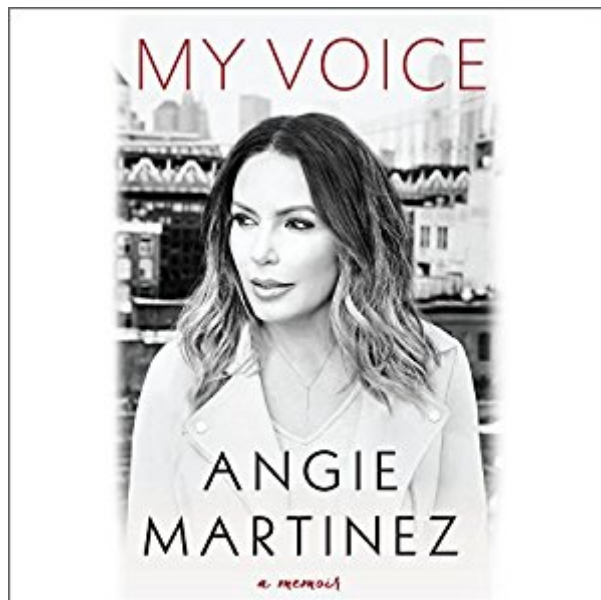


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My Voice: A Memoir



Synopsis

Angie Martinez is the "Voice of New York". Now, for the first time, she candidly recounts the story of her rise to become an internationally celebrated hip-hop radio icon. In her current reign at Power 105.1 and for nearly two decades at New York's Hot 97, Angie Martinez has had one of the highest rated radio shows in the country. After working her way up as an intern, she burst on the scene as a young female jock whose on-air "Battle of the Beats" segment broke records and became a platform for emerging artists like a young Jay Z. Angie quickly became known for intimate, high-profile interviews, mediating feuds between artists, and taking on the most controversial issues in hip-hop. At age 25, at the height of the East Coast/West Coast rap war, Angie was summoned by Tupac Shakur for what would be his last no-holds-barred interview - which has never aired in its entirety and which she's never discussed in detail until now. Angie shares stories from behind the scenes of her most controversial conversations, from onetime presidential hopeful Barack Obama to superstars like Mary J. Blige and Chris Brown, and describes her emotional, bittersweet final days at Hot 97 and the highly publicized move to Power 105.1. She also opens up about her personal life - from her roots in Washington Heights and her formative years being raised by a single mom in Brooklyn to exploring the lessons that shaped her into the woman she is today. From the Puerto Rican Day Parade to the White House, Angie is universally recognized as a powerful voice in the Latino and hip-hop communities. My Voice gives an inside look at New York City's one-of-a-kind urban radio culture, the changing faces of hip-hop music, and Angie's rise to become the Voice of New York.

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Customer Reviews

I was so happy when I heard she was coming to Power 105 as I was not the biggest Hot 97 fan and was equally excited for this book to come out. I'm a fast reader and as soon as this downloaded to my kindle, I dove in head first. Admittedly though I'm not done with it but I can tell you that this book is great & easily gets 5 stars. A real hip hop fan will love this memoir. And truth be told, I think any fan of radio personalities and music in general will love this. I'll be done with it in a day or so, it's that good. Simply put, great read by a great person and even greater icon in hip hop. Buy this, you'll love it!

When I heard THE Angie Martinez was writing a book, I HAD to buy it. Not borrow it, not download it, not blog skim, actually buy it. So my expectations were to hear juicy stories about the interviews, moments, and highlights in the world of HipHop. There are a couple of juicy tales but this book is STRICTLY about Angie. Her voice. Her experience. Her growth. Her lessons. The juicy tales she did share were those she recognized as impactful to her life and was a lesson in building the woman she is constantly working on. If you have ever avidly listened and followed Angie, you will know that she's honest, fair, and tries to do the right thing in difficult moments. This book is an accurate depiction of the ground breaking, original female, hip hop head that you've come to know on the show with some reasons for why she has made life choices and conducts herself the way she does. She's shared hard life lessons as well as pieces of the highlights. Congratulations Ms. Martinez! Your voice is still ringing and heard after a drillion years!!!

Wonderful book. Lots of history, told by a great. Always the voice of NY, and now global. Salute!
Highly recommended!!!

I'm a really big fan of biographies and I love the "overcoming" factor. This book for me was only ok though. Although there were some great moments in the hip hop culture discussed, overall Angie's story didn't really fascinate me. Not to take anything from what Angie has achieved and what she represents, obviously she is a "big deal", but the story itself didn't really leave an impression.

If you're a fan of the culture this book is everything! Angie Martinez got me through some thangs.... Her music I played out so much my cd's are scratched and I can't get past certain tracks! But I

couldn't wait to read as soon as the book came in. It really hit home as she spoke about the relationship with her father and it reminded me almost exact to the relationship I have or don't have with mine! I haven't put the book down yet. NBA is on.....: and my eyes are glued to the book!

I grew up in the era where Hot 97 started as a freestyle station and went it went hip hop I was like Oh noooo where will I hear Judy Torres again??!! Anyway. A Jersey girl who grew up in the same era as Angie, Im SO happy I read this, bc Ill be honest - her move to Power made me question her loyalty....What can I say? She seems as loyal - ethical - and kind as they come...This was the feel I always got from her on 97, and I could tell any artist on air had an upmost respect for her.Loved to hear her upbringing in NY her time down in Florida jamming to Miami Bass (haha) and her growth from child to woman, despite the BS. She dabbled as we all did was so honest, and real...and I didnt put the book down til I got to WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED WHEN SHE WENT TO POWER...and it all made sense..She is beautiful, smart, not a girly girl and high maintenance. And I relate to her so much....I guess alot of us in the tristate may - but seriously - funny parts, sad parts, just real parts (Tupac interview got to me) and anyway...all of it. Loved it....The Voice of NYC - Love you Angie!!! Congratulations on your success with this memoir. You are loved by us, too. Besitos!!!

This is a great read. Growing up in New York City when Hip Hop was just starting to get played on the radio brought me back to my youth. I remember coming home from school and putting Hot 97 on, listening to that station all day until I went to sleep. I enjoyed listening to Angie on the radio. It's crazy as I'm reading the book I remember where I was and what I was doing as she is talking about certain events that happen to her and on the radio. Before the internet there was radio and radio is where I got all my hip hop news and r&b news. She's not only the Voice of New York....She is the Voice Of My Youth!

I applaud Angie for writing her memoirs, however I deem it quite a few years too late to catch the modern audience's attention she is seeking. I'm an 80's baby and I surely indulged in the early 90's music industry and the events that happened during that time (i.e the Tupac and Biggie/East vs West beef) and I would certainly have loved to hear more indepth info on the events that took place during the feud THEN. Also, other aspects of her story are inspiring only in the sense of a successful career, yet fell short of keeping me excitedly engaged the entire time. I kept reading with the hopes in the back of my mind that it'll get better in better with each new chapter, but unfortunately I finished with utter disappointment.

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