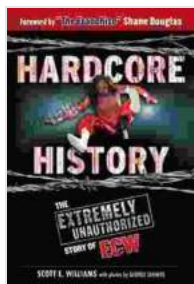


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Extreme Championship Wrestling (ECW) was a professional wrestling promotion that operated from 1992 to 2001. ECW was known for its hardcore style of wrestling, which featured extreme violence and profanity. The promotion was founded by Paul Heyman and Tod Gordon, and was based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ECW's hardcore style of wrestling was a major departure from the more traditional style of wrestling that was popular at the time. ECW wrestlers were known for using weapons, such as chairs, tables, and barbed wire, in their matches. They also often used profanity and violence, which made their matches very controversial.

Despite its controversial nature, ECW quickly gained a cult following. Fans were drawn to the promotion's unique style of wrestling, and they were also

attracted to the promotion's wrestlers, who were often seen as being more edgy and rebellious than the wrestlers in other promotions.

ECW's most popular wrestlers included Tommy Dreamer, Sabu, The Sandman, Mick Foley, Terry Funk, and Raven. These wrestlers were all known for their unique styles of wrestling, and they helped to make ECW one of the most popular wrestling promotions in the world.

In 1999, ECW was purchased by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). WWE continued to operate ECW as a separate brand, but the promotion's hardcore style of wrestling was gradually toned down. In 2001, ECW was closed down by WWE.

ECW's legacy is still felt today. The promotion's hardcore style of wrestling has been imitated by other promotions, and many of ECW's wrestlers have gone on to become stars in other promotions.

## **The Rise of ECW**

ECW was founded in 1992 by Paul Heyman and Tod Gordon. The promotion was originally based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but it eventually moved to New York City. ECW's early years were difficult, but the promotion gradually gained a following.

In 1995, ECW began to air its weekly television show, Hardcore TV. The show was a huge success, and it helped to make ECW one of the most popular wrestling promotions in the world. ECW's hardcore style of wrestling was a major draw for fans, and the promotion's wrestlers were often seen as being more edgy and rebellious than the wrestlers in other promotions.

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There were several factors that contributed to ECW's downfall. One factor was the promotion's financial problems. ECW was never a profitable promotion, and it was often struggling to make ends meet. Another factor was the promotion's hardcore style of wrestling. WWE was concerned that ECW's hardcore style was too violent and controversial, and it began to tone down the promotion's violence. This alienated many of ECW's fans, and it led to a decline in the promotion's popularity.

## **ECW's Legacy**

ECW's legacy is still felt today. The promotion's hardcore style of wrestling has been imitated by other promotions, and many of ECW's wrestlers have gone on to become stars in other promotions. ECW was a unique and groundbreaking promotion, and it played a major role in the development of professional wrestling.

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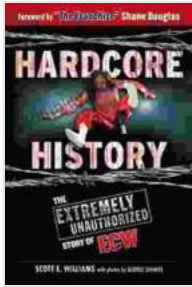
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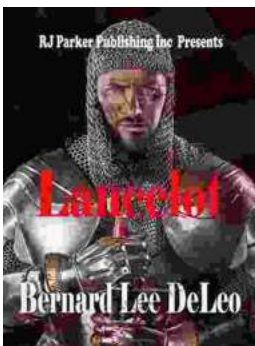
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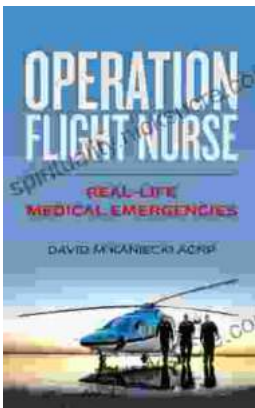


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