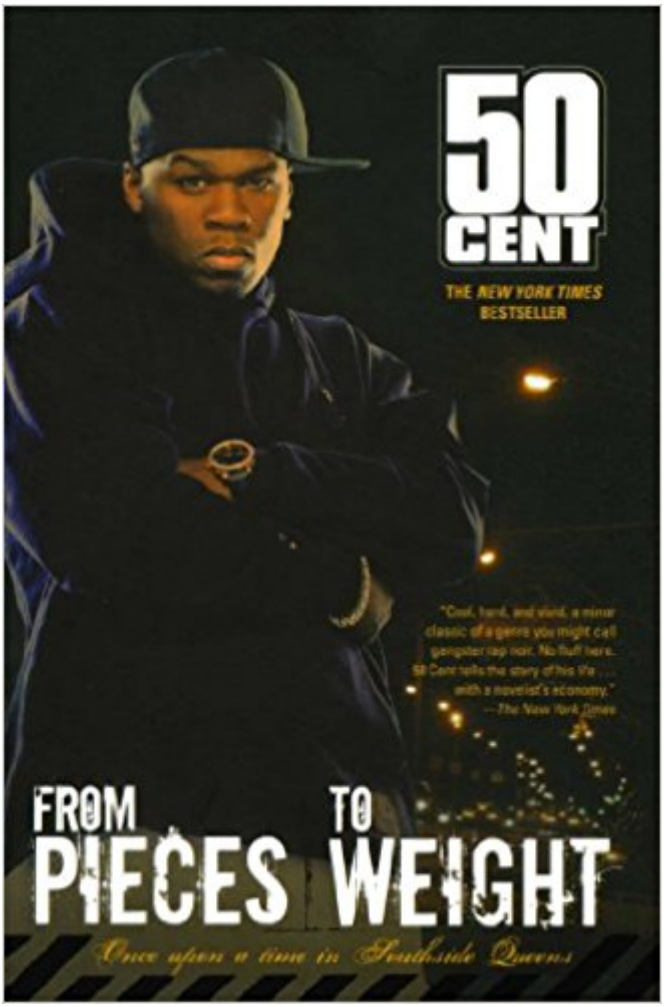
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From Pieces To Weight: Once Upon A Time In Southside Queens



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Synopsis

In the New York Times bestseller From Pieces to Weight, rap mogul 50 Cent, lifts the veil on his complicated life, from the murder of his mother when he was twelve, to hustling on the streets; from the assassination attempt that nearly finished him to his meteoric rise to the top of hip hop royalty.This violent and introspective memoir reveals not only 50 Cent’s story but also the story of a generation of youth faced with hard choices and very few options. It is a tale of sacrifice, transformation, and redemption, but also one of hope, determination, and the power of self. Told in 50’s unique voice, the narrative drips with the raw insight, street wisdom, and his struggle to survive at all costs -- and behold the riches of the American Dream.

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. The rap superstar known as 50 Cent was born Curtis James Jackson III in 1976. His mother, a smalltime drug dealer, was murdered when he was eight, but that didn’t stop him from pursuing her profession. 50 Cent is unflinchingly honest about his mother, his drug past and just about everything else in this raw, literate memoir chronicling his rise from Jamaica, Queens, to the top of the Billboard charts. In his neighborhood, recalls 50 Cent, the only people with money were the drug dealers: "They were my role models." By 11, he’d made his first sale. Over the next decade, 50 Cent evolved from a hustler selling capsules of crack cocaine ("pieces") to a kingpin purchasing by the kilo ("weight"). With money came girls, clothes, carsÃ¢â ¬â •and trouble. 50 Cent describes spraying bullets at rivals, outrunning police on his motorcycle and waking up to a drug

raid on his house. He avoided jail by serving time in a boot campÃ¢â ¬â œstyle incarceration center, which did nothing but turn him into a "stronger, meaner, and more focused criminal." His big break into music came through a chance meeting with Jam Master Jay (of Run-DMC). Yet even while trying to break into the business, 50 Cent couldn't leave his past behind, wearing bulletproof vests to meetings with record executives and slipping back into the drug trade when his career didn't take off immediately. Fans will discover the origins of 50 Cent's famous feud with Ja Rule; they'll also get more details about the notorious 2000 shooting that left him with nine bullet holes in his body. Opinionated, unrepentant and unabashedly self-promoting, 50 Cent's memoir celebrates the rapper's peculiar brand of the American Dream (and the title of his breakthrough album): Get Rich or Die Tryin'. Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Cool, hard, and vivid, a minor classic of a genre you might call gangster rap noir. No fluff here. 50 Cent tells the story of his life...with a novelist's economy." -- The New York Times"50 Cent is unflinchingly honest...in this raw, literate memoir.... Opinionated, unrepentant, and unabashedly self-promoting, [From Pieces to Weight] celebrates the rapper's peculiar brand of the American Dream." -- Publishers Weekly (starred review)"A gripping read." -- Time Out New York

I love this book. 50 Cents tells his story with lots of integrity. He kept things real and to me made no attempt on hiding his experiences. I became more aware that life is what you make of it. Knowing what you desire in life is important to navigating the experiences and steps. He truly deserve all the good things that he has in his life. He really worked for what ever he has, and his gratitude, appreciation for his grandmother and recognizing support and help is a bonus. Very remarkable story of courage, survival, fearlessness, and bravery. To me he seems very intuitive, and a great soul.

great book for any fan

I recently purchased this book for my fiance, who, obviously, loves 50 Cent. He read the first 50 pages the day it arrived, and I must tell you, he is NOT the type of person to sit down and read a book. It's about 50's life in Southside Queens and his experiences as a child up until his fame. While my fiance finds this book inspirational and exciting, I find the writing style to be fairly simple with 50 reiterating well-known facts (ex. You can't have life without death) and also presenting himself as an

arrogant, almost martyr-type of character. Why do I say that? He talks about himself and his experiences in life (which may or may not be exaggerated) and repeatedly states that what he has gone through should be used as an example to others. He blames the media for his portrayal as a "bullet riddled rapper" but obviously, 50 uses it to his advantage without much complaint. He tries to come off as a mentor and inspiration, but I really did find him irritating at times. I think their are better role models for others to look up to. I'd rather read Sidney Poitier's memoirs than idolize 50 Cent. But that's just my view. For 50 Cent lovers, they'll be inspired and amazed.

I saw 50 cent on the Chelsea Lately show recently. Until then, I hadn't given him a second thought. I honestly figured he was just another thug rapper type (I am not into rap). However, after seeing his interview, I found him charming and articulate. I found myself wanting to know more about him. This was the first book I downloaded on my Kindle. It was a great story. It is amazing and inspiring. It was brutally honest, and I respect that. After reading his book, I am amazed at how he has overcome so many struggles. I would never have guessed he was a high school drop out. It is clear that he is a gifted individual, and I personally find him much more endearing than Kayne, P Diddy...or any of the others. I may actually give his music a listen!

Definitely a good read and will have you look at 50 Cent in a different light than you previously did before reading the book. The stories and in depth look into his life is poetic and a good dive into everything this book was meant to be from start to finish. Instant classic, hands down.

I can't wait to read this

I bought this book as a Christmas present for my 17yr Godson who has been struggling with direction in his life. Being a teenager is not easy. We all have problems that challenge us in our everday life.So 50cent story is a powerful one as my Godson looks up to people like his image, music and now he can read for himself that 50cent life circumstances were very difficult than his life, yet it shows us how inspiring one person's life can be and how we can all learn from each other, that perserverance, belief in yourself and that never giving up hope will bring you all the success you want and deserve. Book worth reading...

A great book about 50's come up and his struggles to leave the drug game behind. Unlike these other supposed rap hustlers, 50 depicts his time selling drugs and depicts how if it hadn't been for

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