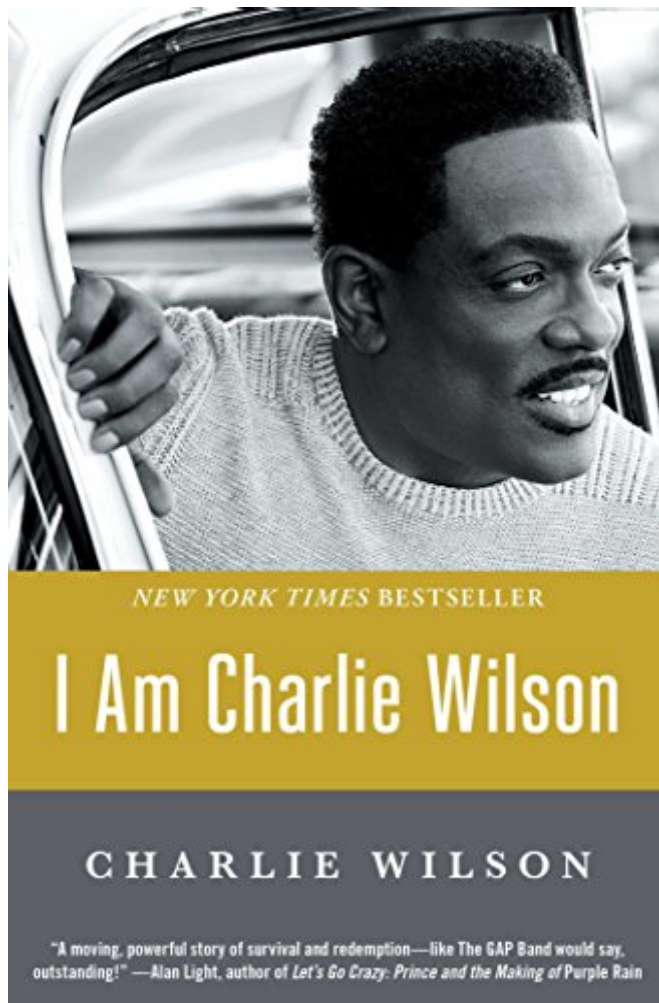


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I Am Charlie Wilson



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

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.

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.

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.

This book is so transparent. Mr. Wilson wrote with no holds barred and reveals the underbelly of the record business and tells how you can have a hit record all over the radio while totally broke! My most heart wrenching part of the book was his mother, still praying for his salvation during the time he was strongly addicted to drugs and living on the streets! In addition to Mr. Wilson's own prayers being answered not to die in the streets! Just to see how the Lord did answer both of their prayers at

the end just renewed my faith in prayer and believing there is absolutely NOTHING impossible with God!

This book was read in my Book Club; Up All Night, and it was totally AMAZING!!!! THUMBS UP! Regardless of his trials and tribulations, he continued to trust and have faith in God through it all! He forgave the people that stole, misguided, and took away a big part of his dignity, but they were never able to take away the gift that was given by God; his voice. Thank you Charlie Wilson for sharing your story, as we all have one. Blessings. I recommended this book to a few people, and like myself, they were amazed! Tonya

I Am Charlie Wilson is a great read. SURVIVOR is the word that defines his life. From overcoming living in the shadows of talented older siblings, naysayers who were critical of his initial steps toward music, false career starts. Its all here. The financial and business entanglements plaguing throughout the GAP Band's career and during the start of a modern R&B era inspired by their music. The drug addiction. Homelessness. Sibling fallouts that led to the group's demise and the sudden death of his younger brother. Through the pain, tragedy and career setbacks, Charlie overcomes every personal and professional obstacles that claimed many great artists while finding love, support, inner strength and rejuvenation along the way. A great story of a talented artist whose career continues to thrive long after his peers and those who came after him have come and gone. A great book by a great man.

I thought I knew about Charlie Wilson have been to his concerts where he gives a glimpse of his past. Knowing the story doesn't tell the true story of how he over came his trials and how only God could work the miracles in Charlie's life. Had this book in my library over two years but so grateful I finally read it. Helped my faith and belief that God answers prayer.

I have loved Charlie Wilson from the Gap Band days. This book should be a wake up call to the entertainment industry. Keep praising God he is the beginning and the ending. I try to never miss a concert. I love you "Uncle Charlie." Gods continued blessings on all you do.

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