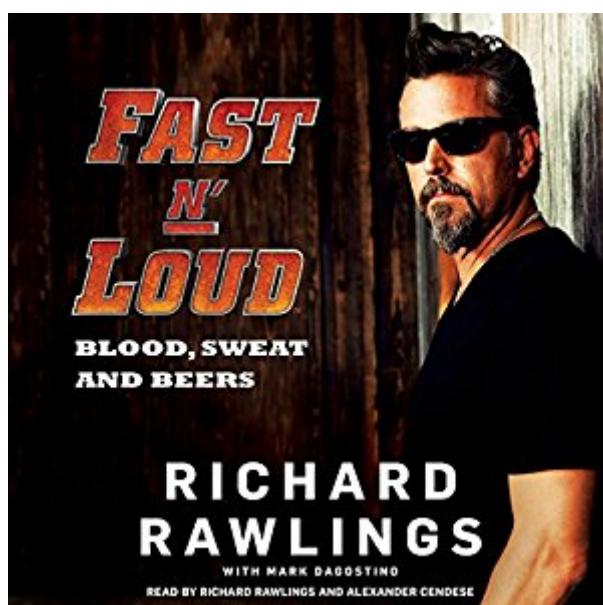


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Fast N' Loud: Blood, Sweat And Beers



Synopsis

The breakout star of Discovery's hit automotive restoration show *Fast N' Loud* takes listeners on an entertaining ride through his wild life and behind the scenes of his hit show in this memoir and automotive handbook, revving with outrageous details and jaw-dropping stories and injected with the quick-witted, foul-mouthed charm viewers love. "If we're gonna have fun, it better have a motor!" In *Fast N' Loud*, Richard 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 - how he went from flat broke to a seat at the table with some of history's most iconic car guys. His road to the top is full of dangerous twists and hilarious turns, with a few precipitous cliffs in between, including getting shot defending his beloved 1965 Mustang fastback from carjackers, blowing out of town Fear-and-Loathing style, and picking up chicks and vagrants along the way. Rawlings then takes listeners behind the scenes of *Fast N' Loud* the series, sharing details on everything from the toughest car to restore to the easiest, his favorite restorations, travel and war anecdotes, and the best and worst cars to make it to the small screen. He finishes with a handy guide for classic and antique car enthusiasts that includes insider tricks of the trade. Want to know how to find a Model-T in mint condition? Need a carburetor for your '73 Ford Mustang? Want to meet other '60s Porsche owners? The answers are all here.

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Customer Reviews

As a huge fan of the show *Fast and Loud*, I have always liked Richard Rawlings. His personality is

so big, as is his motivation and drive. My favorite part was about his early life before his TV show. I think the beginning of the book was better than the end. It was excellent to read about how he became successful over the years and the story of his relationship with his wife. It was truly a story of a self made man, who is charming, motivated and who had a little luck. The last part of the book he's giving advice on how to flip cars, and he kind of came off as bragging about how great he is. I wish he could have been a little more humble. He has an excellent success story, but he ended up sounding a little more self absorbed than I had expected. I did enjoy the peek into his early life/career, and learning more about Aaron. But, the book could have wrapped up before he started trying to train the amateur car flipper to be like him.

The first time I saw Fast N Loud I was in a small restaurant in the U.S. Virgin Islands. At the bar was a large group of fisherman (at least 20) gathered around a small TV. One man was loudly translating every word Richard and Aaron spoke into Spanish and the group watching was laughing and hanging on to every word. I had to find out what show this was and who these guys on tv were. A couple of months later I was in the same bar, must have been a Monday, cause all the guys were gathered around the TV watching/translating Fast N Loud again. Fast forward to now, and I can see why Richard has such a great following and family of fans all over the world. Everyone loves to see a good before and after, the show does that very well. But behind the finished build, we all know there's a lot of work that goes unseen (only so much you can show in an hour). A lot of people think Richard was made in a day, like the builds on the show, but this book dives deep into the beginning of a dream, all the hard work it took just to step away and pursue the dream, the people who believed in his dream, enough to jump whole heartedly into it, and eventually how 11 years later he became an overnight success. It's a really inspiring story with lessons that can apply to anyone, you don't have to love cars, the show or even Richard. Give it a read and you might be inspired to keep going, keep hustling and keep dreaming. I've had the pleasure of working with Richard and Gas Monkey Garage on a couple of video projects through a client and vendor of theirs. I'm impressed by their humility, realness and overall work ethic. I thought I knew the whole story, but this book filled in the blanks. I'm excited to see how the next chapters unfold.

I was not sure what to expect from this book, but what I got was amazing. Richard does an outstanding job of writing in such a way that you feel like he is sitting across from you and just talking. In the several hundred books that I have read, this is my favorite style of writing. Richard conveyed to me what his life has been like over the years without making him sounding arrogant, or

aloof. I could actually see myself in the front seat of the car in the gumball rally and just talking. That is all I am going to give up. If you want to know more, get the book and let Richard tell you.

This book was a fun read. I didn't expect a business book, or a deep tail of the human condition. But what I did get was a pretty interesting understanding on where Richard Rawlings came from and how approaches business. It's open, honest, and overall it leaves you feeling like you would have a beer with him. He never tries to pass himself off as something he is not, and gives credit where credit is due. I really do recommend this book. By the way, there is some business sense in the book as well.

Great story. Super audio tape. Loved the introduction by Richard himself and even though Andrew Cendese read it quite well, after hearing Richard's voice, my husband and I wanted to hear Richard read it. Especially when he said, "Boom!" We are diehard "Gas Monkey Garage" watchers and knew Richard's story, but hearing it in basically his words, it was so much better and if it was in his voice--"Boom!" Great comments on all of his coworkers which told us some things we did not know. His favorite episodes were ours also and we have watched every one of the ones he mentioned, so that made them even more enjoyable. His tips on where to look for cars beyond Ebay and Craig's list were very good also.

BLOOD SWEAT AND BEERS IS A great "tell all" by Richard Rawlings! For those, like myself, that really enjoy Richard's Monday night show on DISCOVERY, "Fast and Loud" the back story of Richard's life in this candid auto biography is truly very interesting! Some of the items I never would have imagined in the days, months and years leading up to GAS MONKEY GARAGE and the success of FAST AND LOUD! Richard appears to be the genuine deal and what you see is what you get and his book comes across just as authentic as he is! He definitely is a workaholic that knows how to both work hard and play hard evidenced even more so by some of the cool stories he tells us in his book! Definitely enjoyed the book and will enjoy the show going forward that much more! Richard Rawlings is truly a self made man and I wish him, Aaron his Mechanic extraordinaire and everyone on his crew the very best of luck, well wishes and good fortune!

I love fast & loud and all the monkeys how great to learn more about its origins and Richards life. Never knew anyone so driven and deserving of the success he has made enjoyed this book tremendously

I really liked this book (and I don't watch the show)not for the NYT Best Seller's List crowd, but is captivating and inspirational! particularly for a reader who also happens to have a blue collar background connected to cars.

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