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# Scott Ian book talk and signing at Strand Books

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Last night, [Anthrax](#) co-founder [Scott Ian](#) marked the release of his autobiography – [“I'm the Man: The Story of That Guy from Anthrax”](#) – with a book signing preceded by a boisterous (and sometimes raunchy) interview with Sirius XM Liquid Metal host Jose Mangin and free Pork Slap beer (courtesy of West Village bar Daddy-O), at [Strand Books](#) in Greenwich Village.

The legendary [thrash metal](#) guitarist shared stories from his book and took questions from the audience for nearly an hour. The Queens native [reminisced](#) about how the late Pantera guitarist Dimebag Darrell Abbott gave him the nickname Baldini – and how he later found out that Dimebag came up with it after seeing a sign outside a New York City men's clothing store called “Baldini.”

In response to a fan question about who is his least favorite rock star, [Ian quickly shared why he despises W.A.S.P.](#)

[singer Blackie Lawless](#): “In 1986, we got to do shows with Black Sabbath. We were the opener, and the middle band was a band called W.A.S.P. I have nothing against the 3 other dudes in the band – Chris Holmes was awesome – but Blackie Lawless was a (expletive) (expletive). So, there you go. He's the only guy in 30-something years of playing shows that was a (expletive) out-and-out (expletive) to us. What a (expletive)... I don't know him now, he might be a nice guy, but in 1986, he was a (expletive).”

He also spoke about his initial reluctance to write his autobiography. “I'd been asked to do a book for a long time. Probably around 5 or 6 years ago, my manager started getting calls because every [rock] dude had a book out,” Ian said. “That's one of the reasons I said no – everyone has a book, what am I going to say? I don't have a story like Mötley [Crüe] – I can't beat ['The Dirt.'](#) Why even try?”

Eventually, he realized that he already had much of it written for his [Speaking Words tour](#) and decided to include a comic book – taken from illustrations he projected on a screen behind him

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during the Speaking Words tour – to “make my book different than every other rock book.”

Ian revealed that Anthrax is getting ready to record a new album soon. “We're getting close, it's always kind of an unknown thing. We just kind of write and at some point, we just know when we're ready to go in and do it, and we're getting close. We've got a lot of songs – 16 or 17 things we're working on,” he said to applause from the crowd. “I can safely say there will be a record in '15, I'm hoping in the earlier part of '15. I would think, if we get into the studio by January, that would mean an early summer record.”

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