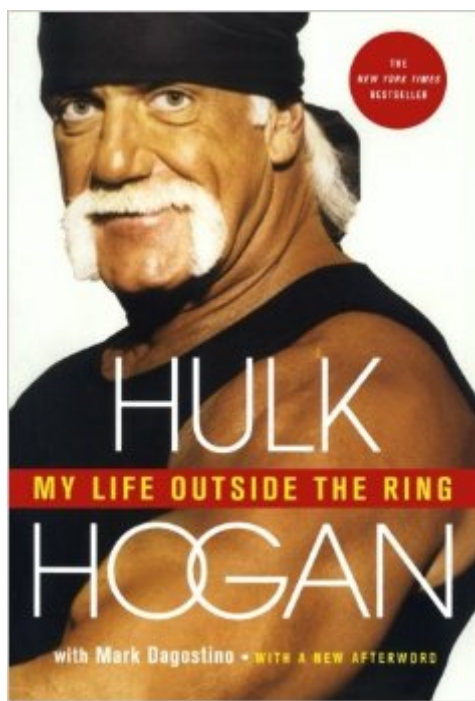


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My Life Outside The Ring



Synopsis

Hulk Hogan, born Terry Bollea, burst onto the professional wrestling scene in the late seventies and went on to become a world wrestling champion many times over. From humble beginnings, this giant of a man escaped a pre-ordained life of dock and construction work in Port Tampa, Florida, to become one of the most recognizable celebrities on the planet. He did it through sheer will, grit, determination, and a drive to always go over the top and do more than what others thought possible. From the outside, his story was one of a charmed life—he was at the top of his career, had a wonderful and loving family, and a lifelong fan base who worshipped him. Of course he had his ups and downs—including hints of steroid abuse and his falling out with WWE and Vince McMahon—but it's been the last two years that have tested Hogan more than any other in his lifetime. In 2007, while riding the massive success of his VH1 reality show, *Hogan Knows Best*, his son Nick was involved in a tragic car accident that left his best friend in critical condition. Then Linda, his wife, left him after 23 years of marriage, his beloved daughter Brooke blamed him for the breakup and his son went to jail. The tabloid media had a field day. When unflattering jailhouse conversations between him and his son were released to the press the tabloids were in a frenzy. The sudden turmoil and tragedy surrounding Hogan took its toll. He fell into a deep depression, seeing no way out, until one fateful phone call. In *My Life Outside the Ring*, Hogan will unabashedly recount these events, revealing how his new found clarity steadied him during the most difficult match of his life—and how he emerged from the battle feeling stronger than ever before. I was right there leaning on the side of the car with my hands when I finally saw Nick—my only son—folded up like an accordion with his head down by the gas pedal. "Nick!" I yelled. I could see he was alive. He turned his head, he stuck his hand out, and gave me a thumbs-up. For a second I was relieved. Then the chaos set in. The noise of engines. Sirens. A saw. Paramedics pulling John from the passenger seat. So much blood. I can't even describe to you how panicked I was. The police and firefighters surrounding us seemed panicked, too. The firefighters started cutting the side of the car open to try to get Nick out, and I'm still standing right there when I hear my boy screaming, "No, no, no, stop! Stop! You're gonna cut my legs off. Dad! Just unbuckle the seatbelt. I can get out!" So I reach in and I push the button on his seat belt, and Nick just crawls right out. His wrist was broken. His ribs were cracked. None of that mattered. He was gonna be okay. But not John. John wasn't moving. —from *MY LIFE OUTSIDE THE RING*

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I first read the book his ex-wife Linda wrote in the book she says he ran around on her from day one, wasn't home much... she was the sacrificing wife. He says he never ran around on Linda, loved her and thought of marriage as for life. I remember watching their reality show and liking them both as a couple. The longer I watched the more my ears perked up at some of Linda's behaviour. Linda seemed like a good mother and wife...at first. The longer the show went on... the more I noticed her negative behaviour towards Hulk and her daughter Brooke as Brooke's career was taking off. Linda became a problem to deal with...pushy, demanding stage Mom. First time my ears perked up was when Linda became very critical of Brooke's looks, body, clothes and singing. I began to feel embarrassed for Brooke and it became apparent Brooke was very hurt by her mother's treatment of her and... Brooke's management team. Linda then became negative and critical of her husband enough that I would cringe while watching the program. I began to notice a pattern and hoped I was wrong. Cut to Hulk's book and as I got deeper into it...I began to realize my hunch about Linda was right and much worse. I believe Hulk's version. Linda is demanding, spoiled and an angry woman. She demanded new, larger more expensive homes which Hulk would buy her to keep her happy since she would threaten to leave him because she was so unhappy. No sooner did they purchase a home that it wasn't enough. Linda wanted homes in spots they would vacation in...so those were bought and tore down. Her brother would remodel the homes at exorbitant prices... Linda's mother was the decorator at exorbitant prices and the homes budgets became budget busters. Linda...in her book said Hulk always accused her of having a drinking problem...

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