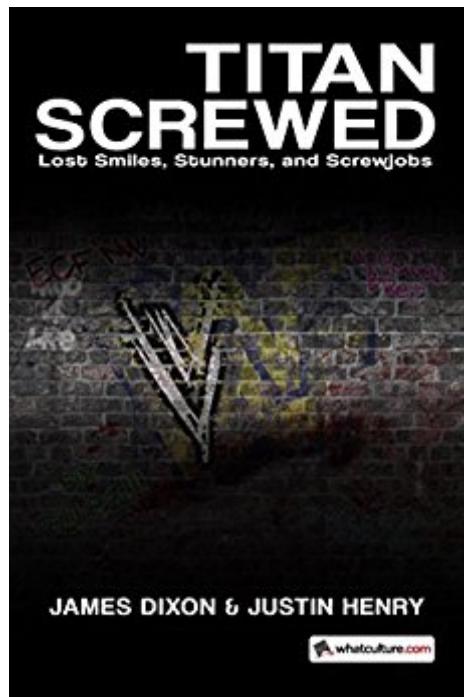


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# Titan Screwed: Lost Smiles, Stunners, And Screwjobs



## **Synopsis**

James Dixon, author of *Titan Sinking* and *Titan Shattered*, two detailed chronicles of the World Wrestling Federation's stories and backstage dealings in 1995 and 1996 respectively, pairs up with Justin Henry (Fighting Spirit Magazine, *WrestleCrap*) in compiling the third book of the series, *Titan Screwed: Lost Smiles, Stunners, and Screwjobs*. Continuing through the timeline of WWF history, *Titan Screwed* provides a comprehensive look at the World Wrestling Federation from January 1997 all the way through WrestleMania XIV in March 1998, covering every major element of the WWF's evolution into the vaunted and historic Attitude Era. Stories extensively detailed include the rise of Stone Cold Steve Austin, Shawn Michaels losing his smile, the heel turn of Bret Hart, WWF vs. ECW with Jerry Lawler pulling the strings, the death of Brian Pillman, Austin vs. Tyson, the seedy story elements that overtook WWF programming, the birth of the nefarious Mr. McMahon, and of course, Montreal: the build-up, the secret plotting, the match, the moment, and the aftermath in all of its incredible details. Exclusive author-conducted interviews for *Titan Screwed* include Ken Shamrock, Rob Van Dam, Jim Cornette, "The Patriot" Del Wilkes, Dr. Tom Prichard, Danny Doring, former ECW owner Tod Gordon, and more. \*\*\*Includes foreword from *WrestleCrap*'s RD Reynolds\*\*\*

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If you're looking for a stylishly-written analysis of a key period in professional wrestling, look no further than *Titan Screwed*. *Titan Screwed* is a well-written sequel in the *Titan* series, building on the first two books but more than capable of being read by itself. Astute fans will know by the title that the year being reviewed this time around is 1997, the year of the Montreal Screwjob and arguably the turning point in the Monday Night War. Like the previous books in the series, it examines the happenings in World Championship Wrestling (WCW) and Extreme Championship Wrestling (ECW) in addition to the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). *Titan Screwed* shows the industry's progression through the year in terms of on-screen storylines as well as the always tantalizing backstage stories. Most fans have heard the story of the Monday Night War so many times that they think they have a good understanding of it. However, like any field of study, there's a general knowledge and then there's a deeper knowledge that comes with exploring the subject closely. Just as there are casual fans who know their favorite stars in a promotion and their finishing moves, there are more knowledgeable fans who can tell you a wrestler's entire history, the names of various moves being used, and the meaning and application of terms like psychology and heat. Likewise, with a discussion of the Monday Night War. One may understand the basics of what happened, but a book like *Titan Screwed* offers a chance to add depth and breadth to one's knowledge. Take this for instance. Conventional wisdom has it that WCW was killing the WWF in terms of TV ratings, house show attendance, and pay-per-views. Dixon and Henry paint a different picture, pointing out how 1997's pay-per-view buyrates were only negligible in difference.

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