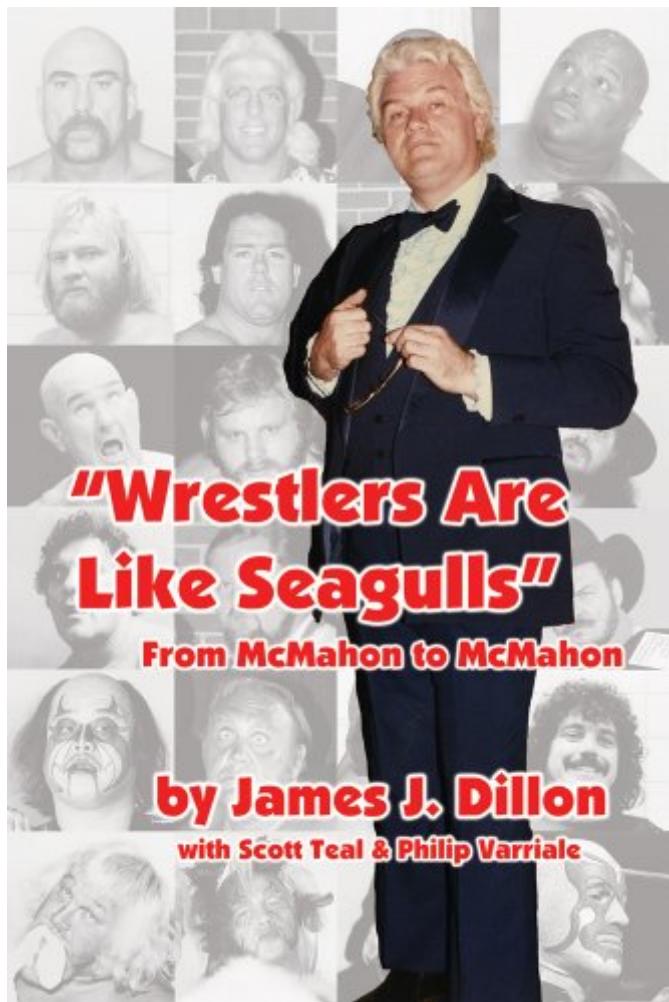


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# "Wrestlers Are Like Seagulls": From McMahon To McMahon



## Synopsis

RIC FLAIR â “ In the words of the "Nature Boy" himself in 1986, at the pinnacle of the successful reign of the Horsemen. "We take a lot of pride in being first class. We pay a lot of respect to J.J. Dillon, our leader ..."TULLY BLANCHARD â “ "James was the crucial component that made us complete."OLE ANDERSON â “ "Dillon made the Four Horsemen."ARN ANDERSON â “ "J.J. Dillon is one of the classiest pros this business has ever known." For more than 40 years, James J. Dillon has been involved in the world of professional wrestling. Now he speaks candidly on all aspects of both his career and his personal life. This book has something for wrestling fans of all generations and ages:â ¢ Being a wrestling fan in the 50'sâ ¢ Breaking into the wrestling business as a referee during the 60'sâ ¢ Wrestling in the territorial system of the 70'sâ ¢ Taking leadership of the legendary Four Horsemen during the 80'sâ ¢ Working with Vince McMahon in the WWF during the 90'sâ ¢ Watching the monumental collapse of WCW in the 00's J.J. Dillon offers a first-hand account and detailed history of one of the most influential wrestling promotions in wrestling history â ” the World Wrestling Federation. For 7Â  years, JJ served in the WWF as Vince McMahon's top lieutenant, right-hand man, and Vice President. Never before has someone from McMahon's inner circle written a book with an insider's perspective of the company. JJ also gives a insider's perspective on the ludicrous business decisions made by executives who took World Championship Wrestling down a path that led to the company's destruction and eventual demise. From the highs of making big money, winning championship titles, rubbing elbows with top celebrities, and appearing on television every week â ” to the lows of filing for bankruptcy, extramarital affairs, divorces, and drug use â ” no stone is left unturned when J.J. Dillon tells his story. In this book released by Crowbar Press, there are truly "no holds barred."

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## Customer Reviews

Having read several wrestler's biographies over the last few years, I would rate this one at the top. Both the subject, JJ Dillon, and the author Scott Teal put the time in to get the facts and dates correct. JJ kept records of his career and Teal made reading this enjoyable. For old school wrestling fans this book is a history lesson. Starting as a fan, JJ Dillon became a referee, wrestler, manager and eventually working behind the scenes as an executive. The book just as his career left no stone unturned.

This is in the upper echelon of wrestling books. Dillon kept extensive notes about his career and Scott Teal is fantastic at fact checking, so it is extremely detailed and accurate. Lots of great stories from his 40+ years in the business, including some fascinating insight into Vince McMahon. Highest recommendation.

I've heard about this book for a few years now, and finally bought the kindle edition. JJ is VERY honest and pulls no punches, while not showing any malice. He covers everything from his beginnings as a ref in the old WWWF, to his first full time job as a worker in Crockett. I loved the stories and his time in the Amarillo territory, and also his time with Eddie Graham in Florida. I would have loved to see the show from the Maritimes, sounds very cool. If you are a fan of the 4 Horseman, he covers that pretty good as well. His time in WWF is also covered, and you can see how Vince McMahon is very selfish and self centered. He basically bankrupted JJ, which sucks. He also goes into how Eric Bischoff bankrupted Turner, and never used JJ's mind to get insight on what could be done to topple the WWF at the time. Also he took the heat from a LOT of the talent for things that he either had NO control over, or that other people precipitated, that has nothing to do with him. He seems like a man of integrity, and never fired a talent by Fed X, but always had a

conversation with them, as it should be.I ordered the Kindle version, because the book itself is a few hundred dollars at this time it seems.Now, if they would just release Gary Hart's book, I could die a happy man!!!!

As a character in the rope opera of professional wrestling, I was never a fan of J.J. Dillon, as a person telling his story, I would love to sit and have a few with Jim Morrison! His story from start to finish held my interest and I like the self effacing nature that JJ takes in telling it. From his days as a curtain jerker for the Sheik, to the executive that helped the WWF become the juggernaut that it became, to the demise of the WCW, JJ tells it as it was, warts and all! He makes tough admissions of his own fallibility while maintaining the integrity of others, a rare occurrence in any wrestling story! He was a success in all aspects of his industry and to me, comes off as an even better person.

I have spent the better part of FIVE years trying to get a copy...this is a unique prospective from a man who has lived his life in Wrestling...and walked away with no regret..he's done it all...he's in the Hall of Fame...and is the "5th" Horsemen. This is the most complete book I've read in the genre so far.....If you're a Fan, get this book....

I chose this after hearing a podcast interview with JJ. I wanted to know the story, his story; and now I feel I have. the beginning of the book shows a youthful enthusiasm, an almost Forrest Gump journey through the territory era. Alas, the picture stays too much in focus. A man who was given chances to book areas, only to have them fail do to circumstances beyond his control. While referring to Dusty Rhoades "ego" JJ goes,n,about no one being able to time a PPV. Claiming that Vince Jr. would never bring somebody needs in to fail, then claim that he wouldn't work again for wwe, because he would never know when Vince would set him,up. still and all, I appreciated the effort. thank you!

I really enjoyed this book. It was very detailed about every point in his career. It was interesting as he relived his days in the territory circuits. I loved how he went into details about his days in WCW & WWE. It gave alot of insight into his duties as a booker and working in creative. I've never read a book that went into so much detail about what it was like to work for Vince McMahon. Very interesting. In fact, Dillon was there during one of my favorite eras (1980s NWA/WCW), WWE, and also during WCW's downfall with Eric Bischoff. Great stories from the road throughout the book.What a great wrestling creative mind. What a book about professional wrestling should be!

Must read for the wrestling fan. loved it!

Terrific book told with great detail and is factual .He has numerous newspaper clippings and programs that help support his story Gives you insight into the old days of being a wrestler and how much love he had for wrestling and how hard it was to make a living. I rate this up there with the Ole Anderson and Jack Brisco books for his candor and honesty as one of the best. I have read Foley Jericho Flair Regal Brody Dynamite Kid Superstar Graham Bischoff one of Russo's and many I forgot that I read etc Good read even if you are not a fan, great story teller

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