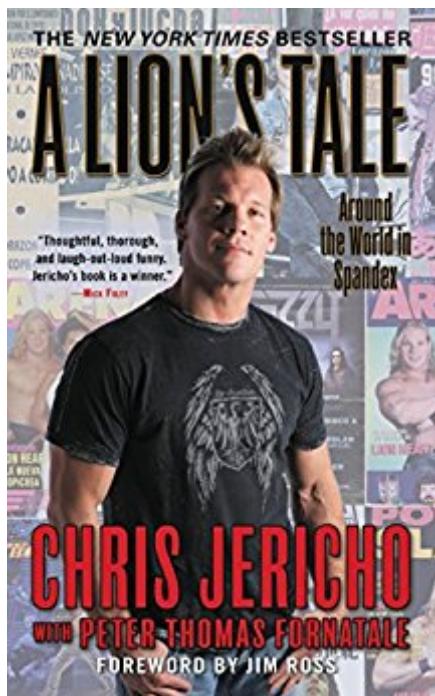


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# A Lion's Tale: Around The World In Spandex



## **Synopsis**

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "An action-packed, uplifting, exceed-your-dreams thrill ride." -Associated PressChris Jericho has been named one of the top ten best wrestlers in the world and was crowned the first undisputed heavyweight champion in professional wrestling history. But his journey from Alberta, Canada, to Vince McMahon's WWE is a story that may never, ever happen again. From leaving home at nineteen and training in the infamous Hart Dungeon; to dealing with his mother's devastating injury; to becoming a national heartthrob in Mexico, a local hero in Germany, and a hated villain in Japan; to his big break in the WCW; Chris shares both the poignant and the hilarious moments of his life. With never-before-heard insights into the highly political backstage machinations of the wrestling business during the 1990s, this is Lion Heart rising from small-town dreamer to big-time superstar, living and loving in foreign lands, and proving that dreams can come true.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am an old school wrestling fan and worker myself but I admittedly don't know a thing about Chris Jericho but I enjoy reading about the business. I absolutely love Chris's sense of humor and writing style. It's as if he's sitting on your couch telling funny stories and you can just hear the tone of his voice when you're reading along. We are around the same age and this book really took me back to my favorite days of going to see the NWA when they came to town to the Norfolk Scope. I knew so many of the old wrestlers that he met while on his way to the top and it was like chatting with an old friend. I'm only a bit over halfway through the book and I can tell this will be one that I will feel sad when it's over. Very fun read and such a likable guy. I have a new found respect for this guy because of his absolute love of the business and the hilarity of his naivety about how things worked. I remember feeling the exact same way as I figured things out myself. Definite must read for any wrestling fan. Can't wait to read his other book.

This book covers Jericho's career before WWE and only talks about the formation of Fozzy, however, it is very well written and a great backstory. His writing ability is on par with the great wrestling authors like Mick Foley and Brett Hart. You get great stories about coming up in the business and traveling Canada, Mexico, Germany, and Japan. Good insight into his stints in ECW and WCW. I read the sequel which was also excellent. I can't wait to get to the later ones.

Not a huge WWE fan, but this was an easy book to read and enjoy as the stories are kind of funny and Chris Jericho comes off as a good dude. If you are into sports you will like it, if you are into wrestling, you will really like it, if you are into knitting, maybe not so much.

So much rolled up into one book! A must read for about every guy out there and for almost all the women out there also....Take my word for it you won't want to put it down, and you will feel like C.J (E) is one of your good buddies.

After reading Booker T's autobiography I happen to bump into Chris Jericho's. I must admit.. This was very good. It brought me back to instances of seeing him on WCW Nitro when I was in college and the funny promos he would do. It also caused me to revisit the WWE documentary on him I saw a year ago on Netflix. Hilarity at it's best. Chris has truly lived a life full of experiences on what happens when you pursue your dreams. Although at times I thought the book was a little too long his writing style keeps you entrapped. 5 star read for me. Reading the reviews for this encouraged me to buy his other two books as well as Mick Foley's. All of which I have. . It's just a matter of what to

pick up next.

In this great book, he will tell you his rise to the wrestling business, while telling you how much his family means to him. Is a great book I read it in two days is very funny and insightful into the wrestling world but also in the Chris life. How he train, where did he first wrestle and how he counts every match he has ever had and that is why his second book is call How to Become the World Champion in 1,372 Easy Steps because that is the number of matches he has had he tells you why he counts them. He tells you about how many times he had a gun pointed at him. He tells you about his rise in Mexico, and how different the style is over there compare to the US. He will tell you stories of how he lost his virginity. He will talk about stories in Mexico the friend and enemies he made and the lost of friend over there. He then tells you about his hero and about the men he wanted to his future partner Owen hart and how he got to meet him just a few years before he join the WWF and how when he was sining a contract with the WWF just months before Jericho came to the WWF, Owen hart died of a tragic accident in a live PPV that he was watching from his home. He will tell you about trying to go to Japan and getting over but failing and trying so many gimmicks and still people not liking him. He will tell you about wrestling in Germany, and meeting some very interesting characters over there, while trying to get laid. He will tell you his stories about Japan and how weir it is. He then tells you how he got over in Japan and finally met Eric from WCW who would give a a contract without knowing who he was just because Benoit told him Jericho was good. He will tell you how the WCW almost kill his passion for wrestling. Finally he will talk about sining with the WWF and stepping over those black curtains to cut a promo with the Rock...

If you're a fan of Jericho, or a fan of wrestling at large, you'll love this. It's a pitch perfect tale of one fan working his way from goofy shows put on with pals to living his childhood dream and succeeding beyond measure in the then WWF, now WWE. Jericho was a childhood hero of mine, so this was a delight to read. Come on, baybayyy, and give it a read!

I read Jericho's books in reverse order and I liked this one the most. The other two books are great, but "A Lion's Tale" focuses more on Jericho's trials and tribulations in wrestling than his exploits with Fozzy. If you're looking for Fozzy stories, "Undisputed" and "Best In The World, At What I Have No Idea" give you those in piles. If you want pure wrestling stories, this book more than delivers. Note: I bought was the Kindle edition.

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