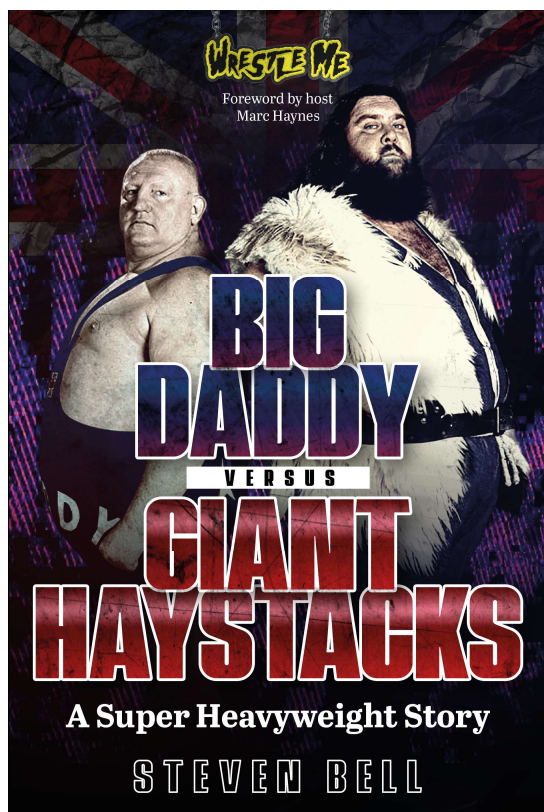




## Title information



### Big Daddy vs Giant Haystacks

A Super-Heavyweight Story

By Steven Bell

#### Key features

- Gripping narrative-nonfiction roller-coaster ride through one of British pop culture's most unlikely success stories
- Traces the rags-to-riches lives of Big Daddy and Giant Haystacks: aka Shirley Crabtree and Martin Ruane
- Charts the rise of British wrestling as a national obsession, drawing millions of viewers each week
- Exclusive insights from key figures of the era – including wrestlers, promoters and historians, with extensive contributions from Bret 'The Hitman' Hart
- From the acclaimed author of *Dynamite & Davey: The Explosive Lives of the British Bulldogs*
- Packed with nostalgia and enhanced by a stunning photographic section
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

As the 1970s began, Shirley Crabtree (Big Daddy) was a semi-retired wrestler, aged 40; the younger Martin Ruane (Giant Haystacks), a down-on-his-luck father of three. Both were living in poverty, scratching out a living in the murky underworld of northern England as nightclub doormen. A decade later, they were two of the most famous faces in Britain, with record-breaking millions tuning in to watch them clash at Wembley. But the glory wouldn't last forever. *Big Daddy vs Giant Haystacks* tells a rags-to-riches tale of unlikely fame, family loyalty, tragic death, and a uniquely British pop culture phenomenon. This gripping roller-coaster story features exclusive contributions from the likes of Bret 'The Hitman' Hart, former British heavyweight champion Tony St. Clair and 'Superstar' Mal Sanders.

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