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**Ronin Ro : Prince: Inside the Music and the Masks** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Prince: Inside the Music and the Masks:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A disappointment. By Roy Sherwood A disappointment. Does not illuminate Prince as a musician or as a human, and often infantilizes him. And too often I get the impression that the author doesnt really like Prince. Buy Toures book instead. 30 of 31 people found the following review helpful.

PRINCE!!!!!!!!!!By Luv2readgirlI was fan girl CRAZY for Prince when I was a teenager. Bought all his CD's sight unseen. Had his inappropriate half naked posters up on my walls with kisses all over them ( to my mother's horror). Turning down "Darling Nikki" real low so mom couldn't hear the very sexual lyrics, lol. Never thought I would be attracted to a man that wore makeup, heels, and thigh highs, but there you have it, I was! I was a fan for many years into young adulthood. Then marriage, motherhood, romance novels, (lol) and life took over whatever obsession I had with him. His death touched me deeply. More deeply than I expected... I guess it was because he brought a little purple to my otherwise colorless childhood, and to know that he's not with us on the planet anymore seems a little gray...After his death on April 21st, 2016 (without realizing) I had missed out a lot on the progression of his career. Apart from dashing to the tv screen whenever I knew he would be on, I wasn't a very proactive fan anymore. Now I want to read all things Prince related. I can see the future, I'll be one of those Elvis like fan girl junkies, but instead for Prince!while this book was enlightening in the musical areas, it was pretty impersonal and cold in the personal areas. It had a lot about his music and a few disparaging tid bits here and there. Some of it annoyed because I guess I feel protective so soon after his death. I kind of felt like the author wasn't really a Prince fan at times. Nonetheless, I came away thinking that Prince really was way more talented than people really knew. His onstage persona was so flamboyant that it overshadowed his many talents. Most placed him in a purple box, but apart from his charismatic sexual demeanor, he was actually a musical genius. So even though I felt like the author wasn't really a fan, I think the legend that was Prince still shines through. Mmmm, maybe that was the authors intent all along...P.S: I'm pretty proud of my teenage self to have picked a genius to be my Prince...1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. 2 Stars for the EffortBy JbirdESpockingtonI found this book disappointing- the writing went off-topic pretty regularly in terms of the chapter theme, and appeared to be a re-hash of either well-known or third/ fourth-hand "facts" previously published in other books and media. I don't think this book would provide even a causal Prince fan anything they haven't already read about Mr. Nelson. Good effort, very obviously a fan.

In over thirty years as one of the most original and charismatic figures in modern music, Prince Rogers Nelson has enjoyed huge success - and courted considerable controversy. Now, acclaimed rock journalist Ronin Ro chronicles both the man and his music. During the course of his journey from teenage obscurity to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Prince has provoked moral outrage, starred in a hit movie, adopted an unpronounceable symbol for a stage name, confronted record labels and fostered young talent, making a profound mark on the entertainment industry and pop culture at large. Moreover, his restless creativity has produced a string of international hits including 'Little Red Corvette', 'Let's Go Crazy', 'Kiss' and 'Cream', and at the height of his fame the album Purple Rain was selling at a rate of a million copies a week in the US alone. Through access to an unrivalled array of witnesses to Prince's remarkable rise, including former producers, bandmates and managers, Ronin Ro gets closer to him than any previous biographer, peeling away the masks to lay bare the story of a true modern icon.

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