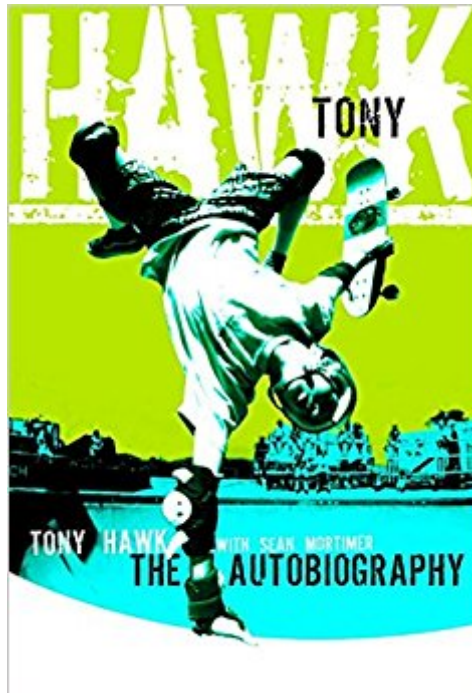




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# Tony Hawk: Professional Skateboarder



## Synopsis

In this young adult autobiography, Tony Hawk shares the stories from his life that have helped him become a skateboarding hero. Hawk speaks of being a super-competitive "demon" child who found peace while on a skateboard. Classmates teased him because of his interest in an "uncool" sport. Instead of retaliating with violence, he practised even more. With his story, he will inspire a younger generation of fans to stand up for what they believe in and follow their dreams.

Ages 8-12

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 13 years

Grade Level: 5 - 8

## Customer Reviews

"The legend spills all." (Nylon)  
"An inside look at the molding of a great role model" there's so much more than just the 900! (Bob Burnquist, world champion skater)  
"All the raw tales that you might expect from a veteran skateboarder." (Wall Street Journal)

Tony Hawk is the bestselling author of Hawk: Occupation: Skateboarder. In the 1999 X Games, Tony landed the first 900 degree arial turn in skateboarding history. A stunt he had been working on for years. He has released three video games for playstation: Tony Hawk's Pro Skater, Tony Hawk's

Pro Skater 2, and Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3. He lives in Carlsbad, California, with his wife and three children. Sean Mortimer was the editor of Skate -- boarder magazine and coauthored Hawk: Occupation: Skateboarder with Tony Hawk. He lives in Oceanside, California, with his wife and son.

My son had to choose a biography for a report at school so he asked if we could find a book about a skater. This is what we got. After his report was done, he probably read it another 5-6 times, and educated me on all things Tony Hawk. He wasn't necessarily a TH fan prior to reading this book, but he really learned a lot about the skateboarding history, and about persevering in the face of challenges.

Ordered this for a preteen who lives at the beach in San Diego, so he was already familiar with Tony. He found the book to hold his interest and he learned new things about Tony Hawk.

Bought this book to add to my classroom library for a "Remarkable People" biography unit for my 6th graders. Five of my students have read this book now and it is still being passed around. It's often difficult to find biographies that really grab the attention of 6th graders--this one definitely does!

This book arrived in great shape. The skateboarding enthusiast I gave the book to was thrilled with it. The book is geared pretty much for his age-group (16). It is a paperback, but not a very high-end paperback - the paper is inexpensive. But for his purposes, the book is fine. As an avid skateboarder, he was very happy with the photos, biography and chapters about Tony Hawk's moves on a skateboard. I had never heard of this skateboarder (I am a grandmother and not up on skateboarders), but he had and was very happy I picked this book for him. The book arrived within the timeframe given and in plenty of time for Christmas.

Cool

My 12 year old described the book as AMAZING. I would highly recommend purchasing from this seller again.

I was a skater back in the day when Tony was just an up and comer. It is very cool how this book filled in all the blanks on stories I had heard about via that the mags back in the day.. I really enjoyed reading it even though it was written on a very young kids level.

Best book ever! If you read this you will want to get out and skate! Please write another Tony Hawk book!

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