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Synopsis

How to Build a Skateboard Ramp...You might need a crane. This book is an old carpenter's memoir of building skateboard ramps and skateparks with his son in Hawaii and California. My 15 year old son and I attended the Santa Barbara, California premiere of a skateboarding movie, The Search for Animal Chin, May 5, 1987. What happened as a result is the subject of this book. It describes our experiences in the professional skateboarding world of Powell-Peralta and the evolution of our ramp-building, culminating in the construction of Powell's SkateZone skatepark at the company factory in 1990, and the fabulous SkateStreet skatepark in Ventura, 1997. This book's not about the stars of the skateboard world; it's more about the behind-the-scenes players like myself and Johnny and all the characters we worked and played with over the years, building skateboard ramps and skateparks. I've got thousands of photographs from those years and I'm in the process of creating a free website as a companion to the book. It will take me months to complete it, but in the meantime, the partially completed site will be up and running, as it is now. www.antigravitydevicecompany.com

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A wonderful book. It's got stories about skateboards, trucks, life choices, deadheads and a school that starts each day with the singing of "We All Live In A Yellow Submarine"...I loved it. Buy 2 copies..one for you and one for someone you love.

John Oliver is a gifted storyteller. He combines a wry sense of humor with a journalists penchant for details.He has lived through some interesting times and has saved them for all of us.Looking

forward to the next one.

Fantastic book -- an instant skate lit classic. This book is engaging, readable, and a real page-turner. It's a great read for anyone interested in the history of skateboarding, in the construction of skate spaces, in the formation of extreme sports culture and the history of 20th Century California.

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