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You Wouldn't Like Me When I'm Angry: A Hulk Companion



Synopsis

"Doctor David Banner, physician, scientist, searching for a way to tap into the hidden strength that all humans have. Then an accidental overdose of Gamma Radiation alters his body chemistry. And now, when David Banner grows angry or outraged, a startling metamorphosis occurs..." You Wouldn't Like Me When I'm Angry: A Hulk Companion is the incredible true story behind The Incredible Hulk TV series in one Hulk sized book! For 5 seasons, Banner traveled the backroads of America (which resemble the Universal Studios backlot) on his quest to cure himself. You Wouldn't Like Me When I'm Angry: A Hulk Companion tells the tragic story of star Bill Bixby, whose real-life misfortunes left him resembling his tormented alter ego, David Banner. With Marvel heroes now Hollywood's biggest stars, The Incredible Hulk was their first live action success! The book introduces you to: -Hulk creators Stan Lee & Jack Kirby and how the comic-book character was cancelled after only six issues! . -Lou Ferrigno, The Hulk himself and how the upbeat, deaf bodybuilder became TV's unlikeliest star. -Meet the men who played Thor, Demi-Hulk & Evil Hulk on the show. -Guests like Xander Berkeley, Loni Anderson, Rick Springfield & Edie McClurg! With over 500 pages of Gamma-powered goodness, the book includes: exclusive interviews, rare photos & a moving foreword by Lou Ferrigno. -A complete episode guide, including all 5 TV movies & 2 feature films. ---The unfinished SHE-HULK pilot Bill Bixby appeared in and reveals what sports star played her. -What color were Hulk & She-Hulk going to be on TV? (Hint: NOT Green!) -Which Bond villain was cast as Hulk before Ferrigno? -What California governor almost landed the role...but wasn't tall enough? Journalist PATRICK A. JANKIEWICZ, writer for Wizard & Fangoria, takes an incredible look at the incredible cult TV series!

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Customer Reviews

Author Patrick A. Jankiewicz has followed up his first book *Just When You Thought It Was Safe: A JAWS Companion* with an amazing and intricate historical look at the fan favorite television series, "The Incredible Hulk" with *You Wouldn't Like Me When I'm Angry! (A Hulk Companion.)* Published by BearManor Media, the book takes its title from the famous line quoted in the first episode, which has become ingrained in the American lexicon. The author delivers behind-the-scenes accounts, interviews with the cast and crew, and photos that have never been published before. Jankiewicz meticulously works his way through every season and show of the series, the three made for TV Hulk movies, the animated series, and the two feature films directed by Ang Lee and Louis Leterrier. He writes a synopsis of each episode plus any behind the scenes coverage of events that occurred for that particular show. Audiences may not realize that there is a story behind every scene and/or every camera angle in an entertainment production. However, Patrick A. Jankiewicz illuminates these events for "The Incredible Hulk," which adds depth and thought to any television program's superficiality. Highlights of the book include Bill Bixby's giving nature, the death of his son and ex-wife, his struggle with prostate cancer, Hulk Facts, and Hulk Highlights. Also, interviews and profiles of producers, actors, and crew members such as Kenneth Johnson, Ric Drasin, Richard Kiel, John Goodwin, Dick Durock, Edie McClurg, Peter Mark Richman, Wendy Girard, Xander Berkeley, Eric Allan Kramer, Lee Purcell, Tim Thomerson, Jill Sherman Donner, Charles Napier, Lee Meriwether, Venita Ozuls, and Mickey Jones (one hell of an actor,) give dimensions to a hit show that may have been taken for granted.

What made THE INCREDIBLE HULK television series so great, so memorable, and so classic is that every week, David Banner (played by Bill Bixby) would travel to a new town: to a brand new adventure. And that's what makes this book, written and compiled by Pat Jankiewicz, so INCREDIBLE. Each page brings a brand new fascinating adventure to the reader. Any Hulk fan will be impressed by interviews with, say, Lou Ferrigno, who played the big green hulk himself, or Loni Anderson, Richard Kiel (cast as The Hulk for the pilot and then quickly replaced), show creator Kenneth Johnson, etc. But for hardcore film and television fans like myself, reading stories from character-actors like (to name just a few) Lance LeGault, Paul Kolso, Mickey Jones, Peter Mark Richman, Gary Graham, Olivia Barash, Sally Kirkland, or William Windom is really, truly, an impressive feat. Finding all these actors and actresses, writers and crew members and so many

others to spice up each chapter of this amazing guide, serving as a companion for each and every episode of the groundbreaking television series (including HULK FACTS, ACTOR BIOGRAPHIES and all the fake last names David Banner uses), is testament to Jankiewicz, a dedicated writer and pop culture historian. And this book is the delicious fruit of that labor. And yet, Pat doesn't use these interviews to fill up the pages for lack of his own input and/or insight: all the wonderful anecdotes add to his own writing, fully detailed and yet, at the same time, simple, fun and involving to read. But it doesn't end there. You also have a back story for the comics; the recent Hulk films; and the post-show Bixby/Ferrigno made-for-TV Hulk movies like RETURN OF THE INCREDIBLE HULK with interviews from Lee Purcell and...

Like many people of my generation, I grew up on "The Incredible Hulk" television series starring Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno. I proudly own all five seasons of it on DVD. To me, every Friday evening in front of the television set was like a religious experience as the ominous words "Dr David Banner, physician, scientist....searching for a way to tap into the hidden strengths that all humans have....and then an accidental overdose of gamma radiation alters his body chemistry...." were uttered, and the next hour brought fun and excitement as I watched the hapless but well meaning Banner get into some bizarre trouble which only his superstrong, primitive green skinned alter ego The Hulk could get him out of, all the while traveling across the country searching for a cure to his affliction. Just imagine my utter surprise as I was one evening and happened to see a listing for this book. Finally, I said to myself, there's a genuine book devoted to the history and overall production of this amazing television series! I love it. It meticulously details all the five seasons and analyzes each and every single episode! From the 1977 tv pilot to the very last episode, plus anecdotes from cast and crew members (some heartwarming) about their individual experiences working on the Hulk, every one from Lou Ferrigno and the show's producer Kenneth Johnson to Dick Durock (who memorably portrayed the evil Hulk in the excellent two part episode The First) and the stunt men who doubled for Ferrigno.

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