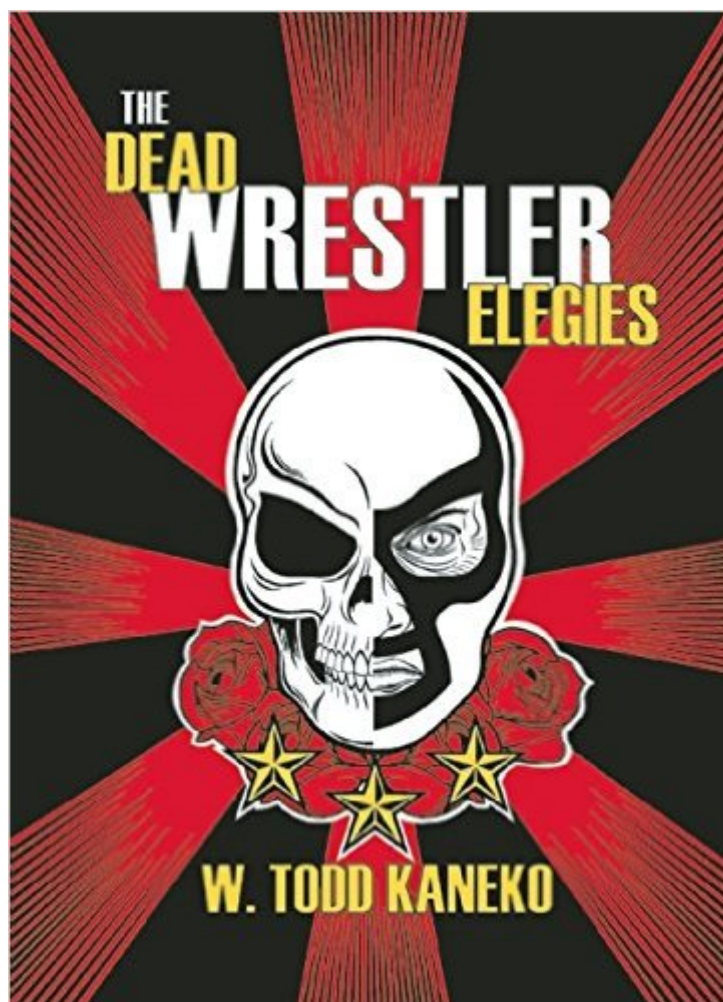


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# The Dead Wrestler Elegies



## Synopsis

These elegies and illustrations by Asian American poet W. Todd Kaneko cover themes of loss, love, regret, redemption, and remorse. Kaneko's poems and illustrations blend Charles Bukowski's raw-boned verse and Randy "Macho Man" Savage's devastating elbow drop to mine the history of professional wrestling and examine complex relationships between fathers and sons.

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## Customer Reviews

As a writer and wrestling fan I have written a few poems about wrestlers. I can honestly tell you that "The Dead Wrestler Elegies" is a book I wish I had written. As stated in previous reviews (I mean, come on, this makes it 7-for-7 in 5-star ratings), it isn't just a book of poems about deceased grapplers. It's also about the relationship between father and son, mother and son, and about loss. If you're a lover of poetry, you don't need to be a wrestling fan to appreciate these poems; although, you may find yourself learning something or reminiscing over names like Gorgeous George, Killer Kowalski and Andre the Giant. If you're a wrestling fan, don't let the fact that this is poetry scare you. You will love these poems and no one will call you a nerd for reading them because there's a skull on the cover and drawings inside of the likes of the Super Destroyer and Bad New Brown. How perfect is that? By the way, yes, there is a poem about "Mr. Perfect" Curt Hennig in here and it is tremendous. The illustrations, also done by Kaneko, are wonderful. The quotes introducing the poems are great. The titles are fantastic - "Flowers for Adrian Adonis," "Where There's Blood, There's Freddie Blassie," "Bruiser Brody Finishes This Thing," just to name a few. Each poem is so

beautifully written that, if you're a wrestling fan, your favorites might be determined by who your favorite dead wrestler is. For example, I was thrilled reading "Autograph from Eddie Gilbert"; I loved the opening lines of "Ain't No Cage Can Hold MadDog Sawyer"; and I wanted more of the "Selected Legends of Andre the Giant.

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