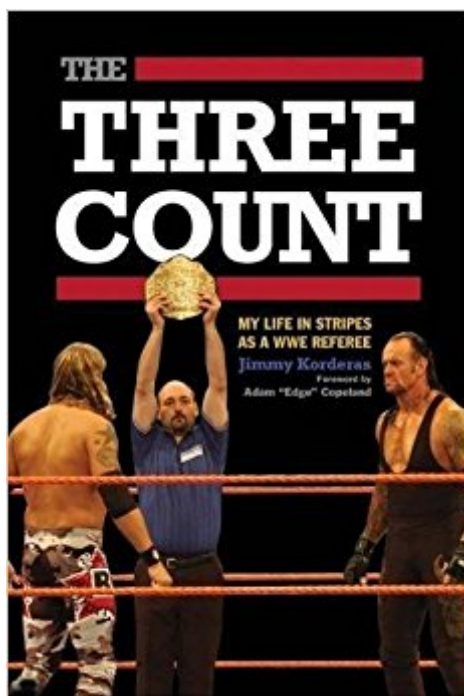


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The Three Count: My Life In Stripes As A WWE Referee



Synopsis

"The Three Count highlights the triumphs and tragedies Jimmy Korderas experienced over his storied career as a WWE referee -- from humble beginnings with Jack Tunney in Toronto to being a part of the main event with Edge and the Undertaker at WrestleMania. For the first time, Korderas talks about the harrowing experience of being in the ring during Owen Hart's accident and about the horrific effects of the Chris Benoit tragedy -- the most difficult moments of his life in wrestling"--P. [4] of cover.

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"This book is great if you are looking for an unbiased look at the goings-on in WWF/WWE from the mid-80 all the way to the mid-2000s. Jimmy traveled the world with WWE and truly has some fun stories to tell. It's a nice look at the inner workings and the role of a pro wrestling referee as well. [ProWrestlingRoundup.com](#) The Three Count is the story of a wrestling fan that got to live out his dream job, the story of a good guy who got to win in the end. And as the saying goes, it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. [Lance Storm, Baltimore Sun](#) "I suggest that you read this account of a life long fan's dream job that took him around the world with WWE many times where he personally experienced some of the most significant moments in WWE history. Jimmy's one of the really good guys and his stories from a referee's perspective are excellent. [Jim Ross, J.R.'s Place](#)

Jimmy Korderas is a radio and television broadcast analyst. For more than 20 years, he was a World Wrestling Entertainment referee. He lives in Toronto. Adam "Edge" Copeland is a former wrestling star. He won the Tag Team Championship eight times and the Intercontinental Championship on four occasions. He lives in Asheville, North Carolina.

While some of the "on the road" stories were interesting, I think Mr. Korderas was very cautious as to not hurt anyone's feelings. If you want an account of backstage and road stories that is no holds barred try Bob Holly's book.

The Three Count is, personally, the first wrestling related autobiography I've ever seen written from a wrestling referee's point of view. Jimmy focuses solely on all things wrestling. He writes about how he first got started, and how he sort-of rose through the backstage ranks! To paraphrase Martin Luther King "Jimmy had a dream" and he went on to fulfill that dream. I enjoyed reading about all of his anecdotes from witnessing the Chairman deflating Big Show's mattress on a flight to Iraq to personal reflections on 3 wrestlers that had passed away suddenly and who all had a profound effect on Jimmy's career. I won't explain who they were or how Jimmy was effected, you'll just have to buy the book for that! But wrestling fans will be fairly sure who they are. To sum it up - Jimmy Korderas lived the dream that most wrestling fans would give their left arms for! Especially those that couldn't make it as an athlete. Basically - he lived the kind of dream I've always wished for. Well done Jimmy. Good job, sir!

I downloaded this book the day it was available and I'm glad I did. Jimmy's stories are very entertaining and you really get a feel of his love for the business. With stories from the 80's to the present day, I could not put this book down. One of the most refreshing aspects of this book is Korderas does not have an ego that gets in the way of telling honest stories as is the problem in several other wrestling books I've read. I would love to see another book published. Don't make the mistake of thinking this is a "boring referee book" because this certainly was not. To any serious wrestling fan who wants to know how WWE runs backstage, do yourself a favor and order this book.

Jimmy Korderas loves wrestling. He loves "the boys", the fans, travel, set-up, breakdown, and just about anything else you might think of, so long as it involves wrestling. This obvious passion for the business comes out clearly through Korderas' conversational voice. You will find no salacious

accounts of wild nights or shots taken at former colleagues. Korderas is careful to remain respectful and shows that a wrestling book without dirt can still be entertaining. Korderas' writing style is sometimes choppy or too self aware, and it can at times draw you away from the story when he writes aloud asking what he should cover next. This minor short coming is roundly overcome by the great humility and love for wrestling world that will hold the wrestling fan's attention adequately.

Refreshing if you tire of wrestling books with axes to grind. No dirt is dished but there are several interesting road stories. It can be gritty too, especially his account of Owen Hart's fatal fall in 1999. A likeable guy with a likeable book.

As a referee, Jimmy has some great stories about Owen Hart and how he was in the ring when it happened, his opinion on Chris Benoit and Eddie Guerrero's deaths, picking up Macho Man and Elizabeth from their hotel, and more. Its great to add to my collection.

This is a feel good book about a man who was able to live his dream for 20 plus years as a WWF/WWE ref. He tells multiple stories from how he got started in the business until the biggest moment in his career. It's an easy read, and enjoyable. I think he holds back in some aspects in order to protect people, and not offend them. I completely understand that but I still would have liked to hear exactly how he felt. Overall, it's a great read and gives you insight into the ref position.

I'm used to reading so many books written by WWE superstars that I found it unique to read one from a different perspective. I've always wondered what goes into being a WWE official and now I know. I found the stories really interesting and fun to read. I also enjoyed seeing what all a referee goes through inside & outside the ring. If anything, I wish there'd been more stories because I enjoyed them so much. Good read especially if you are into the WWE product.

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