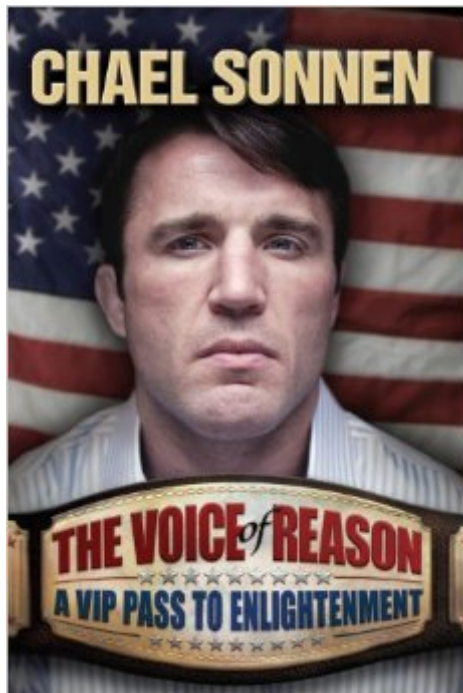


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Customer Reviews

This book begins and ends better than any MMA book I've read, and I've read most of them. Don't get me wrong, there is a ton of very interesting and hilarious material in the center of this book, such as Chael dealing with athletic commissions, federal agents, and other personal stories, but the first 10,000 words and the last 10,000 words really take you into the life of a professional fighter. It shows you the ups, the downs, and the personal battles a fighter has to go through. Even more so, it shows you what it takes to be a fighter. They force you to dive into the mind of a very experienced fighter, and while parts are extremely funny, it shows you something that you never see on TV or hear in interviews. It shows you the crazy, almost maddening battle they go through on a day by day basis. After reading this book, I realize that only a very select portion of people have what it takes to be a fighter. Sure, there is the fame and the thrill of stepping into the cage in front of millions of people, but I now realize there is so much more to being a 'professional' than what you see on highlight reels. In an almost poetic style, Chael presents the fear, the doubt, the absolute terror guys like him go through every time they step into the cage, and he shows how they (or at least him) deals with those emotions. At many points in these chapters I actually got the chills. It's quotes like these that dive deep: An old wrestling coach of mine once told me something brilliant, and it applies to every fight I've won and, sadly, every fight that I've lost: "Chael, you can tell when a guy breaks." And you can, even (nay, especially) when it's you.----You're never ready. You prepare. You train.

So.. wow. I'll be quite frank, right off the bat. As someone that is more than well aware of Chael and his day-to-day "persona", I figured I might have some misgivings about him writing a book. As luck would have it, I found myself on the receiving end of it irregardless, and was pleased that I took the time to sit down and read it.. in under two days. You read that right - "in under two days". I'm an admitted bookworm from time to time, but rarely do I plow through a book quite like that... which is to say: This, believe it or not, is a page turner. Where you might expect to be picking up another about-and-sort-of-written-in-the-voice-of-the-athlete book is where you'll end up being wrong. YES, there is Promotional Chael in this book. But above and beyond anything you might expect, there is

also reminiscent Chael, sociologist Chael, social media Chael, politician Chael, coach Chael, student Chael, fighter Chael, and most pointedly: Human Chael. But if it's not a "biography", then what is it? I'll not throw around the "manifesto" description, as it's already heavily in rotation, but will simply point out that it is essentially a collection of essays. Thought-out observations, if you will. A look inside the mind of a man that normally spends his time showing a caricature of himself rather than his inner monologue? Yes, absolutely. Sparing an extensive chapter-by-chapter review here (you should probably just buy the book, eh?), I'll say this: MMA fans will certainly enjoy their time spent reading this book. Non-MMA fans will enjoy it just as much (and maybe even more than?) the diehard fans. At the end of the day, "Voice of Reason" is a hilariously fun and interesting read that (surprisingly) has something for everyone.

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