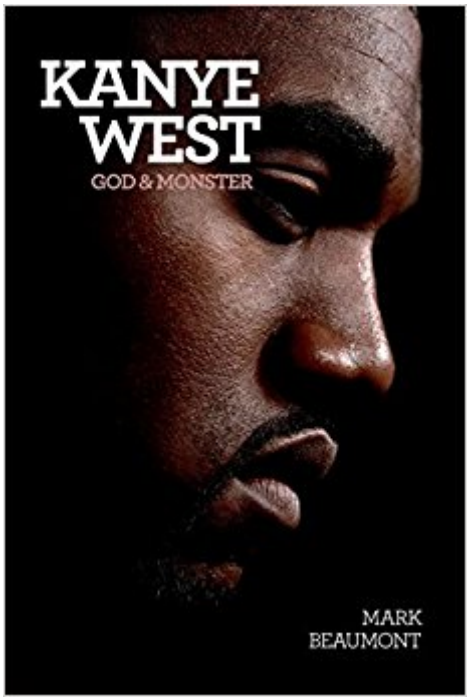
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Synopsis

The ultimate profile of the legendary pop culture titan Kanye West is undoubtedly one of pop cultureÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most divisive and fascinating characters. Alongside his multimillion selling albums, Kanye has also launched record labels and clothing lines and in the process, become one of the most respected, creative and influential artists in music today. The most in-depth look at WestÃ¢â ¬â„¢s life and career to date, Mark BeaumontÃ¢â ¬â„¢s new book lifts the mask to expose the man behind the endless myths. Featuring quotes from all of the major players in WestÃ¢â ¬â„¢s life, Kanye West: God and Monster traces his life from the suburbs of Chicago through art school and rap apprenticeships to recording in the coolest studios of New York and Hawaii with the biggest names in music, revolutionizing hip-hop at every step of the way. Beaumont documents every rumor and revelation, details the wildest extravagances and biggest ego blow-ups of this true rap original. Two 8-page color inserts

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Ã¢â ¬Å“Intertwined with a larger narrative about the evolution of an artist is the equally compelling story of how fame can simultaneously instill confidence, delusion, and insecurity. More than a cursory summary of quotes, BeaumontÃ¢â ¬â„¢s in-depth depiction of West is an honest attempt to understand one of musicÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most controversial subjects.Ã¢â ¬Â• - Library Journal (Starred Review)Ã¢â ¬Å“BeaumontÃ¢â ¬â„¢s fully dimensional portrait of this controversial performer does provide West fans and all readers interested in hip-hop with a context for West's exploits and hugely

popular music.Ã¢â ¬Â• - BooklistÃ¢â ¬Å“Beaumont did his homework - there are eight pages of sources cited in the index - piecing together West's story, using media interviews spanning more than a decade. The author builds a convincing case that West is a creative music genius, with an eye for fashion, video directing and design.Ã¢â ¬Â• - Associated Press

Mark Beaumont is a leading award-winning music journalist and has written for NME, The Guardian, Uncut and Classic Rock. He is the author of the bestseller Out of This World: The Story of Muse and Jay Z: The King of America. He lives in London.

Beaumont does and excellent job of showcasing West's unquenchable drive and determination, but spends a large part of the work discussing the artist's music. The few peaks we get behind the scenes consist mostly of interview snippets, which makes it harder to understand the arc of Kanye's career. You can leave this book with the impression that Kanye West is impulsive and lacks self-control, when it is far more likely the legendary hip-hop performer has much more self-awareness than anyone will ever give him credit for. It's obviously a challenge to write about a rock star persona without relying too heavily on his music. The better parts of this book talk about Kanye's family life and serious ambitions as a fashion designer. Because the author relies so heavily on Kanye's career as a rapper, the picture we get of him is incomplete.

Real inspiring... I've always been a Kanye West fan and found this novel quite satisfying.

Respect to those who are able to stay true to the artform ... Those who aren't afraid to express regardless of perception... #inspired

Great book! - if you're a Kanye fan

This book came with black stain on the corner and also has denver library over it. Its not as i expect it.

Great book! Really in depth and well constructed.

Mark is well researched, must for anyone looking to be motivated or just a fan of Mr. West.

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