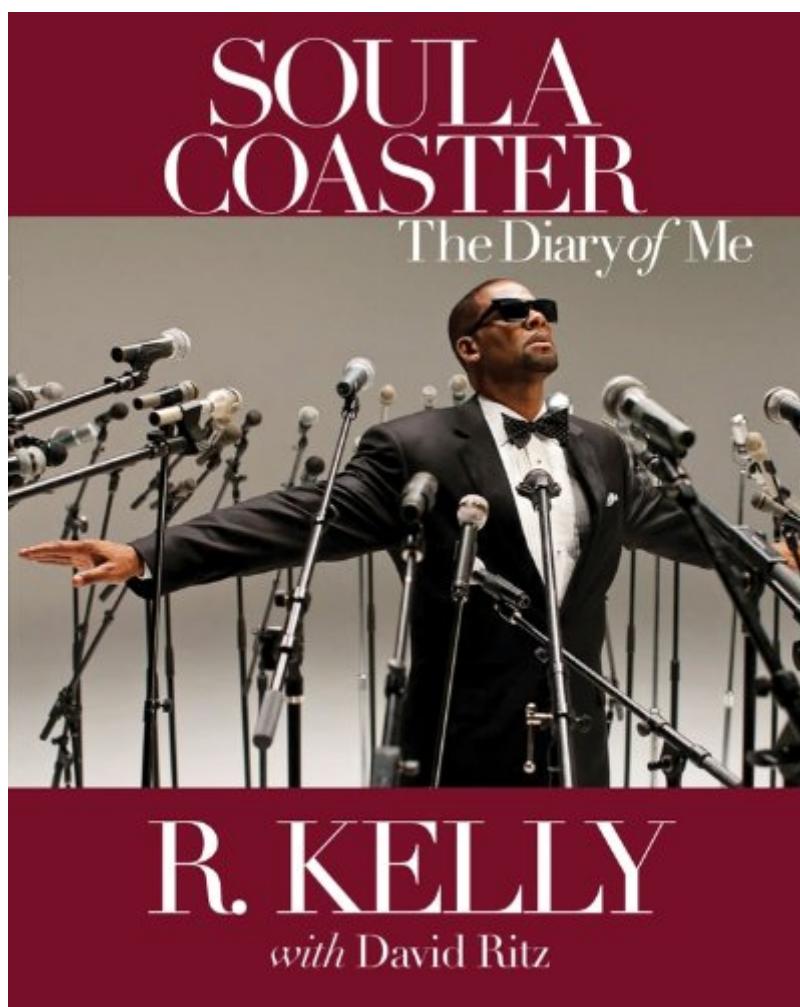


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Soulacoaster: The Diary Of Me



Synopsis

Who is R. Kelly? Three-time Grammy winner, who has sold more than 35 million records worldwide. Legendary writer and producer, who collaborated with such music icons as Michael Jackson, Celine Dion, Jay-Z, and Aretha Franklin. Visionary cultural messenger, who created the hip hopera phenomenon *Trapped in the Closet*. Creative genius. Sex symbol. The man who puts the "R" in R&B. Through the iconic anthem "I Believe I Can Fly" and such sexy R&B mega-hits as "Bump N' Grind," "Ignition," and "When a Woman Gets Fed Up," R. Kelly has proven to be one of the greatest musical talents of his generation. Yet his rollercoaster ride to the top has been as perilous as it has been exhilarating. In *Soulacoaster: The Diary of Me*, Kelly shares his life story through episodic tales and exclusive color photographs, exploring his meteoric rises and sudden falls. From the crippling learning disorder that rendered him unable to read or write, to the teacher/mentor who prophesized that his destiny was in music, not basketball, we follow his evolution from Chicago street performer to struggling L.A. musician and beyond. Kelly reveals his hard-won ascent to superstardom and his battle to move forward after legal and personal ordeals that threatened to destroy his life. Now back at the top, Kelly recounts the surprising twists and turns that have taken him to new heights of maturity and artistry. Part memoir, part keepsake, *Soulacoaster* unlocks the door to R. Kelly's story as only he can tell it, promising his fans an intimate and unforgettable ride.

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Customer Reviews

I must confess I am a huge R Kelly fan. I've seen him perform a couple times and will go to see his shows everytime they come my way. I was excited to read this book because I like his music so much and so I was looking forward to learning more about him. At first I found it difficult to engage with the book because of the conversational tone - seemed like someone just transcribing R Kelly talking. However, I eventually found the story powerful enough that I ignored the writing. I was truly fascinated to learn some of the details of his life especially his struggle with dyslexia. I am in awe that someone who reports being only barely able to read could write so many powerful songs. There were definitely parts of the story that were skirted over. His relationship with Aaliyah is never mentioned and the dissolution of his marriage seems glossed over. I also was longing for more info about his friendships and relationships with his siblings. The book talked a lot about his childhood and early career. His tenacity is definitely inspiring. He doesn't appear to pretend to be anything other than who he is - seemed willing to acknowledge his eccentricities and quirks. I learned a lot about his music and his collaborations with other artists. Despite how one might feel about his sometimes disturbing personal life his musical genius cannot be denied. I would recommend this book to anyone who is a fan of R Kelly. The book serves to show that humble beginnings do not mean a life of mediocrity. I think the book also does a good job of showing some of the down sides of fame.

I really enjoyed reading this book. I learned some things about R. Kelly that aren't generally known. He doesn't go into the whole Aaliyah thing, but everything else is there. If you're expecting some eloquently written book laced with impressive vocabulary, you'll be disappointed. If you read it with an open mind and accept it as the straight-forward, simply stated book that it is, you will definitely enjoy it. R. is one of my favorite musicians and his concert was one of the best I've ever seen (Prince was the other LOL). I have always been a fan of this chocolate drop even through his drama. I definitely recommend this book if you're interested in the man who is R. Kelly.

I give Soulacoaster a 4 because of the honesty R Kelly reveals about his personal life journey. I've

read other bio's that has felt sugar-coated. I didn't experience that with this bio. What I loved most about this book is how in depth R Kelly explains his gift of music. In regards to his public trials and scandals, he only provides details of how he mentally got through it, but doesn't go any deeper into the circumstances. I'm okay with that and feel other readers will be too. There isn't anything to dislike about the book unless you're hoping to get more info into his personal sexcapades, if so, you'll be disappointed. Great job R Kelly and thank you for sharing your story with the public.

This book clears a lot of things I wanted to know about the big homie, Kells. I can dig it! The only downfall (which is a big one in my eyes) is that there are many parts that either have typos or missing characters. And I would let them slide because I ain't perfect, but when I can't even make out what was meant to be stated that is where we have a problem. Like I said, very good biography but the professionalism could have been much better. I'm in school... Almost finished with obtaining my degree. I have to proofread all of my papers in order to get a good grade. They got paid to write this book (we are the buyers); so you would think that the writer(s) would proofread as well. Other than that, its all gravy!

The fans of R.Kelly get to enjoy a ride inside the mind or should I say "Soul" of a musical genius of a particular era. He starts off with his childhood and thanks God, his mother, and a music teacher throughout the book for recognizing the call on his life. The front cover alone is what grabbed my attention, but I was able to see what goes on in the mind of someone who makes such great music, and has no problem switching genres no matter what the naysayers might think of it. I don't want to spill it all, but if you are looking for him to discuss his relationship with Aaliyah, you are going to be highly upset because he does not.

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