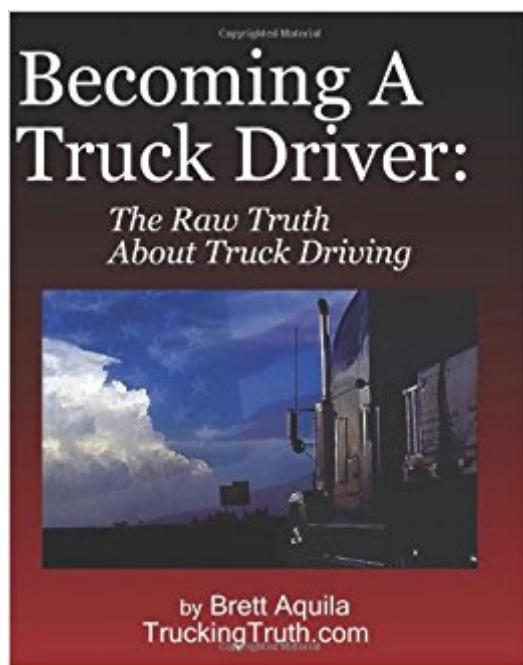


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# Becoming A Truck Driver: The Raw Truth About Truck Driving



## Synopsis

[www.truckingtruth.com](http://www.truckingtruth.com) Trucking schools can teach you to drive, but nobody's there to teach you everything else. This book is a no-holds-barred, call 'em as I see 'em account of what I went through when I decided to become a truck driver. I hope to shed some light on what the trucking industry is REALLY like, with no hidden agendas and no regrets. I have absolutely loved my years on the road. The experiences, the friends, the money, the challenges, and the freedom. "There are so many things to know if you want to be successful on the road and they take years to learn. I'm talking about things they don't teach in truck driving schools and things companies don't talk about..at least not honestly. There are "grey areas" and "unwritten rules" in the trucking industry that have a major impact on your life and your career - and only time on the road will reveal the realities of becoming a truck driver....." - Brett Aquila, Author - "Becoming A Truck Driver: The Raw Truth About Trucking"

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## Customer Reviews

Brett has been an over the road truck driver for over 15 years. After graduating from truck driving school outside of Atlanta, GA in August of 1993, his first job was with a dry van company out of Atlanta. Over the years he has driven almost every type of truck there is, including dumptrucks, tankers, flat beds, and refrigerated. He has held jobs ranging from 8 hours per day and getting home every night, to jobs that kept him on the road for weeks at a time. Brett has been in all 48 continental states and throughout much of Canada, accumulating over 1.5 million miles in the process. To put that into perspective, that would be about 60 trips around the earth at the equator,

or about 500 trips from New York to Los Angeles. If you've ever made even one trip across the country by road, the thought of 500 times will make your head spin! You will find articles by Brett Aquila on TruckingTruth.com, EzineArticles.com, and numerous other sites across the web. He also has a blog on becoming a truck driver that can be found at BrettAquila.wordpress.com. He currently resides in a small town outside of Buffalo, NY.

I think it would be better if it were more up to date. Quite a few of the big companies now are caught up in class action lawsuits for underpaying their drivers (paying them less than the equivalent of minimum wage). During my short stint with one of the larger companies, I had weekly paychecks that were sometimes less than \$100. Personally, I feel like it's not a good industry for a person to be getting into right now.

This book by far gives a great guideline to what all us truckers deal with in the REAL world, not the fake world. I'll admit I was skeptical when I ordered it, thinking here I go again buying something from some other truckdriver who probably just wants to blabber on about how miserable his/her life is as a driver, and I got quite a shock to realize it wasn't like that at all. It really is informative and he really says it the way it is. I'm definitely using it as a dating guideline too. My next potential girlfriend has to read page 14 through 18 and understand what they are reading. A written test may be required if the applicant looks dumb.

I'm new to the industry and I appreciate this reading more than any other I've come across. He's not a professional writer, but he didn't allow writing to get in the way of providing informative advise. The material is very well laid out, it's easy to read and follow along, and he doesn't waste time with unnecessary dialogue. It appears to have been written in 2007 - so if anything I wish that it were more current. However, I finished the book better prepared in understanding how I want to pursue this new career - thanks.

With a title like "The raw truth about truck driving," you would think that Mr. Aquila had hated his time as a truck driver. Fortunately, however, nothing could be further from the truth. Mr. Aquila appears to have thoroughly enjoyed his time as a driver and his enthusiasm for the profession shows through in every word of this well-written and engaging book. He does acknowledge that every industry has its downsides, and he takes some time to discuss the downsides of the trucking industry. However, he also spends plenty of time discussing how one can cope with those

downsides and not allow them to with one's enjoyment of the profession. If I had a family member who is considering taking up truck driving as a profession, I would strongly encourage them to read this book first. I believe it gives an honest overview of what life is like as a truck driver and is well worth reading before embarking on this career.

An educating, encouraging and excellent book for anyone who is interested, even remotely, in obtaining their CDL license and becoming a truck driver. The author has made his book both easy-to-read and entertaining by sharing his experiences and bits of wisdom throughout it. I highly recommend!

From start to finish, Brett Aquila does a fantastic job of breaking down what it takes to start in a career in trucking. Even if you decide it's not for you, you can't go wrong reading this book! It's refreshing to hear the truth told in a positive way!

Brett does not sugar coat the business, nor is he axe grinding from bad experiences. He tells how it worked for him; and what lessons he learned. Gives you something to think about if you are considering the field.

Very helpful and hilarious at times. Everything told made total sense and will be tucked away for use in my career...short or long.

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