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1 2 The late rapper penned the raw materials of his memoir in prison It s unflinchingly honest and often shocking It s jarring that such a successful although not as financially successful as counterparts like Jay Z and acclaimed artist could be repeatedly embroiled in life threatening situations He admits that he often looked for trouble, and this led to tension with partner Havoc, who eschewed negative attention and anything that took away from their achievements and money flow Prodigy thoughtfully explores his childhood, development, strengths, and foibles Along the way, we meet famous rappers, along with other celebrities, as well as interesting personalities who orbited him I wished forinsights into his music though, especially details about the makings of his Mobb Deep and solo albums His life was tragically cut short from complications related to sickle cell, and questions still loom He seemed to have turned a corner in the right direction and had so much to offer. Seldom do we, the fan s and critics, get a chance to see behind the glamour and glits and into the unsheltered soul of Rap Artist Most of the time when we do, we get a watered down marked up version of the truth, made to look good and boost revenue I am happy to have had a chance to be able to bypass the glits and glamour and see Prodigy as Albert Johnson.Anyone who is a fan of Mobb Deep SHOULD read this book to gain a clearer and better understanding of who Mobb Deep is as individuals as well as artists Anyone who is not a fan of Mobb Deep, but genuinely interested in gaining a better understanding of Hip Hop culture, Rap Music and the Men and Women who populate it should read this book as

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well. Mr. Johnson gives us the ups and downs of his life, the mistakes in which he has made and how those mistakes have affected his perception on life. I have learned not only a lot about Prodigy, but have learned a lot about other artists in the industry who he had crossed paths with and without giving away too much information, it is shocking to find that a lot of rappers tend to lose themselves in the world of Rap Music and put up a lot of false realities they tend to believe in themselves. Mr. Johnson was also very open about his drug usage, his belief on religion and God, what it means to truly be loyal to someone who you consider a friend, the sacrifices that success and relationships demand, and also a slew of other things we were not privy to by just listening to Mobb Deep's music. I am appreciative of Mr. Johnson for allowing me to look into his life and him laying it all out on the table in this book. I recommend this book to ANYONE who is interested in the life of a Rapper and how his upbringing dictated his past, present, and his future. This is a Must Read for ANYONE who claims to be a fan or critic of Hip Hop culture and Rap Music. I was a big Mobb Deep fan so when I heard that Prodigy died recently, I checked this out. It's not a great book and he could have used some much tighter editing. However, it was interesting to find out about his life story, but I would have loved to know about his family, his travels while on tour etc., and a little less about the details of every fight and there were many that he ever got into. I've always been a fan of Mobb Deep and Prodigy was my favorite from the duo. After reading this book, I understand his lyrics and his wild lifestyle. Good read. I had always been hesitant to read rapper autobiographies but I said f it, after Prodigy's passing I had my doubts going in, but this was a surprisingly good read for any fan of Mobb Deep. Especially if you came up listening to early 1990s NYC hip hop during that era. The behind-the-scenes access to that whole era that Prodigy provides in this book is priceless and there's never a dull moment. I also appreciate the honesty and vulnerability that he put into writing this book. RIP, Prodigy. I am by no means a fan of rap music but what I do love is autobiographies read by their authors. I stumbled across this and really enjoyed hearing Prodigy's story. It felt authentic and gave me a glimpse into what was important to him and why I found him and his story surprising. It wasn't what I imagined. I had the impression it was

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authentic and validated my theory that famous people come from weird huddles, with their lives overlapping with other famous people, but not necessarily having a direct impact on each other I haven't figured that out yet Prodigy was an interesting guy I would have liked to talk to him about his book and his life And now I'm listening to his music It turns out I actually don't hate rap as much as I thought maybe because it makes sense to me now. This is a very thorough memoir which opens readers up to many of Prodigy's personal and entertaining stories I can't recall ever being bored at a given point in this book, which means a lot for someone with a tiny attention span like me Overall it was just a dope read I would suggest this book even to someone who's not a Prodigy Mobb Deep fan. From One Of The Greatest Rappers Of All Time, A Memoir About A Life Almost Lost And 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 Rud 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 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 Heartbreaking Journey

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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, My Infamous Life Is Written By A Man Who Was On The Front Line Of The Last Great Moment In Hip Hop History And Who Is Still Fighting To Achieve His Very Own American Dream Albert Prodigy Johnson is one half of arguably the greatest rap duo to come out of the 1990s Mobb Deep This book is enthralling, filled with illuminating details about one of the most vibrant decades for rap hip hop Any fan of Mobb Deep will eat this book up Read it and find out why there ain t no such thing as half way crooks It s so good Thanks to the Borders closing, I got this book for 2.50

