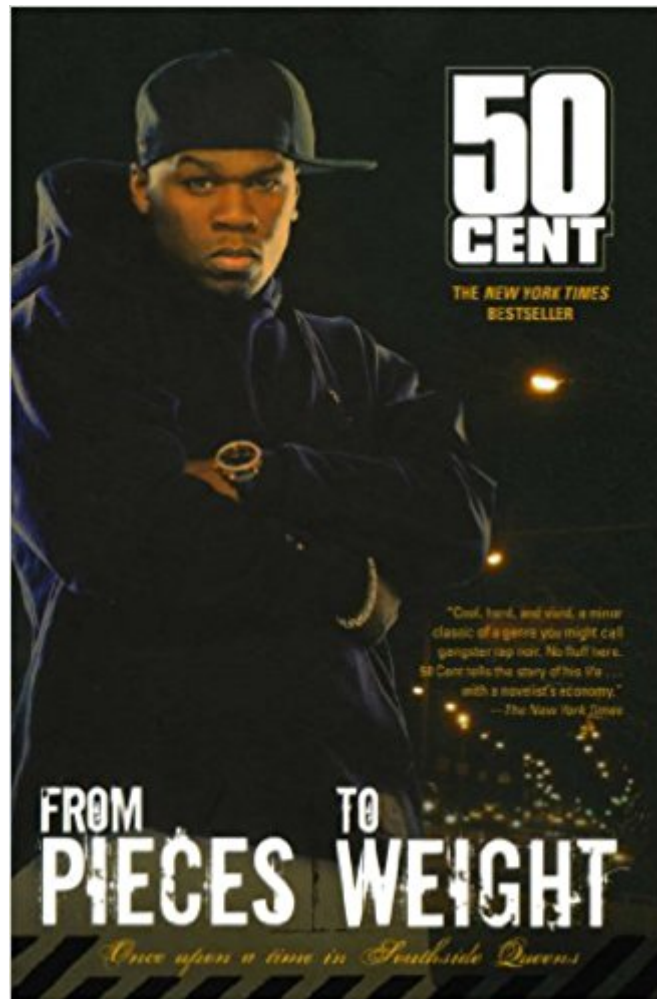


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In the New York Times bestseller *From Pieces to Weight*, rap mogul 50 Cent, lifts the veil on his complicated life, from the murder of his mother when he was twelve, to hustling on the streets; from the assassination attempt that nearly finished him 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

50's story is exactly what he says it is, an autobiography of sorts. It gives the reader a glimpse at the circumstances that helped shape the man he is today. What I really enjoyed about this book was his honesty when it came to his emotions. If he was scared he said "I was scared", there was no fronting. He did not try to play the tough guy, he gave you the scenarios he was faced with and left it to the reader to form an opinion. I thought the story was refreshing in it's realness. People watch *Scarface* over and over again because it's a rush, well imagine if it were a true story and Tony Montana wrote a book, everyone would read it. I happen to have lived in Jamaica Queens and so I guess reading about that part of the "hood" made it even more interesting for me. I think the people that are mad that he is capitalizing off of his fame (especially if you live in America) are not thinking

straight. America is the land of capitalization. What do you want him to do, only rap and that's it...why? If there is a demand for his story then it's his job as a business man to supply that demand, end of story. 50 has led an interesting life thus far and he gave us a taste of it. Don't get upset that he is doing well, be happy for him. Be happy that he is not shooting up the streets, be happy that he can make money through his law abiding talents. Anyway, to those interested in buying the book, I thought it was good over all and it felt like watching a movie, action sequences and all. If you want to see the movie when it comes out, buy or borrow the book so that you can get the scoop early and compare it to the movie.

I just finished my copy of From Pieces to Weight and it was incredible. I read the whole book in a day and a half i couldn't stop reading it. It is the core of the hood. In most instances i could relate to him. Everything he said has to be actually lived out you can't make up stuff like that not even the movies can pin point that. I really hope that who ever reads this book realizes that coming up from the bottom is not the easiest thing to do. 50 cent if you read this review this was a great book it felt as if i was up close and personal with you , this book will leave a great impact if people take time out to read it. God bless you and all your endeavors and whoever else reads this book should realise his isn't glorifying anything negative it is what it is man .Keep your belief in God 50 and you will truly find out your purpose in life.

"Curtis Jackson" aka 50 Cent definatly shocked me with his tale of childhood. I LOVED the words and phrases that he uses in this book. Some parts are hysterical. The number 1 reason that i want to read this book is because i was very curious about his life, growing up in Jamacia, Queens. I pass through there every day to go to Manhattan and i always wonder what his life was like. This book definatly lays it out for you. However i thought that 50 Cent lacked the proper smooth transition to link his "hustlin'" days to his Rap days. I thought that it ABRUPTLY changed right from Drugs to Rap in a matter of a page. I felt he could have made that transition more smooth. He also talked very little about his career as a rapper. I just thought he could have expanded on it as much as he did his childhood. But over all i definatly give this book a 8 out of 10. It was very well written in a vocabulary sense and i thought it was appealing to younger audiences. A few people on the train asked me about this book and how i was. I told them to go to Borders ASAP and buy it. It is a definite good read.

But this was a great book, usually I find it hard for books to keep my attention, but not this one.

Without a doubt the best book I have ever read. It tells the true story of 50 Cent in his own words. He had a tough life and made it big, you can't hate a man for that. If people miss out on reading this masterpiece then they are surely missing a great read for anyone, not just fans of Hip-Hop or 50 Cent. Buy this book or check it out at the library. It should win some of those book awards, not sure of the names, but I know they're out there.

I'm an avid reader of everything from Wilbur Smith to Isabelle Allende. And I also am a huge music and hip hop fan. This book, on its own, is a great read. I picked it up right before I took a flight to Europe and finished it in 3 days. 50's story of his rise from a very young hustler in Queens (11 years old!) to a mega-star rapper is a great story. His life story is compelling and entertaining. You feel his voice and feelings come through the pages. Definitely worth picking up. I have passed it on to 2 people already who were equally pleased. However you wanna put it, it's tight, it's off the heezy, it's dynamic. Definitely worth the money.

The book was great point blank. I read it in a few hours. I never put it down until I was done. From being brought up in Brooklyn myself I know nothing in this book is far fetched. I love the fact 50 just tells it like it is. His whole mentality is just raw. I just can't help wondering about the stories that he "can't" tell! I've read some of the other reviews on the book and some people are not giving the book or 50 enough credit. Whether you like how or what he's doing you must admit the man is intelligent. For the people who keep asking why does he have to try to gain off of everything simple: he explains it in the book "demand and supply" Not supply and demand. He's still a hustler just legally. There was a demand for this book it's the reason why even people who "dislike" 50 will read it. He only supplied what was demanded, and it was great!

50 is a true ex street Gangsta and it sad to so many people hating the guy for trying to capitalize off his life stories. Grown men are not supposed to be getting jealous over another man's success. I love the book I finished it in three days. If you listening to his music you would know he's not lying about any of his story, because the stories are always in his raps. To the guy that said fifty wouldn't have been anything without Em please know that 50 was doing it on mix tapes before Em came along. Selling out underground shows before the shady deal. 50 Keep getting your money man. Take over the music industry. Only the strong survive. Peace

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