

I generally adhere to my machismo of being hard-pressed to be star-struck or enamored by anyone, let alone another man.

However, that essentially gets thrown out the window with respect to Elon Musk. I have long been an unabashed fan of Tesla and as a software and web addict have been aware of Elon since his paypal days and long fancied him an entrepreneur worth emulating, or at the very least understanding at a deeper level than CNN or Reddit.

That is where Ashlee Vance came to the rescue with his book *Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future*.

There is an anecdote in the book that illustrates after how many radical successes do you have to finally admit that it was no longer *luck*? I think this best sums up the life of Elon; at least his professional one.

An undeniable workaholic, and with passion too thick to see through, Elon inspires any technologist in ways Michael Jordan used to for the aspiring athlete.

The author goes into gritty detail of the true demeanor and personality of Musk, which will not surprise many who have worked in software, or technology in general. Further, he goes on to give true and honest perspective from a variety of co-workers, colleagues, and even the occasional nemesis.

After reading this book I was left inspired and in awe of a man who has been willing to bet his entire fortune, his reputation and even his health to a mission he is truly passionate about; each time coming out wildly successful and leaving the detractors and naysayers left with draw dropping shock.

With X.com (later PayPal), then SpaceX & Tesla, and most recently with OpenAI and The Boring Company, Elon each time been willing to prove *"it's OK to have your eggs in one basket as long as you control what happens to that basket."*

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