



Terry Davis, the Author of "Vision Quest"

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When novelist Terry Davis sat down in the '70's to write "Vision Quest," a remarkable wrestling novel about Lou-den Swain's life and his ultimate challenge match, he approached it with much more

than a writer's credentials. He was a former wrestler himself.

Davis wrestled competitively in middle and high school, intrigued by the fact that balance and instinct mattered as much as size in this demanding sport. He even

coached wrestling for a short time at his alma mater, Shadle Park High School, in Spokane, Washington.

In May of 2002, "Vision Quest" was re-released by Eastern Washington University Press -- a move the Washington Post called,