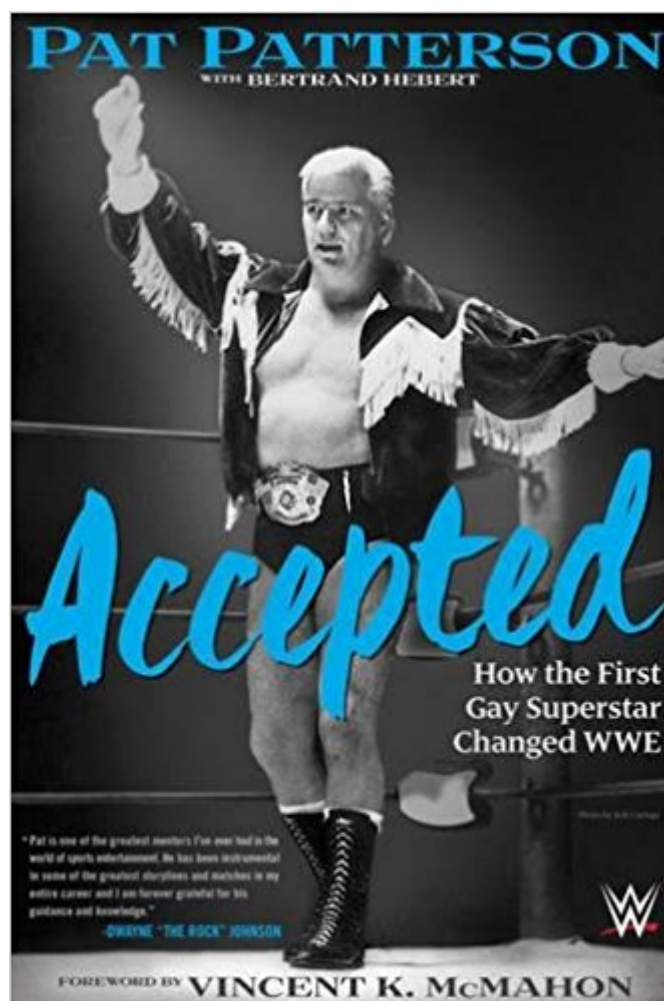


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# Accepted: How The First Gay Superstar Changed WWE



## Synopsis

Pat is one of the greatest mentors I've ever had in the world of sports-entertainment. Dwayne The Rock Johnson Find the never-before-seen official documentary on Pat Patterson titled 'I Did It My Way: The Pat Patterson Story' on YouTube! When Pat Patterson was 17 years old, he was asked to leave his home after telling his parents he was in love . . . with a man. Moving from Montreal to the United States in the 1960s, barely knowing a word of English, he was determined to succeed in the squared circle. Back when homophobia was widespread, Pat lived in the super-macho world of pro wrestling. In this fascinating and revealing memoir of revolutionary talent, pioneer, and creative savant Patterson recalls the trials and tribulations of climbing to the upper ranks of sports-entertainment; as a performer and, later, as a backstage creative force. Many in the WWE Universe know Pat Patterson as a ring legend, the prestigious first holder of WWE's Intercontinental Championship, a WWE Hall of Famer, and one of Vince McMahon's stooges during the Attitude Era. But Patterson is no stooge. He has long been one of Vince McMahon's trusted advisors.

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"[An] affable memoir. It's the author's perspective as a gay man in a world where gay was not a public option that gives the book its real value. It should come as no surprise

that Patterson's penchant for telling a good story in the ring translates to his storytelling ability within the confines of a book. . . For Pat Patterson, wrestling was his life and the greatest thing that ever happened to him. He and co-author Herbert do a sterling job of bringing that out through the pages of a story that's been long overdue. Charleston Post and Courier That story line is surprisingly wistful, tender, and accessible to all readers. . . Patterson is a very good storyteller, and his tales from the road about well-known personalities such as the fun-seeking Andre the Giant and the forever-young-at-heart Ray Stevens are wonderfully told, and many of the wrestlers' time-killing pranks are laugh-out-loud funny. Publishers Weekly "Fans of professional wrestling and those interested in LGBTQ rights from the 1960s to the present will find much to enjoy in this book from the first WWE intercontinental champion. Library Journal "The main event in wrestling books this season. Quill & Quire "Pat is one of the greatest mentors I've ever had in the world of sports-entertainment. He has been instrumental in some of the greatest story lines and matches in my entire career, and I am forever grateful for his guidance and knowledge. Dwayne Johnson "The Rock Johnson "Pat Patterson is considered a genius in our business and his wisdom and dedication are simply unmatched. Like so many WWE Superstars, I'm lucky to have learned from him and my career wouldn't have been the same without him. Pat has played an integral part in my professional and personal life and I'm proud to say that he'll always be a close friend and confidant. Paul "Triple H Levesque "Pat Patterson is a wrestling Jedi. He's the Yoda of WWE. He taught me 90% of what I know about how to put together a match. I had no idea how little I really knew about the psychology of the business until I met him. Chris Jericho "Pat is one of the greatest minds to ever have anything to do with wrestling. Bret "Hit Man Hart "Pat Patterson is an icon and a true @WWE legend. Congrats on your autobiography Pat, I can't wait to read #Accepted! Stephanie McMahon, Twitter "A moving story about staying true to one's dreams, ambitions, and identity even in the face of improbable odds. Pat Patterson shares a stirring portrait of his rise to wrestling icon and trailblazer for LGBT athletes everywhere. Accepted is yet another display of strength and courage in Patterson's storied career as one of the world's most well-known wrestlers. Sarah Kate Ellis, President/CEO, GLAAD "I never thought I would finish a wrestling book and feel like I had just read a love story, yet that's precisely how it felt. Not merely a love story between Pat and his long-time companion Louis Dondero, but a

love story between Pat and the wrestling business . . . Pat Patterson is simply one of the greatest of all time, and this book is a gateway into his amazing world. [Slam Wrestling](#) [“Congratulations to one of my all-time best friends. #Accepted](#) [Vince McMahon, Twitter](#) [“This is a moving story about staying true to one’s dreams, ambitions, and identity even when it seems impossible to do so.](#) [Reviews by Amos Lassen](#) [“I recommend this book highly.](#) [Section 309](#) [“For pro-wrestling followers, Accepted is two thumbs up.](#) [The Bookworm Sez](#) [“Accepted is one of the books that comes along that I can’t put down.](#) [JW’s Wrestling Memorabilia](#) [“For those who were fans for any period of time . . . the book does chronicle a significant swath of history and offer a large collection of previously unheralded anecdotes and factoids. Moreover, one could take Patterson’s story as part of a larger narrative in Western culture of gay men and women who have paved the way for a more broadly accepting culture.](#) [Fourth & Sycamore](#) [“Even those who don’t follow WWE religiously will find a honour in Pat’s light-hearted take on many of his struggles.](#) [WhatCulture](#)

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This book is a great synopsis of one of the greatest workers of yesteryear! His love for his friend Louie completely shines through in this book, and you can feel the sincere affection he held for this

man. I wish he would have spoken more about teaming with Ray Stevens, but that's my own personal preference. As an openly gay professional wrestler myself, I thoroughly enjoyed this book!

Really a great book and enjoy the informal writing style.

I chose this rating because I really enjoyed reading about the life and career of such a legend. It's really something to read about the origins of people you only know from a stage presence.

Amazing read. Pat Patterson has had an incredible life, and has had an extremely long career in one of the most perceived 'macho' sports in history, all whilst being gay... And the best thing, this was never an issue with the people he worked with. They all absolutely loved and respected this great man.

Loved this book! Great to read about an individual, their life, their dreams, hopes and journey. Loved that this book wasn't about all the victories. It is presented as if you were having a one on one conversation with Pat. I'm thrilled he took the time to write a book.

Loved everything from his childhood to his glory days to his influence on the WWE . Well worth the read. Thank you Mr Paterson

This is the book I've waited 20 years for. Pat Paterson's life was a celebrated secret among wrestlers and wrestling fans for years and he FINALLY had his say. I'd love to see him do an Advocate interview to dive deeper into his worldview.

Pat Patterson long and storied history in professional wrestling is thought compelling from beginning to end. The stories range from hilarious to tragic. Hearing about his harsh upbringing makes me glad to only have one sibling.

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