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He's wrestled under many names but to the fans he is and will always be **Stone Cold Steve Austin™**. His quick wit and colorful use of language combined with his everyman character captured the hearts of fans worldwide and rewrote the dynamics of professional wrestling forever. **Steve's** ability inside the ring and his quick-witted responses lead to his becoming one of the most popular WWE© Superstars of all times. With the creation of the **Stone Cold™** character, **Steve's** popularity expanded exponentially. It seemed nothing could stop the **Texas Rattlesnake™**, except himself. *The Stone Cold Truth* is an unvarnished take on his life, and you know it's the truth " 'cause **Stone Cold** says so!™"

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Michael Parsons says

A good read but as for the title (The Stone Cold Truth) that might be a stretch as there things he can't & won't talk about due to legal ramifications.

Also not sure how much of a necessary read this book if you are a regular listener to the Steve Austin Podcast.

Chris says

I read the book The Stone Cold Truth by Steve Austin. The authors purpose in writing the book The Stone Cold Truth is to entertain and inform us about Steve's outstanding career in professional wrestling. Steve Austin tells his own story and starts where it all began. Steve was born in Austin Texas on December 18 1964.

The author's style in the book is a narrative and description. the book is the story of Steve Austin's life. They began with his birth and write to the point of where Steve Austin was in his career. they were very accurate about telling about specific match and did not leave out any details or emotions because it was written particularly by Steve Austin himself.

In my opinion, I really liked the book. I liked that it was something physical. I also like all of the little detail put into each chapter. I really like how every time he managed to hurt himself he would still figure out a way to fight the next day. I liked his style in writing by using the word I in almost every scenario because it makes a better connection with the audience when writing about yourself. I would not change anything about this book because it flowed nicely. This book is not similar to other book I've read because I have mostly read football books.

Anneli says

Short but sweet!

The Story of Stone Cold Steve Austin as told by the man himself and inserts by Jim "JR" Ross.

A wee time spent with the company of Steve Austin is a wee time well spent.

WHAT?

De'Shawn says

I thought that Stone Cold Steve Austin didn't do a great job with this memoir. Overall, I really thought we was going into the life and struggle of Stone Cold... but we didn't. I believe that He could've done a much better job with taking his audience in the in's and out's of the life as a WWF/E wrestler. 2 out of 5 overall.

Myke Edwards says

I always knew that Stone Cold was way more than the abrasive anti-hero I enjoyed watching when I got into wrestling back in '98, at the height of his BMF phase and the WWF "Attitude Era". This was a fun read, and I couldn't help but read it in Steve Austin's voice in my head.

Chris Judd says

This book was a great read.

I really enjoyed the way that Steve talk about growing up in teas, and how he started out as a wrestler. I will never put this book down, and I wouldn't mind reading it again.

Lucynell says

In the summer of 1996 wrestling megastar Hulk Hogan ditched the red and yellow, cursed Hulkamania, put on some black and white tights, renamed himself "Hollywood Hogan" and turned heel (bad guy.) It was a pretty high risk move considering how he helped make the business by being a good guy, but it worked and it paid off handsomely. WCW became the biggest wrestling company in the world and almost ran WWE (then WWF) to the ground. WWE played its last card, a most unusual at the time, a plain-looking, straight-shooting, trash-talking, double bird-giving redneck who, ironically enough, was fired from WCW a few years back for being 'unmarketable.' His Austin 3:16 t-shirts must be the single best selling piece of wrestling merchandise ever. Stone Cold Steve Austin proceeded to feud with WWE owner Vince McMahon in what many consider the most entertaining storyline in the history of the sport and it caught like fire. People related big time. This working class hero battling it out with his millionaire boss. Steve Austin basically ushered in what is known as the 'Attitude Era' which happened in the late 90s. It was edgy television, rougher matches, plenty nudity, basically a world away from the family-oriented product produced until then. It's wrestling's greatest era and Steve Austin was its biggest star. This autobiography reads more like an extended magazine article and it's fun, and sometimes kind of sad. It's competently told and reveals some way into the mind of the man, who is smarter about the business than some may think. It's good and wrestling fans will enjoy it but I don't think it will appeal much to outsiders since at 300 pages, including lots of pictures, has no room for much.

Lauren says

A disappointment. Written as more of a conversation than a bio- or auto-biography, I did not care for the writing style. I also did not care for the way he referred vaguely to certain incidents as if I should know exactly what he is talking about. Perhaps I should, but lets be honest, not everyone is a psycho fan, and I'm a girl, dammitt! It was interesting, but I had a hard time getting over the poor writing.

J.W. Dionysius Nicoletto says

I suppose, even if just for a day, or a week, it is possible to possess too many good books for one's own good. In saying this I mean that there are too many options and it becomes a neurological crisis. After finally getting around to Arno Schmidt, Zola, and Saint Augustine, I ended up unable to process rational thoughts, fed self through tube, and 'Hit the Bottle.'

As I hit the bottle, weeping over my shattered attention span and my friend trapped in Martial Law in Thailand, I found myself actually watching television. I have never watched television before. Or rather in some ten-odd years. I don't understand the meaning of television, and when I do not comprehend the meaning of something I prefer to walk away.

Attempting without success to operate the extremely complicated remote control, I was stuck on the USA Network. As manually operating the channels was beneath me, simply out of the question, I arched my elbow, stretched out, took a sip of my triple gin, watched the clock strike eight.

Much to my astonishment, professional wrestling came on. I thought it came on at nine. That's the way it used to be. I endured two or three minutes of the program, and listened to an promotional effort from a man on steroids in bright colors whom looked like a cross between a literal ape and Frankenstein. He spoke of military service in a rap song for children. As I despise war, rap, and children, I was inherently put off.

However, my memories of fonder wrestling days - Nassau Coliseum, autographs, Madison Square Garden (I even used to listen to the pay per views on scrambled TV! It was like a radio broadcast!) and took a stroll out to Skid Row, and visited a family friend whom drinks heroic quantities of beer, and will surely be dead by the time he is 40, and who is also a wrestling fanatic. He collects figurines, taped events, misc merchandise, and autobiographies.

"There are better," espoused he, handing me the japalpeno chips through a long, deep belch which seemed to welcome death in its own roaring, winding way, "Say for instance, Chris Jericho. Bret Hart. But start with Stone Cold. It's easy. He is a born poet."

He spoke the truth. This is a breezy autobiography and includes everything and more: Uneventful childhood, dropping out of college, barbed wire bats, steel cages, religious defamation, alcoholism, traveling the world, spousal abuse, boozing and brawling his way through life as Stone Cold.

It would be of serious interest of Penguin Classics to reissue this text. Perhaps even a more fair-weather publishing house like Melville, or Dalkey Archive, would benefit greatly in having the testicular fortitude to reissue this neglected gem.

Wrestling is not fake: It is scripted. I once dreamt of being a professional wrestler, but it did not last very long. I was in the phoenix of my nicotine addiction, and was woofing down a minimum of three packs per day. I jogged once the ropes, was flipped upside down, and was thereafter bedridden for the rest of the year.

Things have picked back up, and I am back to my regular studies. Still, this book made me laugh and cry. It is the sum of all life experience, written by an obvious, buried (ring)master. Recommended to all in search of an astonishing life reflection, i.e. Marcel Proust.

David Bowles says

I was never a huge fan of Austin. This book opened my eyes to the real man. He seems to have integrity and a sense of humour. He has a bit of an ego, but then, what wrestler doesn't!

One other reviewer complained that he had a normal upbringing and that it was a bit dull! Not sure why that was a problem, these days is that not something to be celebrated! All in all, well worth reading! Even if I don't always agree with everything Austin says. Where's the harm in that!

Luke Koran says

Welcome to the world of one of the greatest sport entertainers known to man, "Stone Cold" Steve Austin! However, don't get your hopes up too high. Much like Brock Lesnar - in both his wrestling persona and his own autobiography published in 2012 - "Stone Cold" is a relatively private, softly-spoken man. Shocking, I know, especially when compared to the boisterous nature of his iconic "Texas Rattlesnake" character that graced WWE for a decade. Though he may be more outspoken and prone to sharing in the years since he retired, as he has hosted a podcast with the WWE Universe for the past three years, Austin seemed to hold back a little bit more during the pages of this book, which was published in 2003. However, that is where his good friend and former announcer / WWE Executive Vice President of Talent Relations, Jim Ross, comes in and fills the holes. At the end of every chapter, "Good Ol' JR" offers his perspective on the commentary that Austin had just penned. Working hand in hand, Austin and Ross produce a pretty solid autobiography that gives a good overview of all aspects of Austin's life and wrestling career. Even for the avid WWE fan, you will learn a few new things here, though only to the extent that "Stone Cold" wished to detail them 15 years ago. Who knows, maybe a second autobiography will be more revealing, especially if it is not published under the WWE moniker, which will allow Austin to hold nothing back in his true thoughts on Vince McMahon and the WWE. Since these are the very words of Steve Austin and is a good look into his life both in-and-out of the ring, I still have to give this book 5 stars, and hereby declaring it a MUST-READ. "And that's the bottom line, cause Stone Cold said so!"

Taju Noor says

Nice

Buggy says

Opening Line: *"Damn, I think I'm dying, dying for sure."*

Or what you'll read when you're bored and trapped at a fishing cabin without power

Okay first off this is not my usual reading fare (the cartoon skull at the beginning and end of each chapter should have clued me in) I'm not a Wrestling fan, I only knew who Stone Cold Steve Austin was because he was everywhere in the late 90's and I have two younger brothers. In going over this book for my review I realized it was going to be very hard not to rip it to pieces what with all the skulls and awesome little quotes

like this one:

“DTA, you stupid piece of trash. Don’t ever trust anybody. You ain’t gonna be my partner...never! ‘Cause you are a longhair freak, and you suck!

-Austin to Mankind, after giving him the ‘stone cold stunner’ -which I now know how to do should I ever feel the need.

Why did I read this you ask? Well you see I was trapped at a secluded fishing cabin for a week without power, in the rain and I ran out of stuff to read. This just happened to be lying around (I guess its good fishing material?) Anyways due to the short chapters, cold weather, absence of television and amount of cool pictures involved here, before I knew it I was done. So I’m going to try to review this impartially, from the point of a 12 year old boy and wrestling fan. Which is I’m sure who it was aimed at, not a forty year old romance reader. Oh in case you were wondering the fishing was great.

We begin with Stone Cold preparing for his final fight in WrestleMania against The Rock (yum!) Steve’s having a bit of an episode from the amount of energy drinks and coffee he’s been ingesting and may just be having a heart attack. (FYI Chapter one is 8 pages long and contains 2 skulls, 3 almost full page photographs and a POV from his mentor Jim Ross) Then for Chapter two (which is 4 pages long) we go way back to the beginning, briefly following Austin’s childhood, growing up in Texas. He talks about his family, his brothers and love of sports; football and tennis in particular. Repeating often how important it is to respect and listen to your parents and stay in school. About 30 pages in Steve drops out of college and goes to Wrestling school and the rest as they say is history.

Well sort of. We also get tidbits from his early career when he was on the road and didn’t have any money, surviving on potatoes. Theres lots of stories about promoters and other wrestlers he met along the way into the WWF. He talks a bit about drugs and friends lost, feuds in the business and what really went down. We meet his first wife, second wife and third. We learn the story behind the “What?” gimmick, “Hell yeah”, the middle finger salute and why its more fun to be heel then a baby face (even though you’ll sell less merchandise) He also discusses his numerous injuries and what he would change about the wrestling business.

In the end I think one of my biggest problems with this book was that it was just assumed that you knew all the background behind any of the stories he was telling, so he only ever told half the story. As a wrestling fan I’m sure the half you get is awesome but as someone reading it just for the biography aspect it was a little confusing. Can anyone tell me what he was on probation for? I also never felt like I got to know the real Steve Austin as there wasn’t any insight given into his personal life. As I said theres a ton of freaking photos, like every page, as well as wrestling quotes, letters and documents all interspersed with commentary from his mother, father and good friend Jim "J.R" Ross. oh and all the skulls.

And that’s the bottom line cause Stone Cold said so. Cheers

Austin Bailey says

The Stone Cold Truth, by Steve Austin is a autobiography. The book mostly takes about is life as a wrestler and how he became one if the most famous wrestler of all times. Stone Cold tells all the bad and good things about being a wrestler and what you have to do if you want to become one. The things I like about the book are that it makes you want to turn the page.

Andy Carrington says

An entertaining read when sat on the shitter for long periods of the day.

And that's the bottom line.

John Taylor says

It didn't take long to realise that this was going to be one of those Autobiographies that didn't spill the beans . While I found it mildly interesting I know Steve Williams has a lot more to spill. It's a WWE backed book so therefore he was limited to what he could say .

Nakul Dashora says

Stone Cold" Steve Austin's autobiography, "The Stone Cold Truth" details the life and career of one of the biggest icons in professional wrestling history. Overall, it's a great look at the life and times of one of America's most popular entertainers.

Like any autobiography, the book discusses Austin's childhood growing up in Texas where he discusses growing up with his brothers. He talks about his family, his love of sports and just growing up in general including his first relationship with his first wife. From there he talks about how he got started in professional wrestling after dropping out of college. From there he chronologically follows his career with the Jarrett's USWA, Ted Turner's WCW, Paul Heyman's ECW and finally his getting into Vince McMahon's World Wrestling Federation. He shares lots of stories about the promoters and wrestlers he met and learned from along the way.

Overall, if you're a wrestling fan you'll love reading Austin's overall thoughts on the wrestling business as he gives you his honest opinion on it. The vast majority of the book is basically Austin's experience in the business, how it should be run, etc. He talks candidly about his relationship with Vince McMahon as well as goes behind the scenes with how his biggest feuds in the business were put together or got floundered. We also get some of the dirty details behind his frustrating career in WCW as he saw it.

The biggest drawback to the book is that it leaves you wanting more. Many of the chapters in the book are only a few pages long. Obviously there's a lot more that Austin and his co-biographers could have shared but I'm of the opinion that what was shared was adequate. The book is interspersed with "inserted commentary" by Austin's mother and father as well as his good friend and confidant "J.R." Jim Ross. The commentary adds some good extra insight to some of the points and stories Austin shares.

Overall, while the book was a little sparse in parts, readers should be happy with Steve Austin's "The Stone Cold Truth." For wrestling fans you'll benefit from the insight into the wrestling business from its pre-eminent star.

"And That's The Bottom Line, `Cause Stone Cold Said So!!!"

Jose Urena says

A must read for any wrestling fan.

James says

A little boring even for a hardcore stone cold fan, steve (as anyone who saw his hall of fame acceptance speech knows) doesn't like to say too much, unlike a lot of other wrestlers steve doesn't have a god complex and sees himself as a simple cog in a big system, this is a likeable attitude to have but unfortunately it doesn't make for the best book as steve brushes over major events and tends to play things down rather than up, before you know it you've just read the autobiography of the biggest wrestler of the 90s but you're left feeling like you've just watched a 5 minute interview of his on you tube or something, he offers no glimpse into his soul, he has few opinions on any other wrestlers to offer, apart from chris Adams who he really does rip into and he doesn't even really seem to see himself as a big deal, do I like steve austin? Hell yeah but do I like him anymore now that I've read this book? Not really.

Av says

Good for any fan of wrestling and Stone Cold.
