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He's called the human highlight reel of professional wrestling. His high-flying acrobatics have thrilled fans on every continent. He's been crowned champion of the world's greatest wrestling promotions, from Mexico to the U.S. But he's never revealed the inside story of who he is.

Until now.

Wrestling fans know him as Rey Mysterio, an American *luchador* of unparalleled talent, the ultimate proof that good things come in small packages. Now for the first time, Rey adds the personal side to the story:

- How he had to fight to get a tryout in the ring
- Who he was before Rey Mysterio Jr. -- and even before Colibri, usually noted as his first identity
- What it was like to wrestle in Mexico -- from the bullrings to the riots
- How he fought plans for his unmasking in WCW -- and why he wishes he hadn't succeeded
- The inside story of the 619, the West Coast Pop, and his other signature moves
- The impact of Eddie Guerrero on his career in WWE
- The personal struggle that cost him ring time in 2008 but ultimately made him a stronger man
- His real passion in life as husband and father

In *Rey Mysterio: Behind the Mask*, Rey talks candidly about his twenty-plus-year career, from the days of sneaking into bars as a fourteen-year-old to his most recent showdowns in WWE. He speaks of the emotional moments in the ring with his uncle Rey Mysterio, and the dark days when he went under the knife to repair his damaged knee. Along the way, Mysterio introduces American audiences to the mysteries of *lucha libre*, the high-flying, anything-goes Mexican wrestling style that he has done so much to popularize in the U.S. He also talks about the debts he owes to wrestlers such as Konnan, known as the Mexican Hulk Hogan, and dishes some behind-the-scenes dirt on the collapse of WCW at the height of the Monday Night Wars. Mysterio talks tenderly -- but realistically -- of his friend Eddie Guerrero, providing a well-rounded picture of one of the most beloved wrestling figures of recent history. He also details his march toward the Heavyweight Championship, and his mastery of the WWE Triple Crown -- a feat that placed him in an elite group for all time.

*Behind the Mask* is the intimate portrait of one of wrestling's all-time greats, a story wrestling fans of all ages won't want to miss.

## Rey Mysterio: Behind the Mask Details

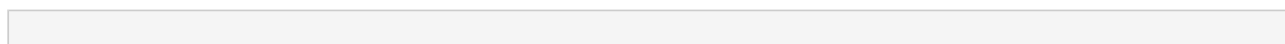
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# **From Reader Review Rey Mysterio: Behind the Mask for online ebook**

## **Cj says**

An interesting look into the wrestling career of Rey Mysterio.

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## **Grace says**

This book made me love him even more. He is so positive and reading about his entire career made me realise just how much he has actually accomplished.

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## **Jabari Terry says**

Rey Mysterio is a Mexican wrestler that when he was young he wanted to become a wrestler and he did, but he took small steps from the advice of his father on going to Mexican wrestling and later in his years of wrestling in Mexico now a professional wrestler in the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

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## **Simon Dong says**

A little background on this book. It is basically about a wrestler of Mexican descent who decides to get into the wrestling career but is smaller than the other guys that do the same thing. He defies all the odds to make it in the wrestling show business by capturing wrestling championships of almost every kind and making it to the biggest wrestling events that are hosted.

I like this book because it takes about how an underdog defies all the odds and still makes it big. I understood that size doesn't matter and I didn't really understand that until this summer when I played basketball. Although I am tall, I'm also skinny and other guys have more weight than me and it puts me at a disadvantage. My team and I were smaller in size and weight and we still came back and won so it shows how being an underdog doesn't mean anything.

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## **Victor Orozco says**

Not a bad read. I have to admit Rey does seem a bit too simplistic in his details. Even he gets things wrong such as the date of a particular event. But he is a really cool guy and very good story teller. He's just not much of a writer.

I like how he talks about his family as well as some of his relationship with various people, his wife, his uncle who let him use the Rey Mysterio name. I like how he's very humble and grounded. I like how he talked about his friends such as Eddie. Total respect with Eddie, definitely the best part to read. Interesting bit his

acknowledgement section praises a wrestler known as Wild Pegasus. Wild Pegasus was Chris Benoit's nom de plume in Japan, because let's face it Benoit's murder suicide has given him a severe case of damnatio memoriae.

A good read. B-

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### **Paul Schoenberg says**

This is about a man named Rey Mysterio who is of Mexican descent and was born to be a pro wrestler. He started out in lucha libre in Mexico where he excelled immensely after years and years of training he became a professional wwe wrestler. Rey was thought out to be an underdog because of his small size but he was able to overcome this controversy and achieve greatness. This a great underdog journey of a pro wrestler I am fan of underdogs coming through if you feel the same way grab yourself a copy.

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### **Simon Yoong says**

Not a fan of this guy, but this book was much better than expected.

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### **Jamil Labaky says**

In this book, Rey Mysterio Jr. talks about how he started wrestling at the age of 8 until his successful WWE run. As a child, he started wrestling with his uncle who trained him and was also called Rey Mysterio. His uncle was very famous in Mexico. Rey Jr. Later talks how he made it to AAA and Tijuana. It was a hard battle to the top but his flyin' style made him a fan favourite all around the world and among other wrestler friends and bosses. His name Rey Mysterio means King of mystery. He is kind of mysterious because he wears a mask almost all the time even when he isn't following his gimmick. Throughout his career many supported him but others were also jealous of him and his success. He represented the short and young people because he is not tall, and all his opponents are almost double his size, but he overcame every obstacle in his way to become the biggest underdog in lucha libre (wrestling), or as the people call him; the biggest small man.

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### **Optimus says**

Run of the mill, basic biography...A quick read.

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### **Jeremy Williams says**

If you are used to buying wrestling books, this one is not going to disappoint you, because it tells all about Mysterio's life, both inside and outside the ring. In the book, all the important things about Rey's life are covered: his run in Mexico, ECW, WCW and WWE as a wrestling star, his personal life, his struggles (he had to enter in a rehab center because of his addiction to painkillers), you name it. The only problem is the usual in the books released by WWE: it has been clearly toned down and censored. All in all, is a very good and easy read.

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### **Brandon says**

Big fan of wrestling biographies but becoming less and less of a fan of WWE produced biographies. Seems like they just phone it in now. The layout was strange as it was separated into blurbs and short sections. I felt like I learned very little about Rey's career and life.

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### **taylor says**

i love rey mysterio

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### **Gil Bradshaw says**

Hello Rey Mysterio, Allow me to introduce you to an important person called an editor. Please get to know him a little bit better.

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### **Russell Smith says**

Not the best wrestling biography I've read, by a long shot, but certainly not the worst either.

My main gripe with this book is that, as a keen Mysterio fan and long-time close follower of his career, I felt like I didn't really learn anything through reading this, other than the few occasions when he decided to delve a bit more into his personal life and key experiences from his time on the road.

Still a good read though and well worth checking out if you're a fan.

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### **Jolisa says**

I can't wait to read this book. I'm a huge fan of wrestling and especially REY MYSTERIO. Even though he is

slient he can make abig impact in wrestling.GO REY!

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