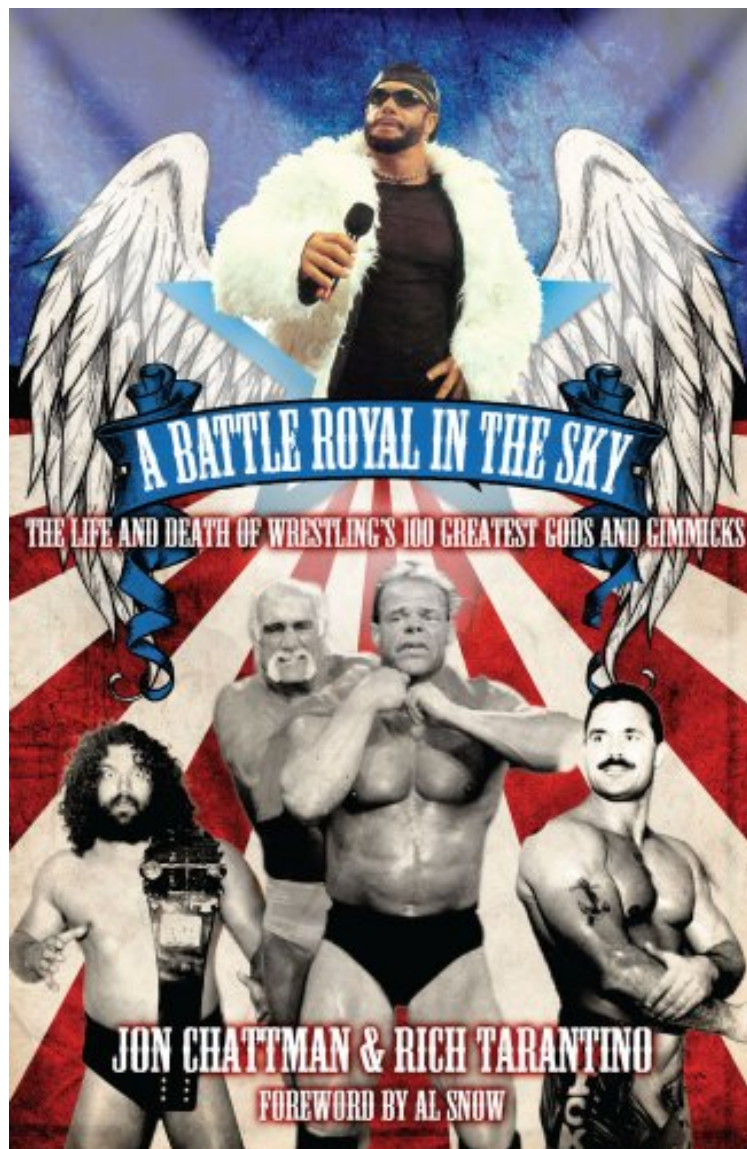


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Told from a true fan's perspective—a fond look at 50 legends lost, and 50 good, bad, and very ugly gimmicks that the world of wrestling has said goodbye toEvery child of the 1980s who watched wrestling remembers the good old days of larger-than-life superstars in unintentionally cheesy promos, while every wrestling fan of the 1990s thinks back to a golden era of grappling, where two companies battled and no matter the outcome, the audience always won. Nowadays, wrestling just isn't the same. Many fans' heroes growing up—whether it's Randy "Macho Man" Savage or Curt "Mr. Perfect" Hennig—have passed away well before they should have, and many favorite gimmicks and story angles have been permanently retired. With humorous poignancy, A Battle Royal In The Sky celebrates both 50 legends we lost, and 50 gimmicks. Told from a true fan's perspective with superstar career highlights and lowlights, this book also features quotes from some icons in the wrestling business including "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka and Nikolai Volkoff, matched with funny and factual wrestling sidebars ranging from worst celebrity WrestleMania appearances to top rated wrestling managers who were pets.

"Entertaining." — Wrestling Inc.comAbout the AuthorJon Chattman and Rich Tarantino are the coauthors of I Love the Red Sox/I Hate the Yankees and Sweet Stache: 50 Bad Ass Mustaches and the Faces That Sport Them. Al Snow is a professional wrestler. He lives in Louisville, Kentucky.