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"Teeny": Professional Wrestling's Grand Dame



Synopsis

Rule #1: Be on time. Rule #2: No foul language. Rule #3: Stay away from the arena rats. Rule #4: NEVER break kayfabe. Virtually every big name in wrestling in the second half of the 20th Century crossed paths with Ms. Christine, as she was known to most. If they followed her rules, Christine "Teeny" Jarrett probably taught them a thing or two about staying out of trouble and saving money for a rainy day. If they got out of line, they likely faced The Grip. Over the course of her 50-year career in wrestling, Teeny worked her way from selling tickets in the back of a Nashville, Tennessee shoe store to running a network of towns for Nick Gulas and Roy Welch to owning one of the most successful territories in the business with her son Jerry Jarrett - until they lost it all to "that so-and-so" Vince McMahon! Teeny was my grandmother. This is her story. Oh, and did you know bears can wrestle?

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Customer Reviews

Much has been written about Memphis wrestling over the years, but nearly all take place after 1980. This seems very well researched, I particularly enjoyed the detailed stories of Gulas & Welch. The highlight of the book for me, was the chapter of the much maligned 'high flier', second generation

superstar George Gulas. Kudos to the author for spinning a wonderful tribute to his grandmother "Teenie". Well, well worth the cover price.

This book is just a fun read. I've always heard stories of Teeny but did not know much about her. Brennon, I am sure you enjoyed every minute of writing this book- and it showed. Although you clearly mark it a novel, you lost me a bit in some of the over the top stories- such as the coming together of Welch/Gulas or running into a burning building 3 times. Perhaps they are all true (and I apologize if they are) but it blurred my suspension of disbelief. A fun, breezy and unique read about a wonderful woman and the wrestling business.p.s. I enjoyed Jerry's two books as well. Can you convince him to write about the USWA 1990-1997? :)

Even though I'm not a huge wrestling fan, I really enjoyed this book. It's a great read on the history of the Memphis wrestling scene and all the characters involved. I was interested in understanding more about how wrestling as entertainment developed and grew before it became the "spectacle" it is today, and this book did not disappoint. Even if aren't a wrestling fan, you will enjoy following the story of "Teeney" through the years of wrestling's evolution from barn sport to mainstream entertainment.

I'm not normally a wrestling fan but thus was a great depiction of how the sport grew and evolved after World War Two and through the nineties. Interesting character study too.

INTERESTING BOOK, GOOD READ.

I have seen Christine Jarretts name in many books i've read, so it's great to get to hear her story! Highly recommended for any old school wrestling fan.

I met Ms Christine in the early 70's. Can't even think about the Nashville wrestling office without thinking about her. Not a typical wrestling book. It is a novel that happens to have some very interesting "behind the curtain" and "Inside the Rope" stories. A good read for anyone that has never been in the wrestling business written by someone that loves "Tenny's" daughter. Thank you Brennon!

I would recommend this book to any old school wrestling fan especially a fan of Nashville and

Memphis wrestling. Easy read.

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