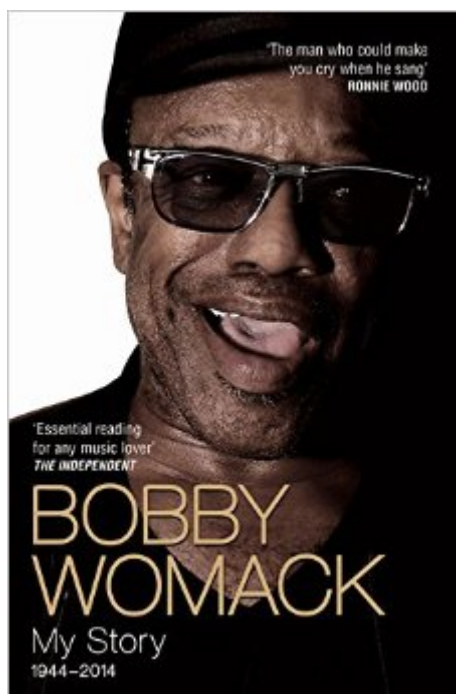


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Bobby Womack: My Story 1944 - 2014



Synopsis

Honest, insightful, and unflinching, this is the authentic voice of the Midnight Mover, a hard-working and prolific legend in the music business who stood shoulder to shoulder with Ray Charles, James Brown, and Marvin Gaye as a true giant of soul, R&B, and blues music. Bobby Womack was a true legend, a phenomenally gifted musician with 40 albums and 30 million record sales to his name. The success of his songs helped him to escape the ghetto and become a star, but battles with the record industry and hard drugs almost wiped him out. From his poor childhood growing up in Cleveland and his early forays into music with his four brothers in the 1950s, Womack tells how he found success with his family gospel group The Valentinos. He describes his act being whipped into shape by James Brown, life on the "chitlin' circuit" with Jimi Hendrix, being on the road with the likes of Sam Cooke and Wilson Pickett, and recording in the studio with Eric Clapton and Elvis Presley. But success came at a price. His personal life was never far from heartache and pain. Womack lost his friend and mentor Sam Cooke when the soul star was gunned down in a motel. He incurred the wrath of many when, at the age of just 21, he married Cooke's widow Barbara. His escape from the criticism was to turn to drugs and his friend Sly Stone, leading him to spend years as one of the biggest party animals in Los Angeles. The years of riotous abuse took its toll on Womack and those closest to him, including Janis Joplin, who spent her last night drinking with the singer. His marriage to Barbara broke up, his brother Harry was brutally murdered, and he lost two sons. But Womack's talent, searing guitar, and soulful voice always shone through. Womack is cited as an influence by myriad musicians, and remains the epitome of cool.

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Customer Reviews

I could not and did not put it down. I finished it the same day! The last time I read a more interesting book was the Help. There are moments in the book, when you will laugh out loud and look around the room, because you can actually feel Bobby telling the story. He was talented and hilarious. Coming up through the ranks with the greats like Sam, Ike, Ray and Janis and Jimi you know he had a story to tell. He was something special. Bobby was extraordinary.....not just the guy who married Sam Cooke's wife. Finally, the book in his words sets the record straight.

I am a Bobby Womack Fan. I Hated the Fact I Did Not Never Seen Him Perform But He Said If My Fans Never Saw Me Perform I Can Feel their Love. The Book Was Honest and When I Read It I Said I like That Song and I Remember What I Did When That Song Came Out. I Cannot Wait For The Bobby Womack Movie.

Great book! Didn't realize what a great songwriter Bobby Womack was to the music industry!!

Forty-Two yrs I have loved this 'Man' funny I never attended any Concert but then again I'm not that kinda 'Fan'. With Bobby Womack its been a long journey following his career, I've read a lot of Interviews and Articles its seems he would take command of those Interviews telling his experiences, the Love of Performing. One thing I read and heard him say If a woman meets someone she doesn't want to be with, then she should never 'Skin and Grin' for Men That's a Big Come On. Seems to me that's 'Hood Lingo' I learned running the Streets, Today when I hear Women who claim 'A Married Entertainer' spiced their drink and took advance of them, right way Bobby's words of wisdom come to mind-when you put yourself in Harm's way you will get burned! Bobby Womack's 'Just Wanna Get Close to You' long version on his "Communication" CD says it all The Recording Industry did not consider him to be Commerical enough!!! yet this high school drop-out was able to cut quite a path in The Entertainment Industry. Some day hopefully a movie will be made about Mr. Womack. RIP Bobby

Raw! Unapologetic! Intense! I LOVE this book! In true Bobby Womack fashion, this book is rendered in a way that makes it seem like he is telling his story straight to you...and I couldn't have asked for a better delivery! My expectations were exceeded!

one of the compelling and enlightening Artist ever and the man was a preacher, poet and Player all

on record and he wrapped them all as one. This book is the truth and he holds nothing back and he was a stone cold trip, also One of the Baddest Musical talents Ever. One of those books you won't soon put down.

This book is written as if I am listening to Bobby tell his story, it is well worth reading and I am glad to add this among my library of books here at home.

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