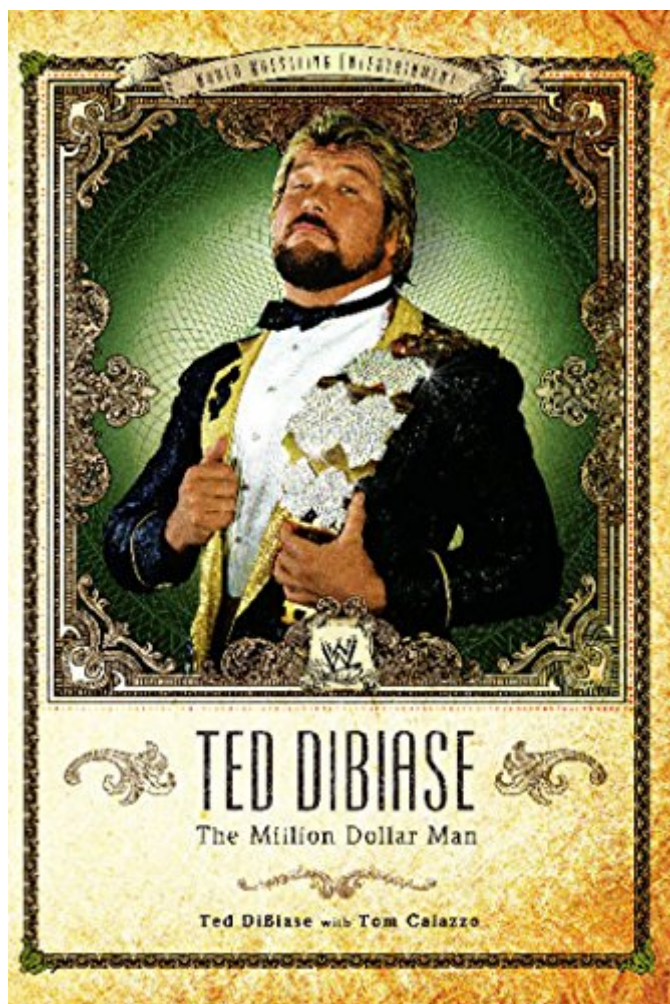


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## Ted DiBiase (WWE)



## Synopsis

Everyone's got a price. Everyone's got to pay. 'Cause the Million Dollar Man always gets his way. After proving his point, Ted DiBiase would laugh and fan out his large roll of hundreds, worsening the degradation of whoever had been foolish enough to accept his challenge or get in his way. Defeated opponents -- put to sleep with his Million Dollar Dream -- would have the added humiliation of awakening to discover that the Million Dollar Man had been stuffing bills down their throats. Winning match after match, yet no closer to the championship, DiBiase wanted the title, but he couldn't seem to win it. His solution: pay Andre the Giant to win the title, make sure the referee was also "taken care of," and then have Andre hand the championship title over to him. True to his taunt, the Million Dollar Man had gotten his way, and Ted DiBiase became the most hated person in sports entertainment. Making his way to the top of the profession that he had loved since he was a child, Ted DiBiase never did anything by half measures. He couldn't, because the men he respected and worked side by side with expected that "Iron" Mike's kid would give his all. And each day while on the road learning what it was to be a wrestler, Ted remembered how his father had taught him to give his all every time. It was how his father lived -- and how he lost his life, dying during a wrestling match while Ted was still a boy. From the dusty roads of Texas to the bayous of Louisiana, Ted moved from one wrestling promotion to another -- sometimes a babyface, other times a heel. He learned how to tell a story and how to draw the fans in, both inside and outside the ring. In 1987, Vince McMahon had an idea for a new character, the Million Dollar Man, and one person came to mind: Ted DiBiase. For nearly a decade, fans waited to see just how Ted could prove his adage that "Everyone's got a price." When he was sidelined by a neck injury, DiBiase started a second wrestling career, as a manager. He managed some of the biggest stars: Bam Bam Bigelow, King Kong Bundy, and a very green wrestler, the Ringmaster (who would later be known as Stone Cold Steve Austin). Ted DiBiase, the Million Dollar Man, is fondly remembered by wrestling fans for his style and his command of the ring. This is the inside glimpse of three decades inside and outside the squared circle.

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I'm a huge fan of Ted Dibiase - especially the Million Dollar Man character that he portrayed to expertly during his WWF/E run in the late 80s and early 90s. This autobiography is a serviceable look into the details of his wrestling career that were not provided during his first autobiography that had more of an evangelical bent to it. With that said, the errors contained within this book are glaring, and they raise questions as to the author's recall of other statements of which people will have less obvious knowledge. For instance, in the opening chapter of the book, Dibiase mentions how he turned Macho Man Randy Savage face during their match at Wrestlemania IV. Fans with even the most basic knowledge of the 80s WWF know that Savage turned face during only a few months after Wrestlemania III and was firmly established as a face before his Wrestlemania IV match with the Million Dollar Man. Dibiase gives details about the Andre the Giant-Hulk Hogan match on Saturday Night's Main Event that simply did NOT happen; the referee switch did NOT take place mid match, but before. This might be Dibiase's most noteworthy moment as a wrestler, seen by far more people than any other moment, but he can't get his facts straight. Another error: He talks about how Virgil was forced to hurl an interfering fan from the exterior of the steel cage to the floor during a match with Randy Savage at Madison Square Garden. I've seen this match, as have MANY wrestling fans; security removed the fan from the cage, and Virgil feigned a kick at the fan only AFTER the fan was removed. Again, either Dibiase had his facts wrong, or he flat out lied and doesn't count on fans to have actually seen this footage.

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