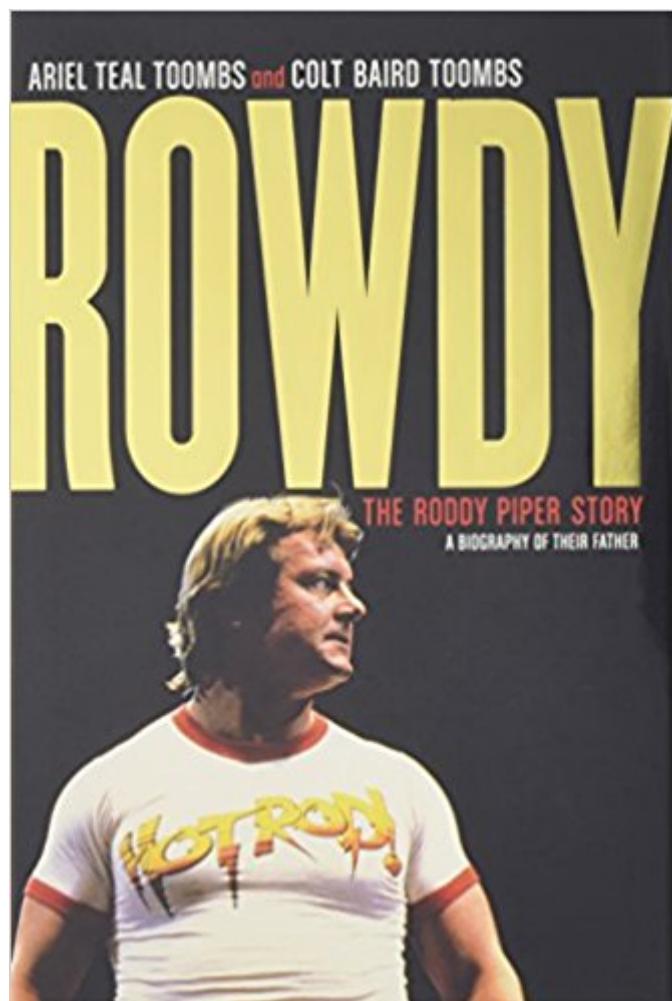


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# Rowdy: The Roddy Piper Story



## Synopsis

The biggest pro wrestling bio since Bret Hart's "The Hitman": legendary Rowdy Roddy Piper's unfinished autobiography, re-conceived and completed by his children, actress/musician Ariel Teal Toombs and wrestler Colt Baird Toombs. In early 2015, Roderick Toombs, aka Rowdy Roddy Piper, began researching his own autobiography with a trip through Western Canada. He was re-discovering his youth, a part of his life he never discussed during his 61 years, many spent as one of the greatest talents in the history of pro wrestling. Following his death due to a heart attack that July, the two of his children took on the job of telling Roddy's story, separating fact from fiction in the extraordinary life of their father. Already an accomplished wrestler before Wrestlemania in 1985, Roddy Piper could infuriate a crowd like no "heel" before him. The principal antagonist to all-American champion Hulk Hogan, Piper used his quick wit, explosive ring style and fearless baiting of audiences to push pro wrestling to unprecedented success. Wrestling was suddenly pop culture's main event. An actor with over 50 screen credits, including the lead in John Carpenter's #1 cult classic, *They Live*, Piper knew how to keep fans hungry, just as he'd kept them wishing for a complete portrait of his most unusual life. He wanted to write this book for his family; now they have written it for him.

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ARIEL TEAL TOOMBS is an actress and singer in Los Angeles, California. She is the middle daughter of Roddy Piper. COLT BAIRD TOOMBS was an undefeated amateur MMA fighter. He has turned his attention toward professional wrestling. He is the son of Roddy Piper. The author lives in Ariel: Los Angeles, CA; Colton: Portland, OR.

Great book for any real Wrestling fan. Best part about it is that it isn't only about the man himself, but also a bit of his children's point of view. Must buy for any true fan of wrestling!

What an incredible book. Started by Roddy and finished by his children. Great stories that were never told before are great to read. He was a true legend that started it all and his legacy still lives on. Highly recommended!!

Very good book written by two of his kids. Really interesting stories of some of the old territories. Very heart felt. Highly recommended.

This is to go in my son's Christmas stocking. As he is a huuuuuuge WWE fan, I know he'll love it

Powerful and illuminating. You forget it was helped being made by Rowdy's kids. Then they make a personal observation. If you like sports, sports entertainment, Rowdy Roddy Piper or just what people do and sacrifice to achieve their dreams.

A very entertaining read. I have been a Roddy Piper fan most of my life. Had always hoped to meet him, thank him for his years of entertaining and get an autograph:) Even though that dream will never come true reading this book was the next best thing. Truly enjoyed all the stories in the book that made this man a legend.

A great emotional journey. My fav wrestler of all time is sorely missed.

I love love love Roddy Piper and loved reading about his life. The writing in this book could have used some help but otherwise enjoyable for a Piper fan.

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