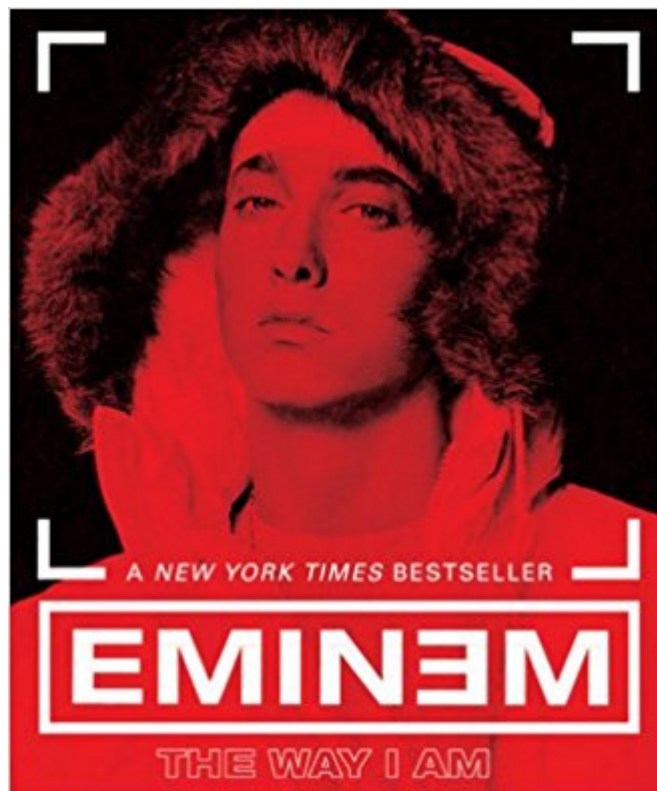


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# The Way I Am



## Synopsis

Chart topping-and headline-making-rap artist Eminem shares his private reflections, drawings, handwritten lyrics, and photographs in his New York Times bestseller *The Way I Am*. Fiercely intelligent, relentlessly provocative, and prodigiously gifted, Eminem is known as much for his enigmatic persona as for being the fastest-selling rap artist and the first rapper to ever win an Oscar. Everyone wants to know what Eminem is really like-after the curtains go down. In *The Way I Am*, Eminem writes candidly, about how he sees the world. About family and friends; about hip-hop and rap battles and his searing rhymes; about the conflicts and challenges that have made him who he is today. Illustrated with more than 200 full-color and black-and-white photographs-including family snapshots and personal Polaroids, it is a visual self-portrait that spans the rapper's entire life and career, from his early childhood in Missouri to the basement home studio he records in today, from Detroit's famous Hip Hop Shop to sold-out arenas around the globe. Readers who have wondered at Em's intricate, eye-opening rhyme patterns can also see, first-hand, the way his mind works in dozens of reproductions of his original lyric sheets, written in pen, on hotel stationary, on whatever scrap of paper was at hand. These lyric sheets, published for the first time here, show uncut genius at work. Taking readers deep inside his creative process, Eminem reckons with the way that chaos and controversy have fueled his music and helped to give birth to some of his most famous songs (including "Stan," "Without Me," and "Lose Yourself"). Providing a personal tour of Eminem's creative process, *The Way I Am* has been hailed as "fascinating," "compelling," and "candid."

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"The biggest rapper in history." •Rolling Stone "The best rapper alive." •Vibe magazine "Part autobiography, part photo gallery, part ephemera collection, it's a handsome roundup for an artist who has been notoriously reluctant to discuss his personal life anyplace but in his music." •New York Times "There is this guy Eminem. He has created a sense of what is possible. He has sent a voltage around a generation. He has done this not just through his subversive attitude but also his verbal energy." •Seamus Heaney, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature

EMINEM, born Marshall Bruce Mathers III, is an American rapper, songwriter, record producer, and actor from Detroit, Michigan.

This book is great. i'm a veery big fan of Eminem, and even though I knew a lot about him, this book surprised me, I discovered a lot of stuff that I didn't know..the lyrics sheets are awesome, I love them. I finished the book In 2 days (I just wanted to make it last so long, I could finish it in just 1, but when It arrived I was like "my preeecious" haha I was addicted I couldn't put it down.the dvd I love it (even though it last just 15 minutes and there's already on youtube -.-).maybe the only con that I've found (if we can define it as a con) is that there are too many picture (which I really love, im like Eminem I cant read a book from cover to cover if there are no pictures in it) and there are too few talking.anyway, 5 stars, awesome book!

As big fan of Eminem's work, I loved the book. The best part is that it was from his own words rather than a researched piece of work. The opening pages about Proof were indeed sad, but goes on to show why Em has been at the top of his game for so long - his loyalty to his friends and everyone who had been by his side. Although a quick read, I loved the book overall. Great pictures too. The photos of his lyric sheets - it was mind blowing to think that these were the very sheets that set the stage for some his biggest hits.

I was excited by all the reviews saying he didn't hold back and very insightful. But, after finishing this book in a record 3 days, it felt like he was just trying to tell us that he is normal like all of us but was grateful of his God giving talent that allowed him to be very successful, but I felt like he didn't really open up and really told the true story of his life. Most of the stuff he wrote was general and very brief and I was disappointed that he would go from one subject to the next almost on every page, it didn't

flow like a timeline, it felt like random thoughts in his head was written page by page. Very disappointed. Wish I could get my money back.

I was very excited to get this book as a birthday gift for a close friend of mine. I didn't chose to buy it used because I wanted it to be in good shape considering it was a gift. I am very upset to hear from the woman I gifted it to that the book is falling apart, each page she turns breaks from the seam and now has a pile of pages rather than a book. I am not happy that I purchased this book to find out it was put together poorly. I will not be purchasing any more books off of anytime soon.

great book for any fan

Very interesting read. Eminem has a writing style that is definitely consistent with his rapping. I enjoyed his view on the events that have been the subject/object of so much speculation and gossip for years.

A must have for all EM fans. In his own words, with amazing personal pictures. Every music-loving auto-biography hardcover collector needs to feature this one on the coffee table. The red transparent jacket is a sleek detail along with personal handwritten lyrics splashed across the inside cover. Take a rare look inside the private life of the genius Marshall Mathers aka Slim Shady aka Eminem. The funny, talented, most adored and most controversial, emotionally tormented, recovering addict and father, who is arguably the greatest rap/hip-hop artist of all time. Enjoy!p.s. Hardcover edition includes a bonus mini-documentary dvd.

Good book!

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