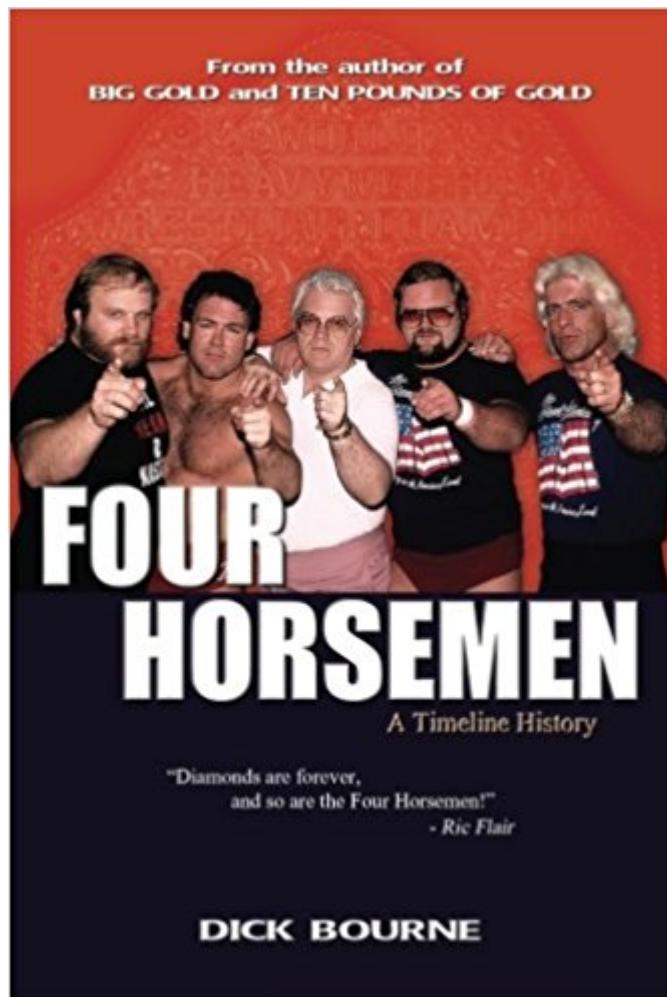


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Four Horsemen: A Timeline History



Synopsis

"The book serves as a journal of my years with the Four Horsemen." - James J. Dillon "...an authoritative volume on the history of The Four Horsemen." - Mike Mooneyham, Charleston Post & Courier From the author of "Big Gold" and "Ten Pounds of Gold" comes a look back at the greatest faction in the history of professional wrestling: the Four Horsemen. "Four Horsemen" is a complete month-by-month, year-by-year, linear timeline of the Horsemen, covering every version of the group and every member of each version over their thirteen years of existence. From the glory days of Jim Crockett Promotions to the early WCW period to the Monday Nitro era, itâ™s all here in one concise timeline. Every break-up and every reformation. All the championships. All the triumphs. All the betrayals. Month-by-month, year-by-year. It's the ultimate reference guide to wrestling's most infamous group, with clear timeline confirmations of keys dates and events. Ric Flair, Ole and Arn Anderson, Tully Blanchard, Lex Luger, Barry Windham, James J. Dillon, Sting, Brian Pillman, Steve McMichael, Dean Malenko and all the rest. Every wrestler, every manager, and every woman that walked the aisle with them. Over 40 photographs, some rare, a few never published before. They were pro wrestlingâ™s greatest stable and the very foundation upon which every other great faction that followed was built. They were the Four Horsemen! "... a nice slice of the apple pie that was Jim Crockett Promotions in the 1980s." - Mike Johnson, PWInsider.com "Four Finger Up!" - Bruce Mitchell, PW Torch

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Great read!

My husband was THRILLED when he unwrapped this as a birthday present! He was a huge fan of the horsemen and said this is the definitive time line of their history!

Very informative book

good book delivered quickly

In the immortal words of Arn Anderson, "What's causin' all this?" Dick Bourne's new book "Four Horsemen: A Timeline" has been tearing up the bestseller list, holding the title of its number one selling wrestling book. While that may have changed by the time this goes online, there were a lot of people excited about the book and after reading it, there are a lot of happy customers (myself included). Given the Four Horsemen's legacy and their legion of fans, the book's success isn't surprising. However, what of the book itself? Does it do wrestling's elite group justice or does it contain the same stories we've heard on message boards and DVDs like Ric Flair and the Four Horsemen? After reading the book it's clear that Dick Bourne spent his time researching the book and it's an enticing read, particularly for Horsemen fans, but for wrestling fans in general. If you want to understand what makes for a good heel faction, this is the book for you, regardless of whether you watched the Horsemen or not. Unless you were a member of the Horsemen, you're likely to learn some cool new facts about the group too. Arguably wrestling's greatest faction, the Four Horsemen entertained fans with their wild interviews that promoted their larger than life partying (and the stories were all true), affluent lifestyle, and desire to excel at everything they did. In the ring, they cheated their way to victory, playing heels who weren't as good as some of their babyface opponents, but who were more than willing to take shortcuts. As Arn Anderson once succinctly said, "We are the original gang." When a babyface wrestled one Horseman, they knew they were facing all four. Many a babyface would get a Horsemen beatdown, sometimes in the ring, but just as often backstage or in a parking lot somewhere. Reading the book is like listening to a well-versed and well-spoken wrestling fan fill you in on some wrestling lore. Bourne is entertaining and he takes a complex timeline, breaking it down into something understandable and interesting. You'll understand why the Four Horsemen were legends in their own time and appreciate their many contributions to the industry, particularly during their heyday during the Jim Crockett Promotions (JCP) era. You'll also understand that while the Horsemen's glory days were behind them by the time of World Championship Wrestling (WCW), there was still

gas in the tank for some memorable moments and angles. That's not to say that "Four Horsemen: A Timeline" is a deification of the group. Dick Bourne explains why the Four Horsemen were so important (and his favorite faction), but he's not above pointing out their flaws, particularly their later runs when they suffered from inconsistent booking and questionable members (Heaven help us, Bourne even acknowledges Paul Roma's inclusion in the group, and while he's polite about his discussion of Roma's value to the group, just about everyone besides Paul Roma will agree he wasn't the best fit). The book is well-researched and contains a number of charts and timelines to track the various incarnations of the Four Horsemen. Dick Bourne digs deep, looking at instances where fans still debate whether someone was a Horseman (such as Gene Anderson and Kendall Windham). The Horsemen have a long history with a number of members, associates, and managers/valets. Thanks to Bourne's book, you can understand who participated in wrestling's elite group and what the big programs were they participated in. "Four Horsemen: A Timeline" contains a lot of eye-catching black and white pictures, including promotional photos from wrestling events, photos from wrestling trading cards, and of course, cover photos from the Apter mags. As wrestling's elite group of bad boys, the Horsemen had plenty of coverage in wrestling publications, usually mentioning their latest sins against top JCP stars such as The American Dream• Dusty Rhodes, Sting, Magnum T.A., and the Rock-n-Roll Express. At 152 pages, the book may seem like a light read, but it punches above its weight, and it includes behind-the-scenes information, important dates in Horsemen history, evaluations of each incarnation of the Horsemen, and a discussion of why the Horsemen were so important in wrestling. Bourne even breaks things down by the time frames the Horsemen wrestled in, whether it's the heyday of the Jim Crockett era, WCW's early years, or the era of Monday Night Nitro. It bears mentioning the book is not a collection of road stories (although that would be an entertaining book as well). Nevertheless, this is a comprehensive book and a fascinating read. Whether you're a Horsemen fanatic or not, this book is sure to entertain any wrestling fan. Dick Bourne has done a fantastic job with this book of giving the devils their due.

I highly recommend this wonderful book. It's a great look back at the legendary Four Horsemen. It covers everything from their formation all the way through to their last days. It's a great history of one of pro wrestling's greatest stable's.

If you are a wrestling fan, this book should be at the top of your wish list. I absolutely could not put it

down. It brought back so many memories growing up in the Horseman era, including many things I had forgotten about. Dick Bourne did an exceptional job on this book, as he has done on his other books also. You definitely will not be disappointed in the Four Horsemen book.

This is a great book looking at the timeline from the very beginning of the Four Horsemen to the end. Wonderful pictures included as well. It helps you to remember with fondness what true greatness is all about or, for those younger fans, to learn what it truly meant to be a horseman as they ran roughshod over the wrestling world. I can't recommend this book enough.

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