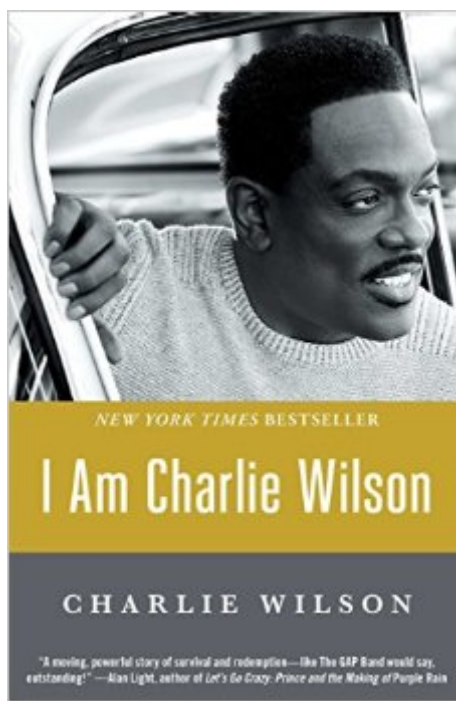


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I Am Charlie Wilson



Synopsis

The long-awaited New York Times bestselling memoir of seven-time Grammy-nominated artist Charlie Wilson, the iconic R&B and Funk singer-songwriter-producer and former lead singer of The Gap Band, is interwoven with his recollections of collaborating with fellow artists such as Stevie Wonder, Kanye West, and Snoop Dogg. Recognized the world over for his distinct voice and timeless hits spanning a career of nearly half a century, Charlie Wilson is one of the most celebrated musicians of his generation. So it took friends and family by surprise when he checked into rehab and revealed that he had been not only homeless, but also helpless. Here is the riveting story of how love and faith carried him through not only his addiction, but also prostate cancer. Here, too, is the story of his work in the music business, including a career resurgence that saw collaborations with some of the most sought-after artists of today, including Pharrell and Justin Timberlake. Now over twenty years sober, Wilson recounts a life filled with vertiginous highs and heartbreaking lows. His is a story of triumph over adversity, courage in the face of extreme hardship, and love when all else is lost. It is a tale of the last sixty years in social and pop culture history, and one that will stay with you for years to come.

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Customer Reviews

I have always loved memoirs because they tell you the back story of who they are and how they came to be so successful. Charlie Wilson has been singing over half his lifetime, from a child he knew what he wanted to do and be. His collaborations with artists from The Rolling Stones to Snoop Dogg show his longevity and versatility in this career. He drops so much wisdom from his own

hindsight as he reflects on his life, career, drugs, homelessness, his health and the legacy he is still building. And still going strong and better than ever. I've loved his distinct voice since the Gap Band days, but I'm really loving this man's voice telling his story, and he is still Outstanding!

Wow! That's the word that leaped from my mouth the minute I read the last page of I AM CHARLIE WILSON. This book was a phenomenal account of the highs and lows of the incredible life of the man we now affectionately call Uncle Charlie. In this book, we learn about the man, the music, the addiction, his faith and the love he has for his wife. His transparency was nothing short of amazing! From failed records to collaborating with the best in the business, Charlie Wilson has managed to create and maintain a sound that crosses the generational gaps and leaves everyone with a little something to groove to. From the pit of his addiction to drugs to his multiple decades of sobriety, he has inspired others who now know they too can get clean and stay clean. This book truly shows that what God has His hand on no man or no thing can destroy. Charlie Wilson was able to resurrect his career and with the help of some musical geniuses he reintroduced himself to the world in the most honest and pure way--First name, Charlie Last name, Wilson! FIVE STARS!!!!

I have been a fan of Charlie's for years and I am so happy he released this book. Regardless of being a fan or not this book is great because it can relate to anyone's life and what gives you hope in dark times and adversity to get up and move forward and always follow your heart and your dreams. I read this and was teary eyed because many of the stories and what he went through was me, my friends, or a love one has gone through as well and this book can really inspire someone who is down and maybe give them strength to better themselves and become stronger or overcome whatever life has dealt them. The stories cover how he overcame addiction, his faith in God, bad business and losing it all where he was living in the streets for years after his major successes (I did not even know this), to battling cancer. He owes a lot to his God and gives a lot of credit to his wife in this book for standing by him and helping to lift him up so I guess it is also a relationship Love Story too. Very well written and you can tell he is being sincere and from the heart. The book starts when he was a little kid, goes through the GAP Band years, then his fall, the solo years, and then his comeback. It even has some funny stories about how he worked with Snoop Dogg and many other artists like Justin Timberlake, Pharrell, and even Kanye West. A very good book for inspiration but a GREAT book if you are a Charlie Wilson fan and want to know about him. My next question is WHEN IS THE MOVIE!

Charlie Wilson is a phenomenal entertainer. This story has given me more insight to the man we see. I now completely understand his love, devotion and deep gratitude to his wife. She stood by him when he had no one and asked nothing in return. God had bigger plans and blessed him with her .. His angel, I am so happy for him and for him giving praise to God who made it All possible. A very good read. Well done!

Great book. Wow, we all grew up loving the music of Charlie Wilson, but never did I know his struggles. Too bad I can't loan this book to another Kindle user, I wish Charlie and his team would open that up. In the book Charlie talks about raising his hands to thank God during his shows, check out my attached photo.

I truly enjoyed the book about Charlie Wilson's life. His story gives people hope. It helps to explain why a person who may seemingly have a pretty decent life would choose to go down a path that is in the opposite direction of what he/she was taught. It basically let's us know that drug usage can alter the brain to the point that a person begins to present as mentally ill. Charlie Wilson's story helps those of us who may have written off someone as beyond hope to recognize everyone can be helped if the right help is offered at the right time. I love Charlie Wilson's music and I am so happy he did not allow that drug addiction to take him out. I loved the Gap Band, but It would have been so sad if we had never heard his new music. If you haven't read this book, please do and recognize it is a story worth reading.

There was a lot to love and savor about this personal narrative of a music icon. Omitting spoilers his mother and her very early admonition to stay true to his voice wholly won me over. That advice, on top his relationship with Snoop Dogg, for me, rocked this memoir on home. The scene at the gas station will play in my mind over and over again, similar to a comment Rick James made. Overall, this "quiet" memoir screams of tremendous pain and passion, which as difficult as it was to read, I know it is the rudiments that not only produces high-end art, but is the essence of what inspires others. "The thrill of creation is indescribable. Magical." I agree. Highly recommended.

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