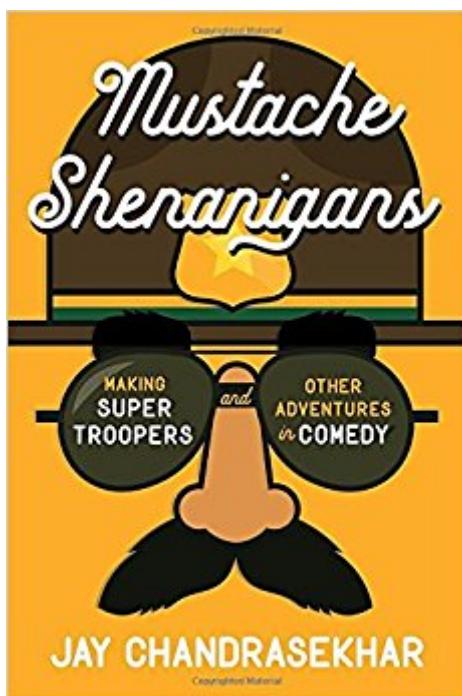


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# Mustache Shenanigans: Making Super Troopers And Other Adventures In Comedy



## Synopsis

Director, writer, and actor Jay Chandrasekhar tells the hilarious history of his comedy group, Broken Lizard, and the making of the cult film Super Troopers, as well as the currently filming Super Troopers 2. Jay Chandrasekhar has spent the past two decades writing, directing, and acting in film and TV. With his comedy group, Broken Lizard, he has produced and directed beloved movies such as Super Troopers, Beerfest, and Club Dread. Now, with the upcoming release of the long-awaited Super Troopers 2, Jay is ready to tell the ridiculous, madcap, dead-honest story of how he built his career, how he formed Broken Lizard, and, ultimately, how he made Super Troopers. Jay grew up Indian American in the lily-white suburbs of Chicago, and he had an outsider's perspective from the beginning. Instead of taking the traditional acting path, he formed his own troupe, wrote his own scripts, and made movies his own way. And he had an incredibly good time doing so as readers will learn in this hilarious story about making it in Hollywood and directing, cowriting, and costarring in one of the best-loved and most-watched comedies of all time. Part humorous memoir, part film study, this book will inform, entertain, and tell readers what drinking multiple bottles of maple syrup is really like.

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Praise for Mustache Shenanigans: A fond and funny look at the process of trying to succeed in the movie business and an inspirational tool for aspiring filmmakers. "Kirkus Reviews" A charming story of persistence, luck, and hard work. "Booklist" [A] boisterous read that tells the truth about comedy, film, and everything in between. "ABQ Free Press" Mustache Shenanigans:

Making Super Troopers and Other Adventures in Comedy is a rare complete and honest tell-all. The book brims with revelation, comedy, and the reality of what it takes to make it in Hollywood as an outsider and on your own terms." à "Chicago Nowâ œMustache Shenanigans, [Chandrasekharâ ™s] wonderfully titled memoir about the creation of à œSuper Troopersâ • and other films, qualifies as more than a fans-only read.â • à "The Buffalo News

Jay Chandrasekhar is a director, actor, writer, and comedian best known for the cult classics Super Troopers and Beerfest. He has also directed for numerous popular TV shows, including Arrested Development, Community, Chuck, The Grinder, New Girl,Â and Psych. He lives with his wife and children in Los Angeles.

I'm gonna start by saying, prior to reading this, I wasn't an enormous "Broken Lizard" fan. However, I WAS an enormousÂ Super TroopersÂ fan! Not only that, but I'm an enormous fan of biographies,...specifically, biographies dealing with the Entertainment Industry! So this was a no brainer! I readÂ Writing Movies for Fun and ProfitÂ a few weeks back and we itching for something else similar. This was EXACTLY what I was looking for! I'm sure you're familiar with, at the very least, Super Troopers?! So for the back story on that alone, you should give this a read. However, getting a full understanding of what it took for the guys in Broken Lizard to get where they are is a great story in itself! I discovered this book when Adam F. Goldberg posted a tweet about reading it while watching Jay Chandrasekhar direct one of his shows. I was intrigued! Jay goes into his upbringing by two (incredibly) bright parents. Both being Doctors, he thought about going into that field. However, through a series of mishaps and seemingly random encounters, he ended up forming the "Improve" group, Broken Lizard and going into the Movie Business. What I really like about Jay is the fact that he knew Hollywood would have a problem excepting him and instead of complaining, she did everything his own way and made them love him! You'll get a lot of back story on all of their movies (with the exception ofÂ Slammin' Salmon, The). Not sure why they didn't cover that one, but it's not there. They do talk a LOT about their first film,Â Puddle CruiserÂ and all the work that went into creating that one. Not only that, but you also discover just how loyal he is to his friends and why he, and the other members of Broken Lizard, make such a perfect team! Final Verdict: Buy it and read it NOW!

Like other people I preordered this book and waited with great anticipation. Here is my review: Jay's writing style is engaging and easy to read. A lot of the things he writes about I've heard before in

interviews and podcasts but there were a few I didn't know about, so I think even superfans will learn something new when they read this. In interviews Jay comes across as being cocky and a little too self-assured, but not in his book. I like the self-deprecation sprinkled throughout. I'm eagerly waiting for Super Troopers II. This book is something to tide me over until then. If you haven't already, check out the podcast "Chewin It" with Kevin and Steve. They occasionally have other Broken Lizard castmates on, Jay most recently.

It's not a heartbreaking work of staggering genius, but it is a super funny and candid memoir about the author's life growing up and breaking into the entertainment business. I couldn't put it down! Highly recommended easy summer read for anybody who loved Super Troopers, Beerfest, or any Broken Lizard work. Now I'm off to track down a DVD copy of Puddle Cruiser and The Dukes of Hazzard....

A short, light read with a good sense of humor and lots of little interesting insights. The Burt Reynolds stories were great and are a very good addition to his legend. It was also interesting to read about Broken Lizard's history, and Chandrasekhar's successes in Hollywood (AD and Undeclared are classics, for me) and early Childhood. Definitely worth the purchase if you're a fan of Broken Lizard!

If you love Broken Lizard you will love this book. If you love comedy you will love this book. If you love movies, you will love this book. If you love beer, pot and partying you will love this book.

I was excited to read his book. I knew it'd be good, but I did not expect it to be a total page turner. I really loved it! It was well-written, honest and of course, funny. Even though I knew Jay while he was in college, I still learned a lot about him. I hadn't known his and the group's Hollywood journey and I found that stuff engaging. Jay's personal story was raw and honest, yet laced with his personal charm. I highly recommend this book especially while waiting for the Super Troopers II release!

For Lizard fans out there, this is a must read. For those who aren't (yet), you are in for a quite a treat. This isn't a tell-all with ribald, wacky stories about Jay and the boys doing crazy things (well, not every chapter anyway), it's an extremely well considered, well-paced and thoughtful book. Jay provides a number of pithy and insightful observations on life, race, education and of course, TV

and film. The writing is clear, funny and engaging shaped by honesty and openness. You won't be able to put it down.

Great mix of hilarious stories and candid insight into the movie business. I originally got the Kindle version, but am happy I decided to then splurge on the audiobook because I got to enjoy the addition of funny impersonations and hearing Jay's intonation (excitement, sighs/frustration, sarcasm) that gave the stories a lot more impact. Definitely recommend it!

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