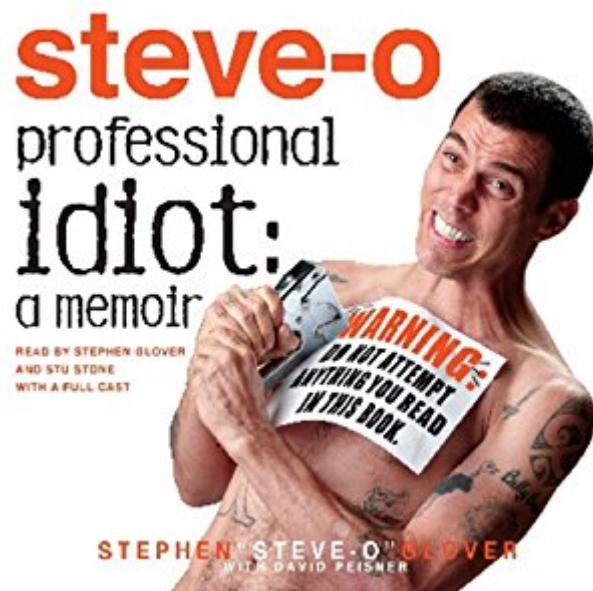


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Professional Idiot: A Memoir



Synopsis

Fame can be addictive. From his early days videotaping crazy skateboard stunts to starring in the blockbuster Jackass franchise, there was little that Stephen "Steve-O" Glover wouldn't do for attention. Whether it was stapling his nutsack to his leg, diving into a pool full of elephant crap, or routinely risking death invading the private lives of sharks, lions, tigers, and bears, almost nothing was out of bounds. As the stunts got crazier, his life kept pace. He developed a crippling addiction to drugs and alcohol, and an obsession with his own celebrity that proved nearly as dangerous. Steve-O has been a man in search of a spotlight practically since birth. Growing up all over the world, thanks to his father's career as a corporate executive, he was the kid who'd drink handfuls of salt in order to make friends. After he stole a video camera from his dad as a teenager, his future path was more or less sealed. Footage of himself skateboarding soon gave way to footage of himself setting his hair on fire or doing back flips off apartment buildings into shallow pools. After detours to several hospitals, a couple of jails, and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College, he landed, quite naturally, on MTV's Jackass, in 2000. He took to fame like it was the very thing missing from his life, but it was never enough. He filled the void with booze and drugs, and soon began treating his entire life like it was one big-and supremely risky-stunt. In 2008, Steve-O holed up in his West Hollywood apartment, where he drank, snorted, smoked, huffed, and swallowed drugs around the clock-and began broadcasting his downward spiral on the Internet. Finally, his Jackass comrade, Johnny Knoxville, and seven other friends staged an intervention and forced him into a psychiatric ward against his will, ultimately saving his life. Today he has been clean and sober for more than three years. Professional Idiot recounts the lunacy, the debauchery, the stunts, the drug addiction and the path to recovery and redemption with the same bravado and humor that have endeared Steve-O to so many. Hilarious, harrowing, and inspiring all at once, Professional Idiot will entertain those who've been with him on his many wild rides, as well as surprise and intrigue those who know him only as the guy willing to do anything-no matter how painful-for a laugh.

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Customer Reviews

Not sure how to start, but HUGE Steve-o (and jackass crew, viva la bam, wildboyz, CKY) fan. This book delves deep into the life of Steve-o. Its funny at times, depressing at times, straightforward at times, All of the above at once at times..Just buy it. I struggled to put it down...its 7am I work in 4 hours and usually am fighting with putting a video game down at this time instead..

Interesting stories from Steve-o's life, some sad stories and some funny stories. Very much worth the read if you loved watching him in the movies and wanted to know more about Steve-o.

Fascinating story of Steve-O's rise and fall and redemption. Been a fan of the Jackass crew since the first CKY in 1999 and I loved hearing how it all came together. Steve's addiction story was comparable to Anthony Kiedis and Artie Lange's books, which is saying something. It's a true survival story. Yeah, dude.

There's a million things I can say about the book, but since I'm writing a review I'll say this: If you like Jackass and Wildboyz, you will like this book. It's as simple as that. "To Continue" Before reading the book I have been a fan of Jackass and Wildboyz since they first came out. Being a skateboarder with a wild side and a insane sense of humor myself, it was easy for me to identify with the show and cast. Through the TV or Big Screen though, I always perceived Steve-O as a one-dimensional ... "Idiot" (but also rad and hilarious) I didn't think there was much more to his life story. For example, as a youngster I thought "If you're on TV, you obviously have money and success." - Boy was I wrong about that. Steve seems to have made his career with determination and a little luck - by the skin of his teeth. Reading things about his life I was able to identify with on a very personal level because they mirrored a couple significant life events of my own. I basically went from viewing him as a one-dimensional idiot, to someone that I support and hope the best for.

Exactly what I was hoping for, bought this gift for my brother who mentioned he wanted to read it. Thanks!

Steve-O's life is very interesting, this book was done very well in my opinion. Its surprising to learn that he was such a depressed man, but to see him come back from all hes been through, is really what matters. If i could this book would be 10 stars out of 5, great book.Thanks,Patrick

This book was even better than expected from the reviews on here. It gives the casual fan of Steve-O a great look into his life and the challenges he's went through. I bought this as a joke, but I quickly became enamored in this book. I highly suggest this book to anyone who has watched his shows or movies. It's a great insight into his background and how some of the Dickhouse shoots went.

You have to read this book to believe it! I don't like Steve o, I think it is a joke that someone with half a brain can make so much money, but you got to give it to him, he had no fear! Crazy book, couldn't put it down!

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