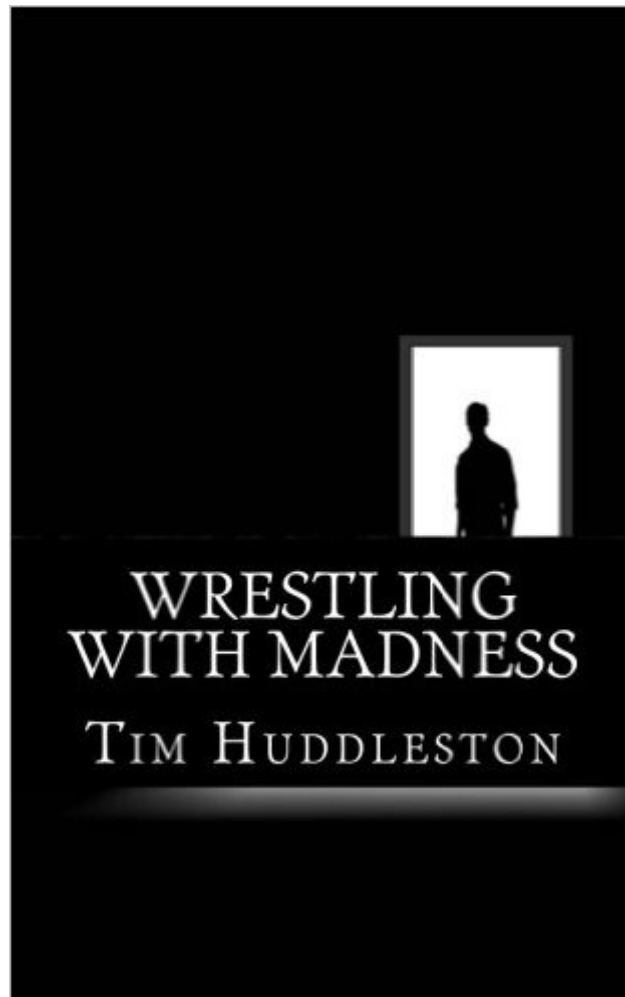


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Wrestling With Madness: John Eleuthere Du Pont And The Foxcatcher Farm Murder



Synopsis

John Eleuthère du Pont was a multimillionaire. Part of one of the most prominent and richest families in America: The du Pont Family. Then, strangely, he started losing his mind. This is what is known: du Pont was a fan of amateur sports and established a wrestling facility at his Foxcatcher Farm. He befriended several Olympic champions--including Dave Schultz, who he murdered. It was never a question of if he did it; the question is why. What turns an otherwise sane man into a psychotic killer? This page-turning true crime story will take you into the mind of a man who had everything and let it all fall away due to madness and paranoia.

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Customer Reviews

A fascinating story, but way too short. I got through this in about two hours. Du Pont was a bizarre and somewhat repellent guy. I have a hard time dredging up sympathy for someone drowning in money who runs people down in his car, and threatens and assaults others with guns and knives and then buys his way out of it. He apparently believed he could buy his way out of anything, including murdering Dave Schultz. The murder of Schultz really was a blow to the world of amateur wrestling. In high school, wrestling was my life, and I went to a workshop taught by Dave and his brother Mark, who was fun and engaging, but basically one of the guys. Dave Schultz, on the other hand, was a pure genius. Never in my life have I encountered someone who was as brilliant a teacher as Dave Schultz. He taught an entire day of that workshop without speaking a single word. High school wrestling tends to attract the most unruly and rambunctious sort of kids, and on that day, you could've heard a pin drop. It was the most amazing thing I'd ever seen. He was nearly

mystical in his ability to convey ideas in a clear and pure form. A real loss. Very sad.

A good first intro to the bizarre life of John du Pont and the murder of Dave Schultz. Pros: quick read, action packed, and fascinating. Cons: Not as in-depth as it could be, basic reading level. Read it before the film Foxcatcher comes out starring Steve Carell and Channing Tatum.

Interesting, but not a lot of detail. Quick read, maybe a little too quick.

My husband wrestled with The Schultz brothers at OU so I was very interested in the book. We both knew them and I remember Nancy as well even though I never spoke with her. The story is just haunting and made me cry. I thought the book was very very interesting. It was such a tragedy. Just devastating. I don't think neither of us can handle the movie yet, just Dave was such a great guy. So I think we have to wait until dvd and see it in private. I would be crying as soon as we walk into the theater. I remember when it came on the news that it happened. We thought it was Metzger and the story came on and said Dave. There wasn't a nicer guy than Dave and such a talented wrestler. And how hard it must be on Mark - life changing. I'm glad I read the book. It gave good insight to Du Pont and the wrestling center. I look forward to the documentary as well.

As other readers have stated, it is very, very short. I read it in one sitting. Good basic background if you didn't know anything (which I hadn't) about John DuPont and the murders. Chilling to see how pathology can exist in a vacuum when one is that rich! Definitely has interested me in seeing the movie Fox Catcher when it comes out -- both for the story as much as for Steve Carrell's performance.

After reading the book and watching the movie Foxcatcher, I wanted to learn more. This book provided lots of great info into DuPont. It certainly could have been longer but everything included was interesting.

This book was a quick, easy read! Good history about du Pont family, if one is unaware! I thoroughly enjoyed this book!

This small book serves as a nice supplement to the current film, "Foxcatcher", giving lots of interesting information about the real case. But it is VERY short and leaves you hoping someone will

write a longer, more comprehensive book with more intensive research.

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