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My Story of Love, Loss, and the Night the Music Stopped
Macmillan

Traces the rise of the Kardashian and Jenner families to reality show and tabloid fame, discussing the negative publicity that has overshadowed their recent years while scrutinizing charges of exploitation that have targeted Kris Jenner, Rob Kardashian, and Caitlyn Jenner.

My Story St. Martin's Griffin

The author of The Hollywood Book of Death and Hollywood Divas focuses his attention on one diva in particular--Whitney Houston--revealing details of her rise to fame in the mid-1980s and her subsequent fall from grace at the hands of the tabloids in the mid-1990s.

Ava Gardner: The Secret Conversations ABDO

Drake is a Canadian rapper, singer, songwriter, record producer, actor, and entrepreneur. Drake initially gained recognition as an actor on the teen drama television series Degrassi: The Next Generation in the early 2000s. Intent on pursuing a career as a rapper, he departed the series in 2007 following the release of his debut mixtape, Room for Improvement. He released two further independent projects, Comeback Season and So Far Gone, before signing to Lil Wayne's Young Money Entertainment in June 2009. Drake released his debut studio album Thank Me Later in 2010, which debuted at number one on the U.S. Billboard 200 and was soon certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). His next two releases were 2011's Take Care and 2013's Nothing Was the Same, which were both critically and commercially successful; the former earned him his first Grammy Award for Best Rap Album. In 2015, he released two mixtapes-the trap-influenced If You're Reading This It's Too Late and a collaboration with Future titled What a Time to Be Alive-both of which earned platinum certification in the U.S. Drake released his fourth album, Views, in 2016, breaking several chart records in the process. The dancehall-influenced album sat atop the

Billboard 200 for ten nonconsecutive weeks, becoming the first album by a male solo artist to do so in over ten years. The album's second single "One Dance" topped the charts in several countries, including the U.S., the U.K., and Canada, where it became his first number one single as a lead artist. That year, Drake lead both the Billboard Hot 100 and the Billboard 200 charts simultaneously for eight weeks, coming close to a record held by Whitney Houston. Views achieved quadruple platinum status in the U.S., and earned over 1,000,000 album-equivalent units in the first week of its release. The album's lead single "Hotline Bling" secured him his second and third Grammy Awards, for Best Rap/Sung Performance and Best Rap Song, at the organization's 59th ceremony. Drake has sold more than 12 million albums (Including more than 9 million albums sold in the U.S) and 74 million singles globally. Drake released the multi-genre More Life in 2017. Described by Drake as a "playlist," it was his seventh consecutive number one on the Billboard 200, and set multiple streaming records. Drake holds several Billboard chart records. He has the most charted songs (154) among solo artists in the history of the Billboard Hot 100, the most simultaneously charted Hot 100 songs in a single week (24), the most time on the Hot 100 (431 weeks) and the most Hot 100 debuts in a week (21). Drake also has the most number one singles on the Hot Rap Songs, Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Airplay and Rhythmic Charts. Alongside his Grammy Award wins, Drake has won three Juno Awards and six American Music Awards, as well as a record thirteen Billboard Music Awards, while also being one of the most acclaimed rappers of the 21st century. Drake has developed other ventures, including his OVO Sound record label with longtime collaborator Noah "40" Shebib. Drake acts as a producer, producing under the pseudonym Champagne Papi. Using the "OVO" moniker, Drake has his own clothing line and his own program on Beats 1 Radio. He has also developed a whiskey, is a restaurateur, and is the global ambassador for the Toronto Raptors.

Still in the Nick of Time Whitney HoustonThe Unauthorized Biography

The definitive account of Whitney Houston's astonishing life, ground-breaking career, and tragic death — complete with never-

before-seen photographs — from the only one who truly knows the story behind the headlines: her mother, Cissy Houston. Cissy has said little publicly about Whitney's heart-breaking death. Now, for the first time, she opens up and shares the unbelievable story of her daughter's life, as well as her own, and addresses Whitney's brightest and darkest moments. A legendary Grammy Award-winning gospel singer in her own right, Cissy Houston shows how the lessons from her own musical journey helped to shape Whitney's career — from teaching Whitney to use her voice, to keeping her level-headed throughout her meteoric rise to fame. With candor and respect, she sets the record straight about Whitney, exploring both her turbulent marriage and her misunderstood struggles with drug abuse. Cissy goes behind the tabloid headlines to show fans around the world the true, human side of a strong, successful — yet flawed — musical icon who died much too young.

Whitney Houston Little, Brown

The story of singer Phyllis Hyman is brought to light in the powerful new biography Strength Of A Woman: The Phyllis Hyman Story by Jason A. Michael. Hyman's 20-year career, which included the release of eight albums as well as a Tony nomination and Theater World Award for her Broadway turn in Sophisticated Ladies, was brought to a tragic end by her suicide June 30, 1995, just hours before she was due to take the stage at the legendary Apollo Theatre. In the spotlight, Hyman's breathtaking voice and stunning beauty shone brightly. But off stage, after the applause and the laughter produced by her bawdy humor had faded, Hyman spent her days and nights engaged in an exhausting battle against bipolar disorder. Complicating its crippling effects was Hyman's addiction to drugs and alcohol, which she tried repeatedly to kick, and the demands and constraints of being a female African-American entrepreneur in an industry controlled by white men. But though she ultimately chose to extricate herself from the pain, she did so not before leaving a legacy of beautiful music that will last and live on forever as a true testament to the 'strength of a woman.'

Aretha Crown

With the release of her spectacular new album, I Look to You, it's

been confirmed: the diva is back When Sony announced that Whitney Houston was returning to the studio to record her first new album for almost seven years, the music industry and her fans held their breath. Had the legendary singer really overcome the recent problems that had threatened to destroy her career? In this unauthorized and in-depth biography, James Robert Parish charts Whitney's amazing career, from her childhood in a rough New Jersey neighborhood to her thrilling comeback.

Adele Fame Life Bios

Over the past year, Adele has taken the country by storm, sweeping the 2012 Grammy Awards and taking home six titles, including one for Album of the Year. The British singer-songwriter has been smashing records ever since her 2008 appearance on Saturday Night Live and her 2009 Grammy for Best New Artist. The success of her second album, 21, made her the first living artist since the Beatles to have two top-five hits in both the UK singles and albums charts. The album hit the #1 spot in 18 different countries. In the U.S., 21 is the longest running number one album by a female in Billboard history, surpassing Whitney Houston's The Bodyguard. To put it simply, her worldwide success is unmatched. This one-of-a-kind book will provide answers to fans' burning questions, including: —What was Adele's childhood like as the daughter of a single, teenage mother? —Growing up, who were her biggest inspirations and influences in the music industry? —As someone whose career depends on her voice, what was it like being diagnosed with a vocal cord hemorrhage? —How did canceling her Adele Live tour affect her career? —How did she make the decision to perform at the Grammys, while still recovering from vocal surgery? —And much more! A must-read for every Adele fan.

Strength of a Woman Fame Life Bios

Despite rhythm and blues culture's undeniable role in molding, reflecting, and reshaping black cultural production, consciousness, and politics, it has yet to receive the serious scholarly examination it deserves. Destructive Desires corrects this omission by analyzing how post-Civil Rights era rhythm and blues culture articulates competing and conflicting political, social, familial, and economic desires within and for African American communities. As an important form of black cultural production, rhythm and blues music helps us to understand black political and cultural desires and longings in light of neo-

liberalism's increased codification in America's racial politics and policies since the 1970s. Robert J. Patterson provides a thorough analysis of four artists—Kenneth “Babyface” Edmonds, Adina Howard, Whitney Houston, and Toni Braxton—to examine black cultural longings by demonstrating how our reading of specific moments in their lives, careers, and performances serve as metacommentaries for broader issues in black culture and politics.

Oprah Omnibus Press

Ariana Grande: A Short Unauthorized Biography is a short unauthorized biography produced from electronic resources researched that includes significant events and career milestones. Ideal for fans of Ariana Grande and general readers looking for a quick insight about one of today's most intriguing celebrities. This must-read short unauthorized biography chronicles: Who is Ariana Grande Things People Have Said about Ariana Grande Ariana Grande is Born Growing Up with Ariana Grande Ariana Grande Personal Relationships The Rise of Ariana Grande Significant Career Milestones Ariana Grande Friends and Foes Fun Facts About Ariana Grande How The World Sees Ariana Grande Ariana Grande A Short Unauthorized Biography is one of the latest short unauthorized biographies from Fame Life Bios. Check it out now!

An Unauthorized Biography Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

The definitive biography of the Queen of Soul from acclaimed music writer David Ritz, hailed by Rolling Stone as "a remarkably complex portrait of Aretha Franklin's music and her tumultuous life." Aretha Franklin began life as the golden daughter of a progressive and promiscuous Baptist preacher. Raised without her mother, she was a gospel prodigy who gave birth to two sons in her teens and left them and her native Detroit for New York, where she struggled to find her true voice. It was not until 1967, when a white Jewish producer insisted she return to her gospel-soul roots, that fame and fortune finally came via "Respect" and a rapidfire string of hits. She has evolved ever since, amidst personal tragedy, surprise Grammy performances, and career reinventions. Again and again, Aretha stubbornly finds a way to triumph over troubles, even as they continue to build. Her hold on the crown is tenacious, and in Respect, David Ritz gives us the definitive life of one of the greatest talents in all American culture. "Comprehensive and illuminating." --USA Today

Gus Van Sant Harper Paperbacks

A New York Times Bestseller In Every Little Step, Bobby Brown tells the full story of his life and sets the record straight, particularly about his relationship with Whitney Houston. Bobby Brown has been one of the most compelling American artists of the past thirty years, a magnetic and talented figure who successfully crossed over many musical genres, including R&B and hip hop, as well as the mainstream. In the late 1980s, the former front man of New Edition had a wildly successful solo career—especially with the launch of Don't Be Cruel—garnering multiple hits on the Billboard top ten list, as well as several Grammy, American Music, and Soul Train awards. But Brown put his career on hold to be with the woman he loved—American music royalty Whitney Houston. The marriage between Brown and Houston was perhaps the most closely watched and talked about marriage of the 1990s—a pairing that obsessed the public and the gossip industry. Now, for the first time, the world will be able to hear the truth from the mouth of America's “bad boy” himself. Raw and powerful, Every Little Step is the story of a man who has been on the top of the mountain and in the depths of the valley and who is now finally ready to talk about his career and family life, from the passion and the excess to his creative inspirations and massive musical success. On the process of writing this book, Bobby says, “Right after I signed on to write my story, I went through one of the most agonizing traumas I had ever experienced with the death of my daughter. But I was surprised by how therapeutic it was to work on this project, to look at the entire arc of my life and to realize that although there has been considerable pain, I have also been incredibly blessed. I hope my fans and other readers of this book will be entertained by this trip into the crazy, exciting, fascinating world of Bobby Brown. And I hope they will feel that I have been as honest and open with them in these pages as I have tried to be my entire life.”

The Life of Aretha Franklin Aurum Press Ltd

This text presents a comprehensive and up-to-date reference work on popular music, from the early 20th century to the present day.

Good Girl, Bad Girl St. Martin's Paperbacks

Traces the life and career of the pop singer and movie actress *Diva* JAM Books

An account of the life of the Motown superstar, based on

interviews with family, friends, and colleagues, recounts her public triumphs and private failures
Bobby Brown: The Truth, The Whole Truth and Nothing But St. Martin's Griffin

Cee Lo Green is a former Goodie Mob member, Southern gentleman, YouTube sensation, and Gnarlz Barkley vocalist. If you ask the general public, you'll find he's best known for his vocals on mid-tempo, radio-friendly R&B songs with extremely catchy hooks. But in order to truly understand Cee Lo Green, you must first understand where he came from. "Cee Lo Green: An Unauthorized Biography" explores Green's upbringing and details his breakthrough into the music industry all the way through his current gig as a vocal coach on "The Voice." From his childhood to "The Voice," all you need to know about Cee Lo Green is right here, right now, in the most up to date coverage of Cee Lo's life.

The Unauthorized Biography Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

This informative title highlights the life of Whitney Houston. Readers will learn about Houston's childhood in Newark, New Jersey including her strong family life and her beginnings as a singer at New Hope Baptist Church. Houston's musical work is discussed from her days as a backup singer for Chaka Kahn, Jermaine Jackson and the Neville Brothers and her collaboration with cousin Dionne Warwick and aunt Aretha Franklin through her superstardom as a solo act with the hits Saving All My Love For You, How Will I know, I Wanna Dance With Somebody, and her

soundtrack to The Bodyguard featuring Dolly Parton's I Will Always Love You. Houston's courtship with Bobby Brown is included, as is their marriage and the birth of their daughter Bobbi Kristina and their eventual and divorce. Houston's descent into drug addiction is included, leading to her death at age 48 while in the mist of a reemerging career. This book includes details of Houston's life and covers the controversies surrounding her life and death. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

Whitney Houston Fame Life Bios

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Destructive Desires Price World Publishing

Andrew Morton uncovers the true story of the biggest celebrity of

our age. Everyone knows Tom Cruise—or at least what he wants us to know. We know that the man behind the smile overcame a tough childhood to star in astonishing array of blockbusters: Top Gun, Rain Man, Born on the Fourth of July, A Few Good Men, Jerry Maguire, several Mission: Impossible movies, and more. We know he has taken artistic chances, too, earning him three Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations. But beyond that, the picture becomes a bit less clear... We know that Tom is a devoted follower of the Church of Scientology. We know that, despite persistent rumors about his sexuality, he has been married to Mimi Rogers, Nicole Kidman, and Katie Holmes. But it was not until he jumped on Oprah's couch to proclaim his love for Katie and denounced Brooke Shields for turning to the "Nazi science" of psychiatry that we began to realize how much we did not know about the charming, hardworking star. For all the headlines and the rumors, the real Tom Cruise has remained surprisingly hidden—until now.

The Biography Rowman & Littlefield

Recounts how an improper relationship and broken confidences led to threats of jail, public humiliation, and prejudgement in the media

The Phyllis Hyman Story Simon and Schuster

This is the definitive biography of the Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter and political activist whose career rose rapidly in the 1970Us, stalled in the 1980Us, and resurged in the 1990Us. 29 photos.