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Bob Marley: A Life



Synopsis

One of the twentieth century's most revered cultural figures, Bob Marley was responsible for carrying reggae music far beyond the Caribbean and establishing it as an international force. He set attendance records that still stand in Europe and his 1977 Exodus album was hailed by Time magazine as the greatest of the 20th Century, but Marley was no mere pop star: His combination of politically and socially conscious lyrics, unforgettable melodies, uncompromising Rastafarian beliefs and fierce hostility to the injustices of "Babylon" made his music the voice of the poor and dispossessed all over the globe. In this new biography, Garry Steckles tells Marley's story from his birth in rural Jamaica to his tragically early death in 1981, by which time he'd overcome poverty and prejudice to become the Third World's first superstar. Steckles, who has been intimately involved with reggae for more than three decades as a writer, concert promoter, broadcaster and fan, transports you into the sm

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"Of all the millions of words written about the Jamaican Rasta reggae hero, this book encapsulates the most concise and complete information about Marley... If you want to place a Marley biography in your library, this is the one to buy." -- --Barbara Makeda Blake Hannah, Rastafarian scholar and journalist

Gary Steckles has written about reggae and all aspects of Caribbean culture in major newspapers and magazines in North America and the Caribbean.

I am a huge fan of Bob and Ziggy Marley. I was raised in a largely Jamaican community in Brixton, south London and knew all about him, or thought I did until I read this book. It makes the description of him as The Legend, an understatement! He still is. I played some of his music to some patients in a drug and alcohol rehab, average age 30 and to my amazement they knew ALL the lyrics. I thought I was introducing them to Reggae, the music of my young years- and life- and the beat goes on. If anyone wants to know about the Marleys, beautifully and exquisitely written, this is the book

A simple, concise biography on the life of Bob Marley. For Marley enthusiasts, this book is nothing new or enlightening. Nevertheless, it is a good read and very thorough in content.

I learned so much from this book.

Marley fans, this book is a must read! I enjoy everything this book has to offer and if you're a true Marley fan so will you!

This was a great book. The writing was very cohesive and told a very detailed story of Bob Marley from birth to death. I read the book in just a few days, which is a testament to how easy it was to move through and how fascinating I found the context. This was my first Bob Marley book and I am certainly much more interested in him now as a result of having read this book.

this is the first book i have read on Marley. some other reviewer mentioned that this was a good introductory book. totally agree. very easy to read, not too overloaded with details.

Great book!

Bought this for my nephew He LOVED it

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