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The Long Hard Road Out Of Hell



Synopsis

The best-selling autobiography of America's most controversial celebrity icon, Marilyn Manson (with a bonus chapter not in the hardcover). In his twenty-nine years, rock idol Manson has experienced more than most people have (or would want to) in a lifetime. Now, in his shocking and candid memoir, he takes readers from backstage to gaol cells, from recording studios to emergency rooms, from the pit of despair to the top of the charts, and recounts his metamorphosis from a frightened Christian schoolboy into the most feared and revered music superstar in the country. Illustrated with dozens of exclusive photographs and featuring a behind-the-scenes account of his headline-grabbing Dead to the World tour.

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Customer Reviews

One doesn't usually think of rock stars as insightful, but, against all odds, glam-trash superstar Marilyn Manson has written a book that is actually an intelligent look at growing up. This autobiographical bildungsroman brings out the creepiest aspects of childhood, conveying the terror and fascination that young Marilyn (then called Brian) felt when looking through his grandfather's pornography, getting his first French kiss, and being taunted by the girls he wanted to "date." Manson has the benefit of having grown up as an outcast and loser and then having become a star without forgetting what he went through. This gives him an incredibly broad perspective, which he brings to bear on his ordinary life in order to convey the more potent and frightening moments that shaped him into the pale-skinned weirdo that the Christian Right loves to hate. Best of all, Manson

is shockingly honest, and portrays himself as occasionally stupid, self-centered, over-sensitive, ignoble, and, mostly, highly fallible and human. It's a long way from the auto-hagiographies that other stars have written, and it's easily one of the best reads in celebrity bio. --James DiGiovanna
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"By turns moving, funny, appalling, and disturbing...There has never been anything like it."-- "Rolling Stone""Unimaginably perverse and demented."-- "Newsweek""Fascinating, sleazy account of his coming of age and ascent into damnation."-- "Us""Makes Madonna's infamous "Sex" seem downright wholesome by comparison."-- "Elle""If the Marquis De Sade had a son in a hard-rock band who wrote a book, this would be the book."-- "Christian Science Monitor""Repulsive...well-written and uncommonly addictive."-- "Chicago Sun-Times""Nothing short of captivating in all its intentional, over-the-top bad taste."-- "Edge""Amusing...lots of sex, bondage, drugs, intrigue, and mental decay."-- "Village Voice""Clipped, colorful prose that fits the author's larger-than-life personality like a pair of rubber shorts."-- "Paper"

I am not a fan of Marilyn, but I enjoyed reading this book all the same. It kept me wanting more, simply based on the sheer insanity of it.

I think he held back many details of his "touring life" Still, the book is just as sexually grotesque as you would expect from our darling of the darkness.

I learned a lot about a musician I have always enjoyed. In his own words, Manson debunks the rumors and bares the truth about himself, his band, his vision and his art. I respect and value his no bull approach. Great read.

Albeit a typical rock-n-roll biography, there's (thankfully) a clear and fresh mentality swimming in the muck of Mason's head. Trauma, no doubt, sculpted the boy who eventually turned it into power and showmanship. The stories are deep and disturbing. At times played off as passing anicdotes. And while I was fully engaged into this tale, upon finishing, I was left wondering. This man who had developed a talent for knowing and understanding how to manipulate the emotions of his peers; how much of this biography was true and how much was entertainment? As a fan, I was entertained. As a human, I was disturbed.

I have always been a fan of Marilyn Manson but at an arms length. As a musician myself ,I admire those that truly push the boundaries of the status quo. It in this case...blow out of the water entirely! I know this book is a bit older but M M is still a highly valid icon I believe and if stories of the extreme are what you are after then this one is up your alley.

Meh. It would have been way more interesting from someone else's point of view. He's pretty impressed with himself. Sorry that was a spoiler.

So this book is just really wonderful because if you're a person who really wants to know things about people that you admire then this is a great book to look at. Many people during the 90's I want to say had a really big problem with Mr. Manson and reading this book I got some enlightenment on who he is as a person both as a rock-star and a human. Also this book can be a fast read and I often find myself going back to a certain page or chapter and reread to make a note on if I ever read a similar bio of someone else. But all in all just a great book and if you are a fan of Mr. Manson's then I would recommend this book to you and hopefully you enjoy it every time you read the contents, and even if you do not like him I still would recommend this book to you because you can get some reasoning on why he is the way he is.

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