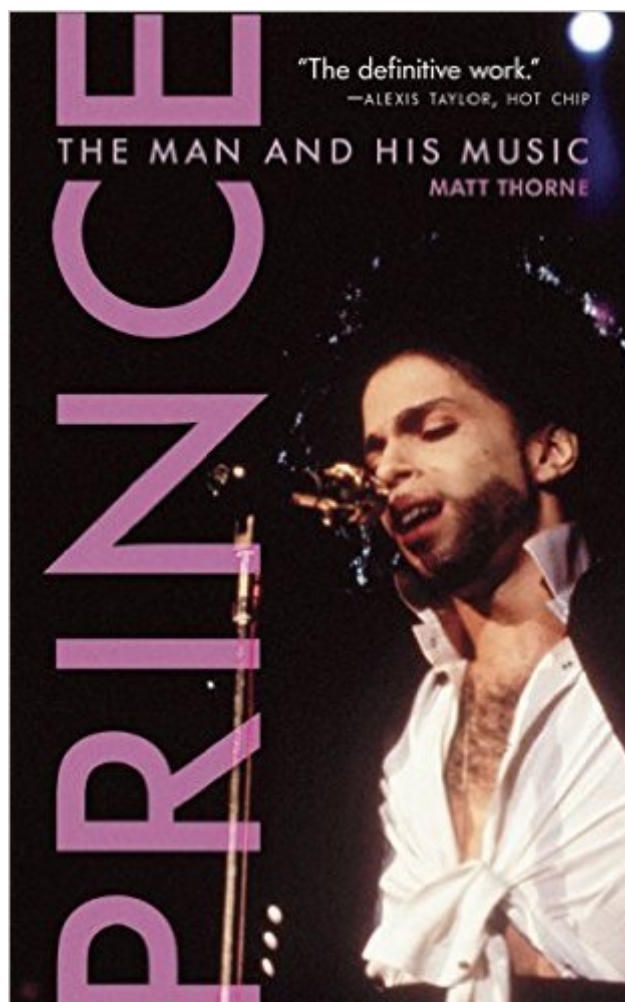


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Prince: The Man And His Music



Synopsis

The newest, most updated book on Prince available today. Famously reticent and perennially controversial, Prince was one of the few music superstars who remained, largely, an enigma—even up to his premature death on April 21, 2016. A fixture of the pop canon, Prince is widely held to be the greatest musician of his generation and will undoubtedly remain an inspiring and singular talent. This meticulously researched biography is the most comprehensive work on Prince yet published. Unlike other Prince books, this one eschews speculation into the artist's highly guarded private life and instead focuses deep and sustained attention exactly where it should be: on his work. Acclaimed British novelist and critic Matt Thorne draws on years of research and dozens of interviews with Prince's intimate associates (many of whom have never spoken on record before) to examine every phase of the musician's 35-year career, including nearly every song released and unreleased that Prince has recorded. Originally released in the UK in 2012, this first US publication of Prince includes updated content detailing the artist's two 2014 albums, tour, 2015 Tidal release, and other career events. This astonishingly rich, almost encyclopedic biography is a must-have for any serious fan of Prince.

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Customer Reviews

RIP Prince. I'm only halfway through this (very long), but it's already the most comprehensive book about Prince's work that I've ever read....and I've read a few. A true testament to the Man. Will be reading in loving memory for the rest of the day.

Practically an encyclopedia for Prince fans—the author has clearly done his research. Informative enough to turn a casual Prince fan into something closer to an expert. I enjoyed it on my first read and I find myself picking it up again after the news of his passing—a great icon lost. The index is a very helpful addition—I’ve been listening to Prince on repeat and I can look up whatever song comes on for details about it. Looks nice on the shelf, too. I heartily recommend.

It’s all about the music - and ALL of the music. Everything he’s ever written. Which is a LOT. The book is meticulously researched, with countless interviews. It spans his entire career, from 1978 to 2015. There’s not too much about Prince’s personal life, but there are some interesting insights. Thorne talks about Prince’s basement vault, which includes all his old masters and every unreleased track he’s recorded. It’s poorly kept, it floods, things get destroyed all the time - but Prince doesn’t care, because he considers even released tracks to be drafts.

Been a Prince fan for years. Brilliant man and a great loss to the music industry. This book is an excellent choice to add to my collection. Goes in depth and helps me understand Prince in a totally different light. Music nowadays is not what I consider music at all. I hope the next big trend in music is TALENT.

I’m only halfway through the book. What I really like is reading the backstory to Prince’s albums and projects. This is not a gossipy or superficial book which I really like. The author did real research and really respects Prince and his work.

I love Prince! I’ve been a fan for almost 40 years. I first heard about him when I was 7 years old (1978) and I went with my sister to her friend’s (Sharon) house down the street and saw a picture of this good looking guy which turned out to be Prince. When Purple Rain was released at theaters, my sister, our friends and I went to the movies to see it and LOVED it (I was 13 years old)! I own a lot of his music and other memorabilia. I bought this book because of the reviews it received and also because it was also over 600 pages. A lot of the other books being sold right now are less than 30 pages long. I’m reading it right now and so far so good...my only complaint is the print is small that’s why I gave it 4 stars instead of 5. I still can’t believe that he is gone...I feel like this is all a bad dream. There will never be another like him (at least not in my life time). RIP Prince...

Comprehensive book with lots of information but much of which I've read online or in other published works before I bought this book. So who wrote what when, I don't know at this point. Print is small considering the length of the book which makes reading it a little harder. The information I had not read before was interesting. Eventually, maybe someone close to Prince will write the definitive biography, but until then, he will remain an enigmatic man and artist whose music will live on. RIP.

This book is thorough to the point of exhaustion. I'm a longtime Prince fan (since Dirty Mind) and this author unearths so much information I never knew that it left my head spinning. And I would guess only Prince went to more of his concerts. It's a long read but a great one. I assume he'll update it again at some point to cover the Hit N Run releases, but until then this remains THE most complete Prince biography out there.

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