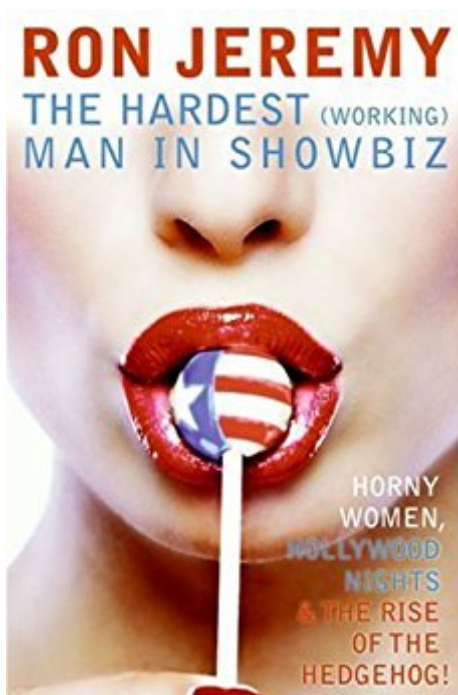


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Ron Jeremy: The Hardest (Working) Man In Showbiz



Synopsis

He's the porn world's Everyman. Blessed with an enormous "talent" yet average looks, he's starred in more than 1,700 adult films, directed 250 of them, and over the last twenty years has become porn's biggest ambassador to the mainstream. He's appeared in 60 regular films, 14 music videos, and VH1's *Surreal Life*, starred in the critically acclaimed *Porn star* (a movie about his life), and in *Being Ron Jeremy* (a take off on *Being John Malkovich*), co-starring Andy Dick. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. . . . Ron Jeremy is a born storyteller (funny, considering he doesn't do a lot of talking in his films). He knows where all the bodies are buried, and in this outrageous autobiography he not only shows you the grave but also gives you the back story on the tombstone. Get ready for Ron Jeremyâ "a scandalously entertaining deep insider's view of the porn industry and its emergence into popular culture, and a delectable self-portrait of the amazingly endowed Everyman every man wanted to be.

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If you have been in 1,700 movies, and starred in plenty of them, and have directed some of them yourself, and your name is well known for your brand of films, you can perhaps expect not only

fame, but also a level of respect from peers in Hollywood, and plenty of further bookings in Hollywood movies. Only some of those expectations have come true for Ron Jeremy, but if you believe his forthright and funny autobiography (written with Eric Spitznagel) Ron Jeremy: The Hardest (Working) Man in Showbiz (HarperEntertainment), he's not at all bitter and he is very much amused by the turns his life has taken. After all, he has been wildly successful in what he does, and he is crazy about working in movies, or publicity stunts, or book signings, or hawking tee-shirts, or partying with the well-to-do. Ron Jeremy, you see, is "the top porn star of all time" according to one trade magazine, and it is hard to argue with the designation. And Ron Jeremy has a big penis. Not the biggest in porn; that honor probably goes to the late porn star John Holmes, but Jeremy's size was remarkable enough to secure him into his profession, whereupon his other attributes (like ambition) sustained him in a career that has been far longer than others in the field. (Of his co-stars, he jokes, "I'm a dinosaur compared to them. I was making porn when most of them were still zygotes.") It's a remarkable life, and he has enjoyed it all very much (including the estimated 4,000 women with whom he has had sex for films and for fun), and while his book won't please the prudish, he has well conveyed his sense of fun and a very likeable self-effacing image. Red-staters may be dismayed to find that Jeremy didn't have a broken childhood and wasn't forced into the business to support a drug habit.

I would venture to guess that most (certainly many) adults have heard of Ron Jeremy. The book (sure easy to spot in the bookstore with all of the color and the provocative picture) is a relatively quick and easy read, and overall is well-written and funny. That said, Ron really doesn't reveal as much about himself as some might think or prefer...the book is almost tongue-in-cheek, with, as one can imagine, numerous anecdotes regarding the adult film business over the last 30 years. Ron is, and has been, obsessed with being a 'legitimate' actor. The book consists of 3 parts, 17 chapters total. There is an appendix of 'fun facts' (and some are rather peculiar) as well as a list of "movie roles that never made the final cut" -- I think that this gives the reader an idea where Ron is at...Ron is obviously a very bright man, trained as a classical pianist, an accredited special education teacher, college lecturer, comedian. Yet, when reading this book it is clear that Ron is still seeking his 'holy grail' -- to be cast as a leading actor in a major Hollywood film. After a while it started to wear thin the number of references that Ron makes to his meetings with movie stars, politicians, etc. -- there are dozens upon dozens of footnotes throughout the book! Ron provides plenty of pictures as well in this book, written with Eric Spitznagel. It was interesting, and somewhat poignant to read as Ron discusses his relationship with his 'girlfriend' Juniper, his hopes and regrets

concerning their past and ? future...I must say that I am also quite impressed that Ron has reportedly never resorted to abusing, or even using, illicit drugs, nor does he abuse alcohol. He has an excellent relationship with his parents and siblings, by all reports.

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