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The Whitney I Knew



Synopsis

A virtual album of BeBe Winans' treasured memories of his friend and "sister," Whitney Houston. In the years between the first time BeBe Winans and Whitney Houston met in 1985, to the day he delivered the tribute that touched a watching nation at Houston's funeral, a deep and unique friendship bloomed and thrived. They considered each other family in the truest sense of the word. Now this very personal collection of remembrances offers us a seat at the table during Whitney's most unguarded moments. Here we see her in all her quirky, passionate, fiercely loyal glory through the eyes of her "brother", BeBe. For most of her public life, Whitney Houston was a mystery. In *The Whitney I Knew*, Winans has given us a wonderful gift---the gift of understanding. From profoundly moving personal moments to eye-opening accounts of triumph to the heartbreakingly real realities that led to her ultimate defeat, the untold stories are intimately woven throughout this book---along with online video links to behind-the-scenes moments, highlights of her career, and never-before-seen video of Whitney. Also included is an extensive photo section from BeBe's personal collection.

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Customer Reviews

As I read the book, I immediately picked up two things right from the start: 1. Be Be not only loved Whitney, I would say it went much further than that -- he was 'in love' with Whitney. 2. Whitney was a real person -- not a machine. The book read like a love story, really. I couldn't put it down. I skipped dinner. The book was my dinner. Be Be no doubt had a deep, heart-felt, brotherly love for Whitney but at times the love for her seemed unequivocally more secular than spiritual. Nevertheless it was real and poignant. I read the book with such intensity that the moment's Be Be would share a funny story...I laughed...a sad story...my eyes swelled with tears. It was conversational, personable and lovingly done. It was refreshing to read about her as a person -- not the media version who took snapshots of her life and pieced them together like a papier-mâché project -- but an account from a friend and a loyal one (insert here The Pact). People want to rush and say Be Be and even her mother, Cissy, are trying to make money off her death -- but if they read this book -- they will know he has given us glimpses of the other Whitney we never heard about-- to allow her fans to read about who she was -- a loving, dignified person -- yes, with flaws. Be Be opened our eyes to her pain -- and to her joys. The industry exploited her gift -- used her up and then took no accountability when she descended into a world of darkness. Be Be revealed just how that can cause a person -- who wanted normalcy at any cost -- to succumb to temptation -- to get lost before they are found again. He demonstrated countless times how celebrities of her caliber are not one dimensional - they are mind, body and spirit -- as we all are.

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