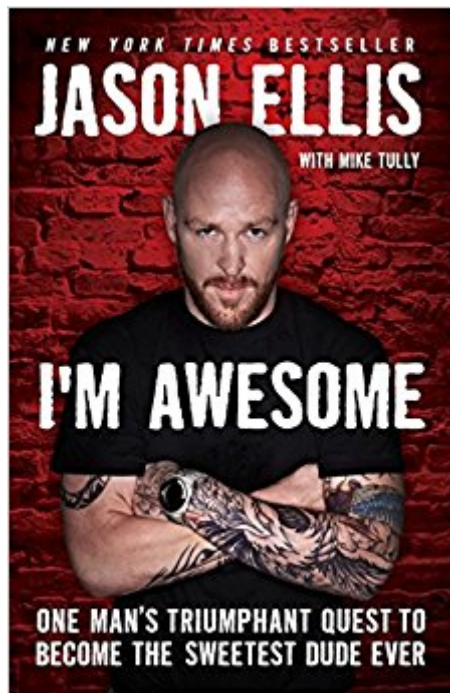




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# I'm Awesome: One Man's Triumphant Quest To Become The Sweetest Dude Ever



## Synopsis

X Games skateboarder, pro mixed martial arts fighter, and outspoken SiriusXM satellite radio host Jason Ellis shares his jaw-dropping and inspirational life story, from the depths of addiction to the glory of victory to the joys and ordeals of fatherhood. Fans of The Jason Ellis Show and the MMA-meets-music festival "Ellismania" know Ellis as a fearless daredevil and as the new voice of action sports in America. Now, fans can learn how he got to be the man he is: the struggles, the setbacks, and the fight he put up to make it through to something better. Fans of Griffin Forrester's Got Fight and Tony Hawk's Hawk won't want to miss this unbelievable tell-all from a larger-than-life icon, and a fighter through and through.

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X Games skateboarder, pro mixed-martial-arts fighter, and outspoken SiriusXM satellite radio host Jason Ellis shares his jaw-dropping and inspirational life story "from the depths of addiction to the joys and ordeals of radio, fatherhood, and professional fighting" in his uncensored, no-holds-barred style.

Jason Ellis is a pro skater, host of SiriusXM's The Jason Ellis Show, and New York Times bestselling author of I'm Awesome: One Man's Triumphant Quest to Become the Sweetest Dude Ever. He lives in Los Angeles, where he continues to kick ass on a daily basis. Mike Tully lives in Los Angeles. He can be heard daily on The Jason Ellis Show.

Honest. That is the best way to describe not only this book but Jason Ellis. In the age where "everyone gets a trophy" Jason Ellis stands out because he is honest. He is honest to himself, and that honesty carries over to his radio show, and his book. Because he is willing to admit that he screws up, he can tell others when they are screwing up and not come off like a hypocrite. Ellis is just like you and me, he gets happy, sad, scared, upset, confused, lazy, and he talks about such a wide range of emotions that his fans can actually relate. And that is how he sucks you into his world, because we all share those different emotions. I find my self actually caring about this flawed individual and keep wanting to find out more so the pages turn easily in this book. Jason walks you through his dysfunctional life from an early age, and how it shaped him. Like most I learned of Ellis from his radio show and have worked backward to hear about his skateboarding fame. It was nice to go back and see how the events of his life shaped the man man he has become today, especially filling in all the blanks of how good he really was at skating. There are some wild stories in the early part of the book, but it takes a really depressing turn in the middle. Listening to Ellis lament the time he wasted on drugs and alcohol got a bit heavier, especially once the topic of his brother and father dying were discussed. The book goes a bit deeper than just the funny skateboarder with an accent stuff, which made it a bit better than I expected. If you have ever heard the radio show this book will not disappoint.

What can I say about this book that has not already been said. This is the first book I have read in over 10 years that wasn't a comic. I read this book in the span of 3 days and just couldn't put it down. The book runs the gambit of emotions and makes you feel like you are really there. I have been a listener for over 4 years now and when I heard this book was coming out I pre-ordered the first day I could. I wish I had held out and went to diesel books and bought the auto-graphed copy though but nonetheless this book is well worth the money. It really shows another side to the man we all listen to on the radio. His book is not only edge of your seat good but inspirational. The man has come from so little to accomplish so much. Jason Ellis is the NOW and FUTURE of radio.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It was a great story about a kid raised in Australia wanting to get to the US to realize his dream, and everything and everyone that tried to get in the way of his success...including himself.

I've been a fan of Ellis since I discovered his show on Faction in fall of 2010. Jason and his show

are a massive and positive force on the airwaves, bringing absurd levels of hilarity along with constantly reinforced positive messages of self-improvement, tolerance, equality, and motivation. I've been anticipating this book for a while, and it doesn't disappoint. Michael Tully is the perfect choice to put Jason's story to the page - Tully has known Ellis for years and works with him daily, which gives him a personal edge that would be lacking with an established author coming in cold. The book reads like a conversation with Ellis over a few rounds (that he wouldn't be drinking, mind you!) and the tone conjures images of Jason telling stories on the radio. Jason's story is interesting, inspiring, and reading "I'm Awesome" has left me hoping for a second installment. Red Dragons, everyone. Red Dragons.

I had no idea who Jason Ellis was until a few days ago. A long haul driver that works at the company I work for recommended the book to me and it was kind of like "ah why the hell not." I bought the book on kindle without reading the description and just dove in, I assumed it was a comedy. For a book titled "I'm Awesome" it's awfully sad at points, there are some parts that literally gave me a lump in my throat. The wording and grammar takes some getting used to but by the second chapter I hardly even noticed it. Once I started reading it it was very difficult to put down. Very interesting book, the only thing I could say bad about the book is that when I reached the end I wished it had gone on another 200 pages. I'm sure they are planning on doing a part 2 though and if they do I'm pre-ordering it. I think I'll have to activate the Sirius radio in my car too.

Through the intimacy of radio, Jason Ellis's daily life is no secret to millions. Now it's in writing. And for the countless who might read only this book over years or their entire lives, no better example can be made of how negative environmental factors and naive personal choices can be flipped on their ass. Jason Ellis takes responsibility for his actions and feels sorry for people he not only hurt, but often hurt him. He doesn't escape any of his problems from the past with excuses. Through Jason's rapid-fire stream of thought and Mike Tully's lovingly sculpted timeline, anyone who has been held down, fallen down, or even chosen to stay down can find inspiration from a uniquely skillful overcomer and even lover of chaos named Ellis.

I was first introduced to Jason Ellis more than a decade ago, when he was a pro skater. When I first listened to his hilarious and ironically insightful xm radio show, I was thrilled to find out that he had written a book. While I wasn't able to immediately get my hands on a copy, I was beside myself when I stumbled upon this opportunity to own it for myself. I have not managed to complete this

book, but I can't put it down every chance I get to read it. It's graphic, funny, insightful, sad and just plain awesome. I recommend this book to anyone who wants to read an inspiring story from a man who has experienced everything life has to offer.

I listened to Jason Ellis a lot two summers ago, while using a friend's car that had satellite radio on a daily basis. Although not nearly as interesting as Howard Stern, there's something that kept me coming back to the Ellis Show. I can't quite put my finger on it. The show prompted me to read the book and I'm glad I did. It's a good, fast read and I'm glad I picked it up.

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