. --- INCLUDING FOREWORD BY JIM CORNETTE ---

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Customer Reviews

I've been watching the trainwreck that is 1995 WWF on the Network lately, and this was a great overview of what was happening behind the scenes at the time. Very easy to read and Dixon gives backstory on all the players and happenings leading up to the major events. Highly recommended!

This was a great book. I read it over 3 nights. It's also the perfect time to purchase since the WWE Network is free for November, so you can look up some of the old PPVs and relive the nightmare that was 1995. The book does a great job of setting up the 1995 year with all the players who either left (Hulk Hogan, Savage) or were overlooked (Bret Hart.) and the steroid scandal. It was fun to relive that period where I went from a die hard fan of the 80s to quitting watching all together after the King of the Ring 1995. There's a lot of good stories, ribs, and general inside information that will help shed light on why certain events occurred the way they did. I highly recommend for fans of the 90s WWF.

If you know and are interested in this era of professional wrestling then it's a must-read book. It is difficult to read at times. Uncertain about whether or how much to use 'insider' terminology, will use real and stage names for different people, and it's more a series of vignettes than a full narrative. However, this is an amazing amount of information distilled from a wide variety of sources. As a fan of 90's wrestling I really enjoyed learning more about what was happening behind the scenes.

Worth the read. A very in depth look at what takes place behind the scenes in the WWF lockerroom in 1995. Highlights in great detail what lead to the decline of the WWF and why Vince made some of the booking decisions he did. It's really easy for fans to bash booking decisions Vince makes but by reading this book it really puts things into perspective and how hard it is to run a wrestling promotion as prominent as the WWF. Vince is without a doubt the greatest wrestling mind ever to have survived all he did in the early/mid 90s.

This was a fun trip down memory lane. I really enjoyed reliving the thin times of 1995, but also going behind the scenes. I would give the book five stars but there was a ton of spelling and grammar errors. I do not blame the author as this very easily could have been caused by spellcheck. Spellcheck is notorious for messing up great self published books as this one.

Fantastic overview of the WWF in 1995 and how it nearly failed as a company due to several interesting reasons mainly dealing with Vince McMahon's decisions and ego. I found it to be incredibly interesting and a good read for all wrestling aficionados. You should buy this if you are interested in the subject because you will not be disappointed.

Lots of behind the scenes stories. Interesting especially if you recall the wwf going stale in the early to mid 90's, James did a good job presenting why it all panned out that way. Most interesting was the holding back of the (then) white hot "Franchise" Shane Douglas, who luckily came back to ECW in 1996 with a huge chip on his shoulder, and took ECW to new heights that year by "shaking" the surgically implanted halo of pitbull #1, legit enraging the world's smartest fans at the time in Philly. Well worth the \$5 for kindle version!

I bought this book as a second thought after buying Superstar Billy Graham's autobiography. I started this one first and am glad I did. I learned a lot about the year 1995 in the WWF from it. The book centred around Shawn Michaels, Kevin Nash, Scott Hall and Vince McMahon. Bret Hart, Bob Holly and several other wrestlers from the era also feature. Shawn Michaels comes across as an awful human being in it, probably what made him such a good in-ring performer. It was an engrossing read and I recommend it highly.

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