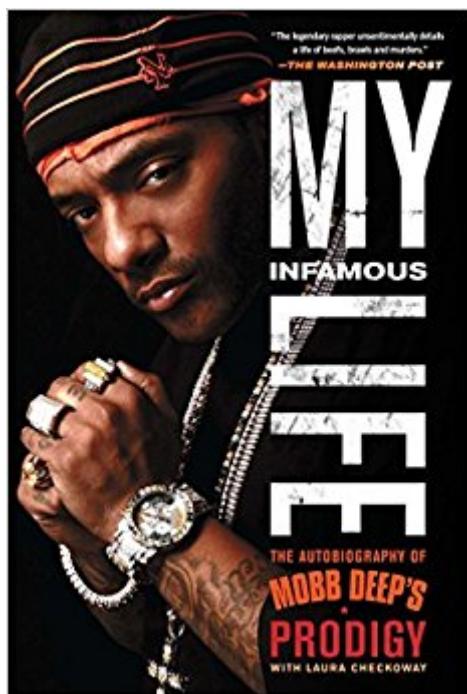


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My Infamous Life: The Autobiography Of Mobb Deep's Prodigy



Synopsis

From one of the greatest rappers of all time, the memoir of a life cut short, a revealing look at the dark side of hip hop's Golden Era...In this often violent but always introspective memoir, Mobb Deep's Prodigy tells his much anticipated story of struggle, survival, and hope down the mean streets of New York City. For the first time, he gives an intimate look at his family background, his battles with drugs, his life of crime, his relentless suffering with sickle-cell anemia, and much more. Recently released after serving three and a half years in state prison due to what many consider an unlawful arrest by a rumored secret NYPD hip hop task force, Prodigy is ready to talk about his life as one of rap's greatest legends. My Infamous Life is an unblinking account of Prodigy's wild times with Mobb Deep who, alongside rappers like Nas, The Notorious B.I.G., Tupac Shakur, Jay-Z, and Wu-Tang Clan, changed the musical landscape with their vivid portrayals of early '90s street life. It is a firsthand chronicle of legendary rap feuds like the East Coast's West Coast rivalry; Prodigy's beefs with Jay-Z, Nas, Snoop Dogg, Ja Rule, and Capone-N-Noreaga; and run-ins with prodigal hit makers and managers like Puff Daddy, Russell Simmons, Chris Lighty, Irv Gotti, and Lyor Cohen. Taking the reader behind the smoke-and-mirrors glamour of the hip hop world, so often seen as the only way out for those with few options, Prodigy lays down the truth about the intoxicating power of money, the meaning of true friendship and loyalty, and the ultimately redemptive power of self. This is the heartbreakingly moving journey of a child born in privilege, his youth spent among music royalty like Diana Ross and Dizzy Gillespie, educated in private schools, until a family tragedy changed everything. Raised in the mayhem of the Queensbridge projects, Prodigy rose to the dizzying heights of fame and eventually fell into the darkness of a prison cell. A truly candid memoir, part fearless confessional and part ode to the concrete jungles of New York City, from the front line of the last great moment in hip hop history.

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“The legendary rapper unsentimentally details a life of beefs, brawls and murders during the heyday of East Coast hip-hop.” The Washington Post “A surprising triumph, both as an archive of 1990s New York hip-hop folk tales and for its stirring sketches of a man who, on many occasions, could have made his life a lot easier on himself.” This is the kind of vulnerability that is fearless, especially within hip-hop. *Slate.com*

Albert “Prodigy” Johnson was one half of the platinum selling hip-hop duo, Mobb Deep. Widely considered one of the most skilled lyricists in the history of hard-core East Coast rap, Prodigy lost a life-long battle with sickle cell anemia in 2017.

I am a huge fan of autobiographies, and an even bigger fan of Hip-Hop and Prodigy/Mobb Deep. This book was so well-written, I wish he was still around to write many more. Reading this autobiography, is like reading or watching a prequel to your favorite movie. It gives you such a deeper understanding of his music/lyrics, and also the man that he was. When you listen to Mobb or Prodigy songs, you truly see that he lived what he spoke. As if I could not have been a bigger fan...this book made me appreciate his music 1,000 times more. One of the best and most enjoyable autobiographies I have ever read - even if I wasn't a fan of his music. Everything about it is just excellent! A must-have book! Losing P was a tremendous loss to Hip-Hop, his community, and myself personally. Rest in Power, P!!!!

When I saw that Prodigy had written an autobiography, I was skeptical at first about its contents. But after deciding to buy it for the Kindle and give it a go, I have to say, it turned out to be a really good read. I knew going into this one that there'd be stories about tragedy, success, love and happiness. I can honestly say, I found all of those and much more in the book. It may not be for everyone, but if you're a fan of hip-hop and grew up in the same parts as he did, this book will hit close to home. It truly was, his infamous life.

This is a very good book. Covers a lot about events in his life and experiences in the rap game. Talks about certain situations and other rappers encounters including fights and brawls. I honestly couldn't put it down til I finished it all. Some people were upset with how much information he released, very informative. RIP Prodigy

A sometimes obviously honest, sometimes hard to believe read. Being a Mobb Deep fan, I was interested in P's story - especially during the Infamous, He'll on Earth, and Murda Muzik album days. The book is an all-telling, oftentimes funny, street narrative that should entertain most hip hop heads.

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Prodigy was an inspiration to me his words very powerful and uplifting and letting us know he is human just like us he has u drawn into his life story I could feel his pain and struggle and found out details the media never showed us and he will be truly missed... Rest In Paradise #Goodread

Chance after chance. Honest, gripping and visual. First video I saw from these two was The Pressure. If memory serves me correctly, Kris Kross, Jodeci, Kellz and a sleuth of other artist was dropping new muzic like crazy. Excellent read ; great edit.

Fantastic read. Whether you're a fan of Mobb Deep specifically, or a mid 90s New York hip hop fan, you won't put this book down until you're finished. Book arrived in outstanding condition. Thanks to the writer and the seller!

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