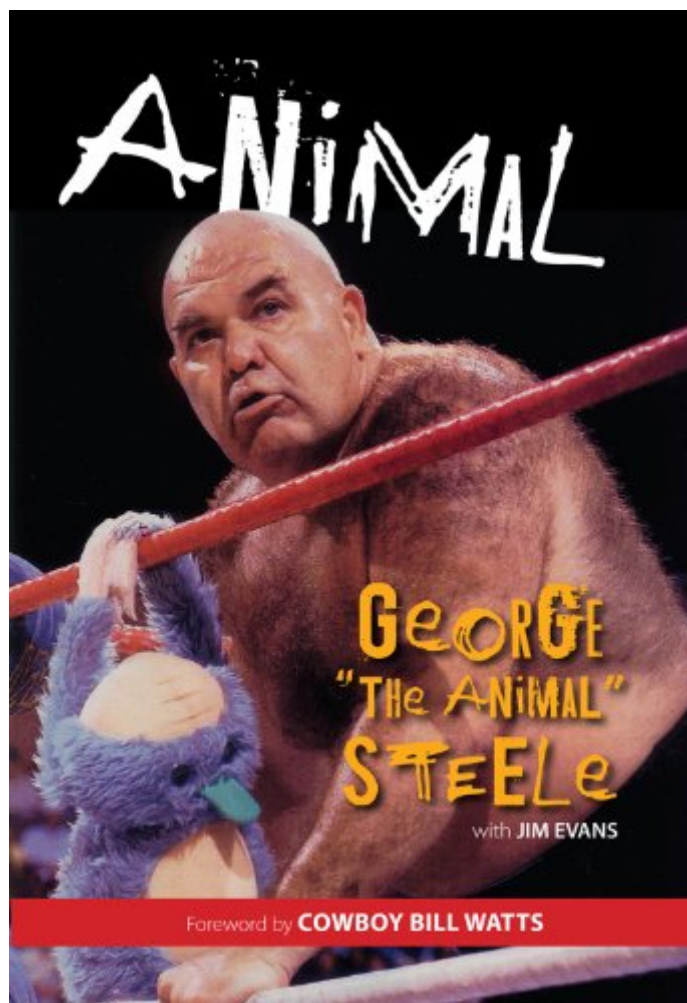


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# Animal



## Synopsis

A stand-out character in an entertainment industry where persona is everything, George "The Animal" Steele shares how he balanced his real life as Jim Myers, a highly respected high school teacher and coach, with the green tongued, hairy backed, turnbuckle eating wrestling icon he was in the ring. The memoir delves into the golden era of wrestling in the 1970s and 1980s and his entry into the World Wrestling Federation where he earned a spot in professional wrestling history despite only speaking in animal-like grunts. In reality, the educated man that overcame his struggles with dyslexia and Crohn's Disease was a father and an inspiration to many of his students and players, and the dichotomous personalities that marked this much-loved man's life are explored in his own words. The book is filled with nostalgic and humorous anecdotes about the whirlwind life of wrestling alongside such notables as Hulk Hogan and Bruno Sammartino, both in and out of the ring.

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## Customer Reviews

My local newspaper gave a writeup on wrestler George the Animal Steele, the husband and father.

He is quite literate and educated in this book, I am sorry I waited until his passing to read it. His stories are gripping and, refreshingly for an autobiography, not self serving. Would any of us tell it like it is with the mistakes and pitfalls we made in life? He does. His candor serves the book well here, and is a treat for the reader.

If you are looking for a book that chronicles "The Animal's" wrestling career, this is not that kind of book. The book is really more about his struggles with his learning disability and being able to overcome it and help others like him through his coaching and teaching career. I would have liked to have seen a more balanced presentation of both his wrestling career and his personal life.

After reading the reviews, I wasn't expecting much. Not being a wrestling fan my perspective may be different. GREAT book, enjoyable read. Read in one night. There were a couple times I wasn't sure who was talking but I was so absorbed in the story I didn't care. Lot's of wrestling info. (as one would expect) Not sure what those who complained were looking for. Perhaps dirt ? None here. Though there are two inappropriate sentences that if left out of the book would of made it suitable for ALL ages. Parents Be Warned. Frankly I could of done without the visual as well. Odd from a man who only does Family appearances. Remarkable life. From a man who's overcame much, gave much & still does. You go 'Animal' ! Sign me, New Forever Fan.

The late George "the Animal" Steele, an old time favorite wrestler of mine, so oddly I brought this book on a whim two days before he passed away, the book is pretty light on wrestling stories, it does contain some, and focuses a little on probably his best known feud with the Macho Man Randy Savage, it touches on Bruno Sammartino but its mostly about the animals life outside of the ring, still an entertaining quick read just not if you want the in detail backstage stories that other wrestling books contain.

WOW! I realized I knew little about wrestling icon George "The Animal" Steele other than superficially from t.v. or wrestling magazines. What a pleasure it is to meet Jim Myers, George's alter ego. However, unlike the green tongued, turnbuckle eating wrestling heel, Jim is a gentle giant both physically and morally. I'd never have pictured him as a respected educator, family man, counselor and still wrestling ambassador. But he is. And he so loves to tell you about all his facets. Reading about his struggles with dyslexia, living hand to mouth, the politics of education and wrestling were told by a man who has found peace telling you his stories as if he pulled up a chair

and shared them with you one on one. So often told with excitement, humor, forgiveness and love. Thank you Jim....George, for writing such an inspiring and entertaining book. And thank you for all you've done in and out of the ring

Although it skipped around a little it was easy reading and really told me the things I wanted to know about his personal and professional life. My mom grew up a few doors down from the Meyers and my grandma still lived there on the same street as his mom when I was a kid. I know all of the families that lived on Hales 50-60 years ago and they still are in contact with each other. Jim retired from the school in 85 when I was 8 so I never knew Jim, but his mom had a full sized candy bar waiting for Me and my siblings every Halloween. She also had stories about her kids when they were young in the summers when I'd stop to say hi. So I always heard things about Jim but only met him a couple of times. I really enjoyed hearing about him from his own perspective.

jim meyers aka george animal steele has always been a favorite of mine. From the time I was 14 I saw every match I could when he would wrestle in my home town. From Brighton beach, the defunct sunnyside gardens, to Madison Square Garden back in the 70s thru the 80s. His autobiography gave me more of an inside view to the best bad guy in wwe history. I would have love to be a student in his class. I deeply enjoyed the book, a definite read for any wrestling fan. Especially of Jim Meyers aka George Steele.

George the Animal Steele was a wrestler in the summer while Jim Myers was a teacher for the rest of the year. This split persona suited both very well as the twin personalities could allow them to do what they did best for parts of each year. This is quite a good book, filled with stories from the authors life. There is no nastiness in the book, the author is a man who is at peace with himself and doesn't have the need to dish the dirt. The book has so many varied chapters that deal with stages in his life, it did feel a little disjointed at times. I (like a number of other reviewers) would have liked more wrestling stories, maybe there is a need for a sequel.....

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