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"We turn rust into gold. We make it fast and loud . . ."

Richard Rawlings' road to the top has been full of dangerous twists and hilarious turns, with a few precipitous cliffs in between. From getting shot defending his beloved 1965 Mustang fastback from carjackers, to blowing out of town *Fear and Loathing* style in his youth, to eventually founding Gas Monkey Garage and starring in Discovery's hit automotive-restoration series *Fast N' Loud*, Rawlings has got some stories to tell.

With never-before-seen photos of his childhood and shots from fan-favorite episodes, Rawlings pushes into high gear, sharing the story of his rise to success, his show, and the automotive know-how that has made him famous.

He begins with his own story—including how he went from being flat broke to having a seat at the table with some of history's most iconic car guys. Rawlings then heads into *Fast N' Loud*, the series, sharing new details on everything from the toughest builds to run-ins with his most die-hard fans, along with travel and auto shop anecdotes featuring Aaron Kaufman and the rest of the Gas Monkey gang. He finishes with a handy guide for classic and antique car enthusiasts that includes insider tricks of the trade. Want to start flipping cars for profit yourself? The secrets of Rawlings' success are all here.

So get ready to rev up with Rawlings and the crew of Gas Monkey Garage. Because, as Rawlings says, "*If we're gonna have fun, it better have a motor!*"

Fast N' Loud: Blood, Sweat and Beers Details

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Stefan Percy says

Great book! Quick read, and very interesting. Richard Rawlings has a passion and drive to succeed that is amazing. Everything he has accomplished in life, he has worked extremely hard to achieve. Also helps to have family and friends that stand behind you no matter what the circumstances.

I love his *Fast N' Loud* show and him and his team of Gas Monkeys are very entertaining to watch... and oh so talented.

So, the book is divided in to three parts...

Part 1: His life growing up and what he did and accomplished before *Gas Monkey Garage* and *Fast N' Loud*.

Part 2: His struggles getting *Gas Monkey Garage* and the *Fast N' Loud* television show off the ground and rolling like the well oiled machine it is now.

Part 3: Richard's tip, tricks and advice for getting yourself into the car flipping scene, whether just as a hobby or as a profession.

Plus, there is a photo section to finish the book off.

Richard Rawlings has lead a roller-coaster of a life and has some amazing stories to tell throughout this book... Some funny, some serious, and some down right dangerous. He's not afraid to tell the stories, warts and all. He also goes into a little background on a few of the employees he has at *Gas Monkey Garage*.

I highly recommend this book. As I said, it is entertaining, and quite a quick read. Even if you are not a fan of Richard Rawlings, the book has some great stories, and who knows, your perception of this crazy guy just might change.

So, in the words of Richard Rawlings himself... Go and *Get You Some of That!* Whooo!

Sarah says

Good book! I've always been fascinated by this mans drive. And this book gives you a lot of insight into it. Love it when you can "hear" the authors voice when reading an autobiography.

Dean says

interesting read

Jacob Lazo says

I have always been a Gas Monkey fan ever since the first episode aired on the Discovery Channel. Cars have always been an interest of mine and while I was watching the show pondered how Richard Rawlings started

Gas Monkey Garage. Fast N' Loud: Blood, Sweat, and Beers by Richard Rawlings reveals the story of how Gas Monkey came to be what it is today. Soon after I started reading, I quickly learned Richard creates the Gas Monkey Empire without a college degree. He proves that anything is possible with: hard work, dedication, and a will to pursuit your passion. Richard achieves his dream, and many others can just like he did, if they put their minds to it. The major message Richard is getting across is to not let anyone tell you what to do. Many times throughout the book, the reader gets a feel for how other people laughed at Richards's ideas before he started Gas Monkey. Richard, knowing that failing would result in him losing money, went with his gut and took a chance on Gas Monkey. That risk he took changed his life and now he is a very wealthy self-made entrepreneur. I encourage others to read this book, especially if you want to start your own company, because Richard does a fantastic job at explaining how to be your own boss. The tips he teaches the reader can help other make the right decisions when starting a company from the ground up. Anyone can become a wealthy entrepreneur, and with Richards help from this book, the sky is the limit on what you can do.

Nathan says

Fascinating life Richard has lead. I never knew he had had so many careers but his ability to get up and keep going is awesome. Very interesting book I would recommend to people who enjoy the show or like cars and motorcycles etc...

Paul Ingrey says

Great read and insight, hard work and some business acumen does pay off - but through all of that he loves what he does. If you follow the show, read the book!

Lynnie says

A great quick read. His voice comes through the words and provides insight the real RR and how he worked his way. If he needs another beer assistant, I'm in. Let 'er rip, 'tater chip!

Kirsti says

I'm the first person to admit, I am not a car girl. In no way shape or form am I a 'Gas Monkey'. I have however, seen almost every episode of this show, most of them more than once. Why? Because my boyfriend loves watching the Turbo channel through Discovery, and we even pay extra for it. Fast N' Loud and Street Outlaws are pretty much his two favorite things in the world to watch. So of course, when my mum realized she was going to be stopping over n Dallas for a 9 hour wait, she went out to the Gas Monkey Garage, and the Bar and Grill too, just to bring back some momentos. This book was one of them.

This book is very TV Richard. It's a quick read, but it's quirky and funny. There isn't so much of a personal feel though, although at times it did veer in that direction. What I got was what I expected however, and that was all about the cars. I admit, reading was far more enjoyable than watching an episode! (But hey, you share things with those you love. Bowie watches Harry Potter with me, and so what if he thinks the snake is

called Zucchini, he still watched it! :P)

I loved the photos, and all the little facts I will now be able to tell Bowie about, because although he loves GMG, reading bores him. We also have a lovely new book to display with the car books I buy for him to look at, haha. If you're a fan of this series, then the book is definitely a must have. You'll get a glimpse into how GMG came into being, and maybe what they want from the future. Four stars.

Bart Andersen says

I thought It was a very informative behind-the-scenes look at how the "Gas Monkey" brand and "Fast "N" Loud series came to be. I also Admired Richard Rawlings work ethic, When there was work to be done, he never "Let the Grass Grow under his feet."

To Close my review, If your a Gear head or dyed-in-the-wool car enthusiast and want a good insightful read, I would quoting Richard Rawlings "Get you Some of that."

Derek Heidel says

As a huge Gas Monkey/Fast N' Loud fan, I had to read this book and it did not disappoint! It read much differently than any other autobiography I've read before. It was in your face and to the point which is why I couldn't put it down and read it cover to cover in a day!! I learned much more about Richard Rawlings and the Gas Monkey Crew than I did just watching the show! It peaked my interest even further about the show and the company!

Matthew Van Rooyen says

Good read

Very interesting
Did not know a lot about Richards early days
He has done very well for himself.
Big fan of the show

Sherry Coley says

An Awesome Ride

A well laid out book with the different parts. I enjoyed the ups and downs of Richard Rawlings beginnings and the story of how Gas Monkey came to be. I would definitely read another book he writes.

Suzanne says

Loved it! I love shows that are aimed at car and racing fans because they are the main shows I watch. So of course I read this as soon as I seen this at the library. A co-worker if my husband's recently used our Prime tv login to watch Jack Ryan, and came to work a few days later asking my husband about all the car shows he has in his Prime video library, only for my husband to shock him with the words, "those are my wife's shows. She is a gearhead."

It was awesome to read Richard's life story. So much I did not know about and thoroughly added to the respect I already have for him. My quick and simple overall: awesome and entertaining. Loved it!

#GasMonkeyGarage

Brayden Grimm says

Personal Response

"Fast N' Loud," by Richard Rawlings is a great story about what it takes to create a successful hot rod shop. Throughout the book, I was constantly questioning how Richard was able to make his dream come true. There was something on every page that was so interesting that I just had to keep reading because I wanted to know what would happen. The format the book follows is in chronological order and remains on the same point of view the entire time, making it simple to follow.

Plot Summary

"Fast N' Loud" begins with Richard Rawlings' childhood. Richard was born in 1969 in Fort Worth, Texas and had an older sister named Daphne. Richard and Daphne were raised by just their father, who barely had enough money for them to get by. When he got into high school, Richard bought and sold nearly twenty cars and motorcycles, making money on each one. Right out of high school, Richard landed a job delivering beer to the local bars. Before he was twenty-one, Richard Rawlings was a police officer, a firefighter, and an EMT. While he was doing all of these things, he began to think and when he was having his car washed, he bought a towel and began trying to figure out how to print on them to sell them to the car washes. He was invited to a party one night and declined because of the weather and his friend's cars were broken into and when they came out and saw the thief, the man pulled a gun and shot one of them. When Richard was in his twenties, he was shot in the arm in an attempted carjacking. After a couple years, the stress was too great and he bought a Jeep, took the \$5,000 he had left, and went to California. Once this journey was over, he had nothing. To settle the issues from the shooting, the burger joint corporate side wrote him a check for \$97,000 to avoid going to court. This allowed him to make his business take off. This lasted for a while, then he sold his company to pursue his dream. When he was having work done on his car, he met Aaron Kaufman, who he offered a job a while later, being a master mechanic for a shop that he didn't know would ever work, but was willing to try. They started doing small projects like repair work and simple upgrades and decided to take it to the next level. They began travelling around to promote the "Gas Monkey" name. As the name grew, the opportunities came more and more frequently. In 2010, he got six episodes with "Discovery" to get a show going. It was a success and they ordered more and more episodes. The shop has grown and changed drastically since then and the show, called "Fast N' Loud" is a huge hit. "Gas Monkey" has expanded with new businesses, such as a restaurant, tequila, and car builds for celebrities like Dale Earnhardt Jr. Since 2010, hundreds of cars have gone through the "Gas Monkey Garage" and many more are still going to.

Recommendation

I would recommend this book to someone at, or above the high school level because of some inappropriate language and references. I also recommend it to anyone interested in trying to become a successful businessperson. Overall, "Fast N' Loud" is a great book with a lot of inspiration and real-world issues anyone involved in business has to deal with that has a level of complexity that anyone could understand.

Kayo says

I thought from watching the show that Richard was an arrogant unlikeable guy. However reading this book cover to cover, I actually admire him. He is a hard worker, and altho Im sure arrogant to a point, he is very likable. Loved the behind the scenes look at his shop, and how he got where he is today. Really enjoyed this book!
