

THE NOVEL WRESTLER

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The Novel Wrestler is a unique narrative about a very creative adolescent who faces the various aspects of growing up and the realities of life. It vividly demonstrates to the reader that one's true character is defined by how he responds to adversity, both on and off the wrestling mat.

– Rob Koll, *NCAA Champion, Head Wrestling Coach at Stanford University*

ABOUT THE BOOK

Tommy St. Clair was a child prodigy in the literary field and was a bestselling author before reaching high school. Tommy also loved the sport of wrestling. His father and older brother were state champions. A student of the game, Tommy strived to accomplish the same goal. It never happened. Tommy lacked the mental and physical toughness his father and brother possess. That all changed when Tommy's life was turned upside down.

The Novel Wrestler will capture the hearts and souls of those who have traveled similar paths in life. Sometimes you will be amused, sometimes you will cry, and the ending will take you completely by surprise. Without question, readers will be intrigued with Tommy's "coming-of-age" decisions and how he handles life's disappointments.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



An award-winning educator and one of the country's foremost authorities on Folkstyle wrestling, Dr. Bill Welker has published a national best-seller, *The Wrestling Drill Book*, a DVD, and hundreds of articles on the mat sport since 1974. Most recently, his memoirs, *The Sparrow's Spirit*, and his first novel, *A Wrestler's Curse*, were declared winners in the sports category by the Beverly Hills Book Awards judges. All his books can be viewed at: www.billwelkerwrestling.com.

A former Pennsylvania State Champion, Welker is a member of five wrestling halls of fame, including the Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame (West Virginia Chapter), and the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. He has been selected twice as the National Wrestling Sportswriter of the Year by Wrestling USA Magazine.