

Some More Wrestling Books

Ok so I might be cheating on one of these but three sounds better than two.

First up we have “Accepted” by Pat Patterson, which came out earlier this year and is obviously the autobiography of one Pat Patterson. This wasn’t exactly what I was hoping for as the big hook, which is Patterson being a gay wrestler, isn’t really a major issue. Basically it’s “yeah I was gay and other than a few times, it didn’t make much of a difference”. It’s a pretty standard autobiography with some cool stories and a timeline of Patterson going from one territory to another. The book is fine but really not worth going out of your way to get, at least not at full price.

Next is Bill Apter’s “Is Wrestling Fixed? I Didn’t Know It Was Broken!”, which is another odd one. For those of you who don’t know who Apter is, go look up almost any old wrestling magazine and you’ll see his name. Apter is pretty easily the biggest wrestling journalist of all time and he’s been around FOREVER. You’ll occasionally see him on the WWE Network as a talking head in history pieces and he fits there perfectly.

This isn’t your standard autobiography as Apter jumps around all over the place, though to be fair he says that’s what he’s trying to do. The book is less than 300 pages and has nearly 60 chapters, mainly comprised of a bunch of short stories from Apter’s life. It’s good stuff and an entertaining read if you don’t mind something that’s pretty light for the most part. That being said, there’s always something interesting about someone who has been around since the early 70s and has covered everyone from Bruno to Cena. It’s a very quick read and you can probably knock it off in one to two sittings.

Finally we have the one where I cheat a bit with “Scooter” by Mick Foley. This was probably my favorite of the three as it took awhile to get into the story but eventually I wanted to see where it was going. I’ve read better novels before (and many far worse) but it’s an entertaining read and, if you’re an old baseball fan, an entertaining enough read.

All of them are worth reading but there are better wrestling books worth going out of your way to read.