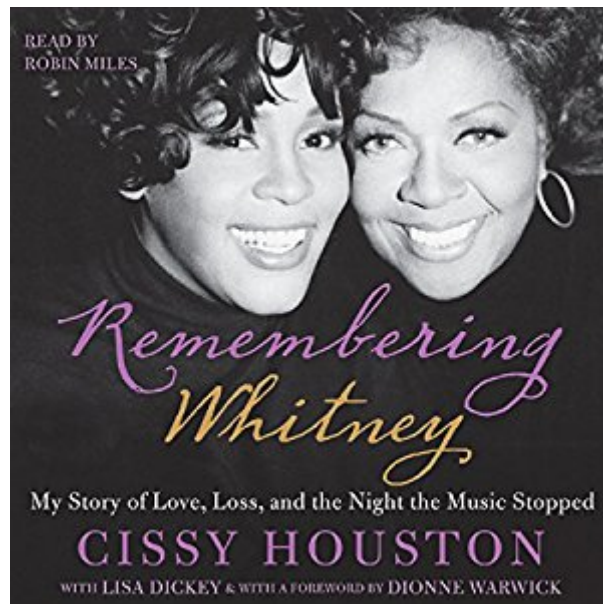


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Remembering Whitney: My Story Of Love, Loss, And The Night The Music Stopped



Synopsis

Honest and heartbreaking, a mother's story of tears, joy, and her greatest love of all: her daughter, Whitney. On the eve of the 2012 Grammy Awards, the world learned of a stunning tragedy: Whitney Houston, unquestionably one of the most remarkable and powerful voices in all of music, had been silenced forever. Over the weeks and months that followed, family, friends, and fans alike tried to understand how such a magnificent talent and beautiful soul could have been taken so early and so unexpectedly. Glamorous and approachable, captivating and sweet, Whitney had long ago won the hearts of America, but in recent years her tumultuous personal life had grabbed as many headlines as her soaring vocal talents. Her sudden death left behind not only a legacy of brilliance, but also painful questions with no easy answers. Now, for the first time, the beloved superstar's mother, Cissy Houston—a gospel legend in her own right—relates the full, astonishing scope of the pop icon's life and career. From Whitney's earliest days singing in the church choir to her rapid ascent to the pinnacles of music stardom, from her string of number-one hits to her topping the Hollywood box office, Cissy recounts her daughter's journey to becoming one of the most popular and successful artists of all time. Setting the record straight, Cissy also speaks candidly about Whitney's struggles in the limelight, revealing the truth about her turbulent marriage to singer Bobby Brown, her public attempts to regain her celebrated voice, and the battle with drugs that ultimately proved too much. In this poignant and tender tribute to her "Nippy", Cissy summons all her strength to reveal not only Whitney the superstar, but also Whitney as a sweet girl, a bright-eyed young woman, and a deeply caring mother. Complete with never-before-seen family photographs, *Remembering Whitney* is an intimate, heartfelt portrait of one of our most revered artists, from the woman who cherished her most.

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Customer Reviews

Nearly one year to the day of Whitney Houston's untimely death (she died February 11th, 2012) comes this beautiful autobiography written by Whitney's mother Cissy Houston. There have been numerous books put out in the last year about the singing legend, but none match the sheer insight, love and honesty that "Remembering Whitney" has. Cissy details Whitney's upbringing in New Jersey being one of three children (she has two brothers), singing in her Church's Choir at 13 and knowing that Whitney possessed a special talent that few in the world have: she had a way of touching people with her incredible presence and that voice that would endear her to millions across the globe was evident even when she was a teenager. Whitney had a tragic accident when she was a child nearly losing her voice when an object was rammed accidentally down her throat, almost destroying her vocal cords. Luckily, no damage was done. Cissy writes about Whitney's modelling career, her appearance on "The Merv Griffin Show" that brought her to the attention of Arista head Clive Davis (who became Whitney's mentor) and her signing a recording contract that led her to popular fame. The hits Whitney had during the eighties, the awards, the concerts and the acclaim are discussed with loving affection by a mother who was definitely proud of her daughter's accomplishments. However, by the late eighties when people like Jennifer Holiday publicly stated that Whitney started using cocaine Cissy writes that she heard her daughter was "using" but didn't want to know about that lifestyle that Whitney was partaking in. Perhaps in her heart she was hoping against hope that the rumors were unfounded.

It is very difficult to write a review/critique a book on something so devastatingly personal. Everyone writes their own story on their own way. There were parts of this book that broke my heart, listening to a mother wondering if she did everything right, if her daughter actually loved her, the shock and devastation of that loss, the unyielding love for an estranged daughter etc., Although I loved parts of the book, I was a little taken aback by some things. First, I didn't realize that a good portion of the book would be devoted to Cissy Houston's childhood life, singing career, courtship and marriage, travels etc., Not to say it wasn't on some level interesting but based on the title of the book, I didn't expect it or expect as much of it as seemed to be present in the book. For example, at the very end of the book, she includes a section called "Discography" which lists all the songs she, Cissy

Houston recorded. In a separate chapter, following immediately thereafter, were songs recorded by Whitney Houston. I just thought that was odd in a book the purpose of which, given the title, was about the relationship between mother/daughter and the loss of that daughter. Second, I was somewhat troubled by the way she dealt with the Robyn Crawford situation. There were really no specifics (maybe for legal reasons) on why she didn't like her and felt she was a bad influence other than to say she was gay. It left the impression that it was the reason she didn't like her and felt she was a bad influence even though she denied it. However, each time she referenced Ms. Crawford, it was for a good thing. Interestingly enough, Ms. Crawford was the ONLY person who told her that her daughter was having problems with drugs VERY early on as she was apparently one of few in a position to know. Ms.

I remember the first time I heard Whitney's amazing voice on TV, and it's one cherished memory I will never forget as I silenced my home, and turned up the volume. I have been following her footsteps from the young inspiring Whitney, to America's icon in the music industry. She was my favorite female vocalist of all time, and millions of people loved, and deeply respected her. The inspiration, the voice, and her powerful music, have marked an incredible and historical place in history. A gospel legend and mother of Whitney Houston, Sissy Houston, chronicles the life and career of Whitney Houston, which will indeed bring tears to your eyes as a reminder of her sudden death that shocked America. This heartfelt portrait portrays Whitney as the young sweet child, to Whitney who sang in the church choir, to one of the most successful artists of all time. Whitney Houston's remarkable and powerful voice won the hearts of America, She was admired by millions as she became a superstar with her #1 hits on the charts. Sissy Houston also tells about her daughter's struggles, her battle with drugs, Whitney's marriage, and Whitney as a caring and loving mother. Sissy highlights the fact that Whitney loved to sing, but never enjoyed the demands of the music business. This colorful, stunning portrait of Whitney Houston's life, told from a person who cherished her, tugs at the heart page-after-page. The story is captivating, includes beautiful family photos, and will make you think, long after this book is closed. The unexpected tragedy of Whitney Houston will never be forgotten, and her music will forever live on. One of my favorite movies was The Bodyguard, which I've watched countless times, just to listen to her amazing voice, and my favorite song will always be, 'I Will Always Love You!

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