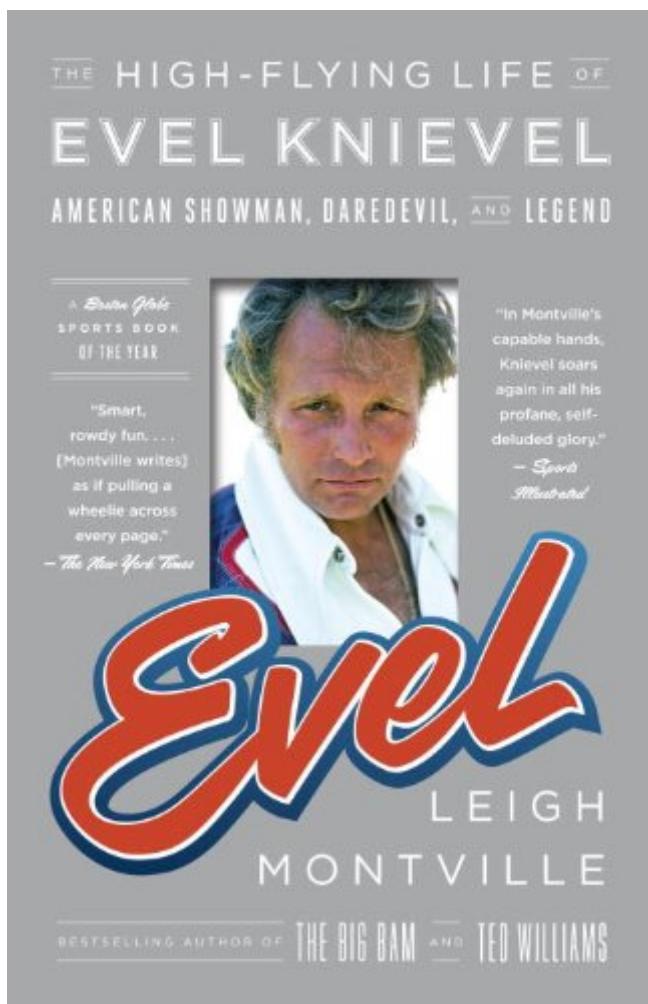


The book was found

Evel: The High-Flying Life Of Evel Knievel: American Showman, Daredevil, And Legend



Synopsis

From New York Times bestselling author Leigh Montville, this riveting and definitive new biography pulls back the red, white, and blue cape on a cultural iconâ "and reveals the unknown, complex, and controversial man known to millions around the world as Evel Knievel. Evel Knievel was a high-flying daredevil, the father of extreme sports, the personification of excitement and danÂ- ger and showmanship . . . and in the 1970s Knievel repreÂ- sented a unique slice of American culture and patriotism. His jump over the fountains at Caesarâ ™s Palace led to a crash unlike anything ever seen on television, and his attempt to rocket over Snake River Canyon in Idaho was something only P. T. Barnum could have orchestrated. The dazzling motorcycles and red-white-and-blue outfits became an integral part of an American decade. Knievel looked like Elvis . . . but on any given Saturday afternoon millions tuned in to the small screen to see this real-life action hero tempt death. But behind the flash and the frenzy, who was the man? Bestselling author Leigh Montville masterfully explores the life of the complicated man from the small town of Butte, Montana. He delves into Knievelâ ™s amazing place in pop culture, as well as his notorious dark sideâ "and his complex and often contradictory relationships with his image, the media, his own family, and his many demons. Evel Knievelâ ™s story is an all-American saga, and one that is largely untold. Leigh Montville once again delivers a definitive biography of a one-of-a-kind sports legend. From the Hardcover edition.

Book Information

File Size: 2008 KB

Print Length: 426 pages

Publisher: Anchor (April 26, 2011)

Publication Date: April 26, 2011

Sold by:Â Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B004DEPEXW

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #565,064 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #52
in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Biographies & Memoirs > Sports & Outdoor > Motor Sports
#78 in Books > Sports & Outdoors > Miscellaneous > Motorcycle Racing #167 in Kindle Store >
Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction > Sports > Miscellaneous > Motor Sports

Customer Reviews

This is what a biography should be: a well-researched, well-written examination of where a person comes from and what makes his or her life worth examining. Evel Knievel was a bona fide superhero to me and my generation as we were growing up, but we didn't know the whole story. Montville expertly tells the rise and fall of self-made man Robert Craig Knievel, the moral of which is this: admire Evel's achievements but don't admire the man.

Parts were interesting but not a page turner.

This is the third book on Evel that I read and my favorite. I grew up watching Evel on Wide World Of Sports, played with the toys, rode my bike then motorcycle, stood on seat and did wheelies. Can't help but love him and hate him at the same time. Very interesting life he made for himself. How does one man out of billions in the world become a household name. I recommend this to anyone interested in that question.

This is a surprisingly well presented tale about one of Butte's strange people. Leigh Montville has fashioned a really interesting tale about the life of Knievel. Little seems to have been invented to make the book such a good read. I recognize the 50's, 60's in Butte and only just discovered the rest of Evel's adventures in the wider world. I enjoyed this presentation and was surprised to learn that I did. A friend mentioned one name in this book, moments later had found the book and loaded it to my Kindle. It is a good read!

Really liked the way this book was written. It did not spend too much time with childhood and great grandfathers as other Bio's tend to do just to take up 20 extra pages. For me it was a non stop ride of Evel's lust for life. I do wish it would have gone just a little more into the remaining years of his life but I guess there wasn't much there to tell.

Great effort from longtime sportswriting star Montville here. I found myself marveling time and again

at the audaciousness of Knievel. The man was one of the most famous folks in the country in the early 70s, was arrested, and then almost disappeared. Thanks to Montville for telling the tale. Well worth the time. Very highly recommended for sports fans as well as those who want to know more about America during the 70s.

Book has good details but writing is full of hyperbole.

I loved this cat when I was a kid. Turns out he was a grade A jerk to most folks. You can't deny his cajones though. Really well written interesting book all the way through.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Evel: The High-Flying Life of Evel Knievel: American Showman, Daredevil, and Legend Daredevil By Mark Waid Vol. 1 (Daredevil Graphic Novel) High Fiber Recipes: 101 Quick and Easy High Fiber Recipes for Breakfast, Snacks, Side Dishes, Dinner and Dessert (high fiber cookbook, high fiber diet, high fiber recipes, high fiber cooking) The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P. T. Barnum Flying Rubberneckers: High Flying Fun for the Airport and Plane Gene Simmons Coloring Book: Glam Rock and Kiss Guitarist Facepaint Pioneer and Pyro Showman Inspired Adult Coloring Book (Gene Simmons Books) American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch: An Odyssey in the New China American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch: An Odyssey in the New China Why Don't Jumbo Jets Flap Their Wings?: Flying Animals, Flying Machines, and How They Are Different How To Overcome Fear of Flying: The Cure For Fear of Airplane Flights: Conquer Your Fear Flying! High Blood Pressure Cure: How To Lower Blood Pressure Naturally in 30 Days (Alternative Medicine, Natural Cures, Natural Remedies, High Blood Pressure ... Cures for High Blood Pressure, High BP) DAREDEVIL BY FRANK MILLER & KLAUS JANSON VOL. 2 Nellie Bly: Daredevil Reporter (Lerner Biographies) Daredevil: Born Again DAREDEVIL BY FRANK MILLER & KLAUS JANSON VOL. 1 Daredevil, Vol. 1 Daredevil: The Man Without Fear Commander Will Cushing: Daredevil Hero of the Civil War Flying High: Pioneer Women in American Aviation (Images of Aviation) Kim & Kim, Volume 1: This Glamorous, High-Flying Rock Star Life

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

FAQ & Help