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Big Freedia: God Save The Queen Diva!



Synopsis

From the eponymous star of the most popular reality show in Fuse TV's history, this no-holds-barred memoir tells the story of a gay, self-proclaimed mama's boy who exploded onto the formerly underground Bounce music scene—a hip-hop subgenre—and found acceptance, healing, self-expression, and stardom! As the undisputed ambassador of the energetic, New Orleans-based Bounce movement, Big Freedia isn't afraid to twerk, wiggle, and shake her way to self-confidence, and is encouraging her fans to do the same. In her engrossing memoir, Big Freedia tells the inside story of her path to fame, the peaks and valleys of her personal life, and the liberation that Bounce music brings to herself and every one of her fans who is searching for freedom. Big Freedia immediately pulls us into the relationship between her personal life and her career as an artist; being a twerking sissy is not just a job, she says, but a salvation. A place to find solace. To escape from the battles she faced growing up in the worst neighborhood in New Orleans. To deal with losing loved ones to the violence on the streets, drug overdoses, and jail. To survive hurricane Katrina by living on her roof for two days with three adults and a child. To grapple with the difficulties and celebrate the joys of living. In this eye-opening memoir that bursts with energy, you'll learn the history of the Bounce movement and meet all of the colorful characters that pepper its music scene. With her own unique voice and unabashed enthusiasm, Big Freedia tells how she arrived at this defining moment in music, and how Bounce ultimately has allowed her to become her own version of diva, one booty-pop at a time.

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Customer Reviews

This memoir is well written. Because I'm a native New Orleanian, I was enthralled by the details and I understood the culture (learned some new things too:). I am very proud of Big Freedia and I truly fell in love with her mother. I highly recommend reading this fantastic, exciting and sometimes tragic life story of our own, Queen Diva.

I love the casual way this autobiography was written. Freedia uses expressions and references from her world, yet brings the audience along with explanations and an insider's look at a gender-alternate, gay underground Bounce musician from New Orleans who made it big just by being herself. It's easy to read, non judgmental, not so air-brushed as is typical in autobiographies. As a girly, overweight fat boy, Big Freedia was at first persecuted, but in high school he used his quick wits, humor, musical ability, and outrageous behavior to turn things around and become the school mascot. The darling of the school and local church, he secretly joined the underground Bounce rap scene and soon was making more money than his teachers. He allowed his gender identity to shift in the direction comfortable for him and didn't allow anyone else to define him...a successful strategy in this case.

I couldn't put the book down read it within 24 hours. then on January 1st I saw him perform front center stage I wish I could have brought my book for him to sign but I felt weird anyway if you show receipt he will give you a personal thank you and I sent the receipt to the email and I never got his thank you I know he's busy because it's Mardi Gras but I'm still waiting for his personal thank you because I pre-ordered this book and I've never pre-ordered any book . It's a great great story he's a great person, I love his show on the fuse channel season 5 is coming up you guys should watch

Big Freedia is such a big, unique personality I feared maybe the co-writer would dilute her down but instead the book seems to really capture the Queen Diva. I loved reading about her hustle and how she always keeps a positive outlook even in bad circumstances. The chapter on Katrina made me sob! But even some of the less dramatic moments about her mom or her rocky relationships struck chords. It was also just interesting to read the music business process that got her out of just playing the clubs in New Orleans to getting a bigger "hipster"y white following. I tore through this book, it was an easy read that made me laugh and cry, what more could you want? GIRL DOWN!

I never heard of Big Freedia until one night I was channel surfing and happened to catch her show. I

was blown out of my seat! I was so impressed with the love and honesty and just had to have the book. It was full of any and everything I wanted to know about Bounce and the Queen Diva. This book is an Excellent read! Long live the Queen Diva!

I'm a #NOLAGirl and though I'm familiar with Bounce culture and Big Freedia, the persona, I didn't know the story behind the actual person. I actually purchased the book looking forward to the entertainment that would come from it being written in her voice (such great nostalgia and hilarity), but it gave me a very microscopic look at the life and development of the person behind the persona. Folks might see SOME of who Big Freedia is on TV or even in her performances, but the BIGGEST part of who she is is her heart and her love for people. As such, I'm a HUGE fan now and I'm glad somebody created the opportunity for us to hear her story. God Bless the QUEEN!!!

I remember seeing her on tv and wanting to know more about her story. Freedia is Amazing and Unstoppable, She shoots for the stars and always perseveres. This book is her honest story of her struggles to get to the top and how hard she works to stay there. After reading it I am inspired and grateful she shared her journey with us.

Heart warming, and heart breaking story of Freedia's struggles to make her way in the complex culture of the New Orleans bounce music scene. Her personal journey is an inspiration for anyone who struggles with today's social issues of gender identification. A must read! You will laugh and you will cry. All hail The Queen.

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