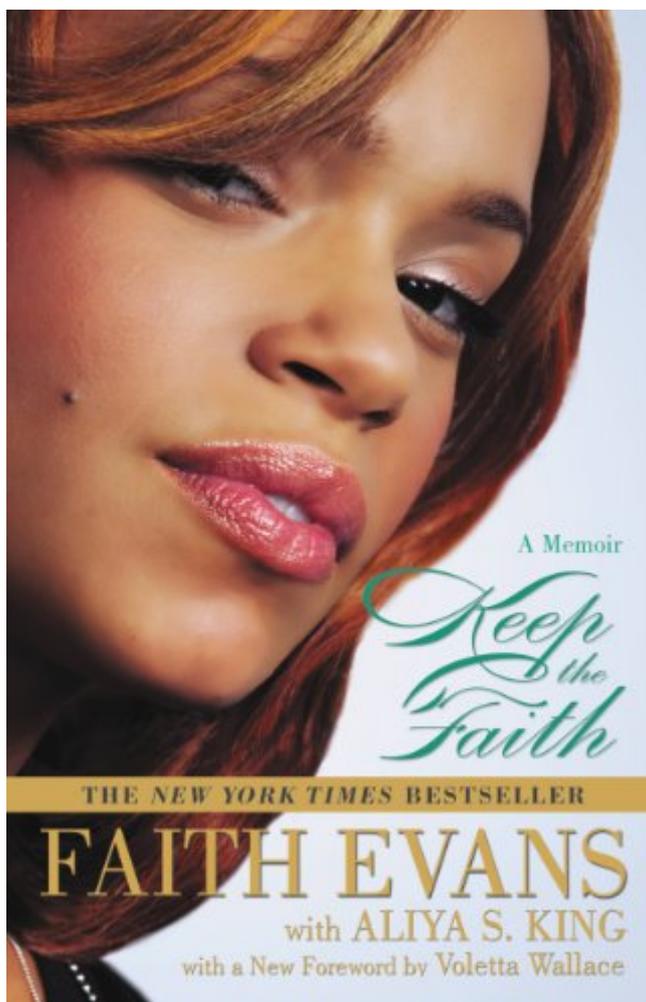


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Keep The Faith: A Memoir



Synopsis

It's been over ten years since Big was killed. I grieved for him for a very long time. And then, as time passed, the icy wall of grief surrounding my heart began to thaw and I began to heal. I remarried, had more children, and continued to record and release more music. I continued to live my life. And while I can never discount the time I spent with Big, I've never felt the need to live in the past. But sometimes, I still find myself thinking about Big being rushed the hospital, and I break down in tears. It's not just because we hung up on each other during what would be our last telephone conversation. And it's not because I am raising our son, a young man who has never known his father. It's partly all of those things. But mainly it's because he wasn't ready to go. His debut album was called Ready to Die. But in the end, he wasn't. Big never got a chance to tell his story. It's been left to others to tell it for him. In making the decision to tell my own story, it means that I've become one of those who can give insight to who Big really was. But I can only speak on what he meant to me. Yet I also want people to understand that although he was a large part of my life, my story doesn't actually begin or end with Big's death. My journey has been complicated on many levels. And since I am always linked to Big, there are a lot of misconceptions about who I really am. I hope that in reading my words, there is inspiration to be found. Perhaps you can duplicate my success or achieve where I have failed. Maybe you can skip over the mistakes I've made. Use my life as an example-of what to do and in some cases, what not to do. It's not easy putting your life out there for the masses. But I've decided I'll tell my own story. For Big. For my children. And for myself.

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Customer Reviews

I thoroughly enjoyed Faith's journey. This was a very easy read that covered Faith's life from a small girl with stars in her eyes to a young woman, widow, and mother. I was really surprised at how forthcoming Faith was in revealing her many sexual dalliances and abortions. She held nothing back, including the several beatdowns she dished out to the women who were having affairs with her husband, Biggie Smalls, including Lil Kim. She was definitely not a shrinking violet when it came time to whip some you know what. But admittedly, she was not able to bring the same bravado to the table when dealing with record executives, including Sean Combs. Eventually Faith is able to stand up for herself. She truly went through a great deal, some at her own hand and other incidents due to the actions of others. I admire how she joined forces with Biggie's mom after his death to settle his estate and through it all she strived to keep her family together. The book had me looking up various songs on Youtube that she had recorded, but that I wasn't familiar with. There was one song made famous by the group Rose Royce--"Love Don't Live Here Anymore" that Faith didn't want to record, but at the urging of Sean Combs, she did record it with Mary J. Blige. Subsequently, Mary asked for her vocals to be removed, because of a disagreement with Sean Combs. The version I listened to on Youtube does not have Mary's voice. Overall, this was an engaging read and a nice musical trip down memory lane.

The reason I took a star away is because her story about Tupac didn't add up. She claimed that she never pursued Tupac and how he was jumping in her limo and wanting to be seen with her, but I see pictures on the internet of her posing happily with Tupac. I do believe that she had sex with him like Pac has always said and that Faith is the person that's lying. I don't believe the full story about Lil Kim either and Mary J (why Mary J was mad at her) I think she knew why. I heard rumors that she slept with Mary's man, KC (Jodeci). Other than that, it was a good autobiography that kept me interested.

Yes Faith I had been wanting to read this for years and I finally got around to buying this and wow. She really opens herself up and exposes stuff that you think should only be between a person and God if they believe in God. I appreciate her for that. At first I was thinking, Why would she want her kids to know all of this but I believe adults will walk away and hopefully teens will walk away from reading this book never wanting to make the same mistakes she did. All she went through shaped who she is but I believe she wants people to understand her better but still know she wishes she did things differently. I was always a fan of her talent but this book made me a fan of her strength!

Only a few years younger than Faith and Biggie I remember all the buzz. I cried when Big died. To read all the details of the life they shared and what Faith has overcome has been inspiring and emotional. What a strong woman. As she wrote about Big's death and funeral, I teared. 20 years, I can't believe it and it feels like yesterday that hip hop died.

It was interesting, but kind of hard to get into at times

This book really opened my eyes to the music business and how the media can demolish a person and spread lies! This book also provides so many unknown details that were really shocking! I couldn't stop reading and would definitely recommend.

This was an excellent read from start to finish. There has always been a certain mystique about Faith dating back to her Bad Boy days, and this book definitely gave a lot of insight on many things I had no clue about. From her upbringing, entry into the music business, relationships with Biggie, Diddy, Mary J Blige, Lil Kim, Tupac etc; this was a great tell-all, but written very tastefully. Brought back a lot of memories from the 90's golden era of hip-hop and the impact of the whole Bad Boy movement. Highly recommended.

I decided to purchase this book after seeing Faith on the Wendy Williams show recently. I totally love Faith and is a huge fan of her music. I loved how honest she was about events that happened in her life. However, I feel that some parts she was making herself come off as too innocent and naive....lol! But I feel like this book was really down to earth and was a true page turner. I read it in 2 days. I do feel like Kim has yet to tell her side and you kinda almost get the feeling that Kim is a bit

delusional about the true nature of how Big felt about her. I think he loved Kim, but I doubt if their relationship would ever be more than sex and him being a musical mentor to her if he was still living.

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