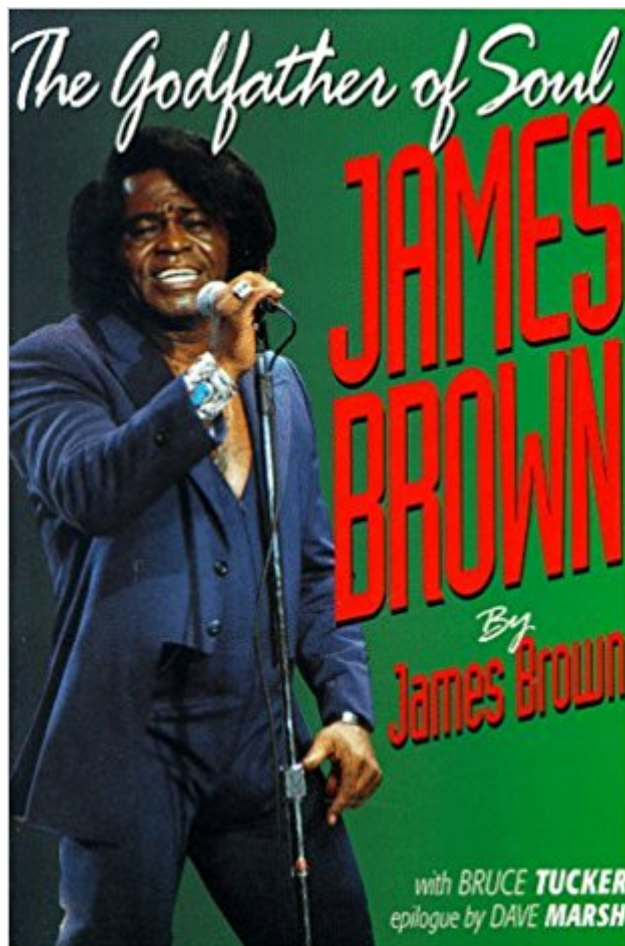


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# James Brown: The Godfather Of Soul



## Synopsis

In this updated edition, the Godfather of Soul tells--with pride and humor--his own rags-to-riches story of survival and artistic achievement. From his boyhood in a Georgia whorehouse, where Brown used music as an escape from poverty, to international fame, to recent brushes with the law, readers learn the truth behind the legend.

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## Customer Reviews

The autobiography *Godfather of Soul* was originally published before James Brown's late-'80s brushes with the law, so those looking for the man's thoughts on his drug problems and subsequent incarceration will walk away empty-handed. Seekers after the fine blend of social responsibility, cranked-up ego, and pronouncements on his own music and its place in the world, however, will be amply rewarded. Fascinating tidbits--from the claim that Elvis Presley once hoped to record with the JBs to the story of being able to find only white and Asian kids in a last-minute recruiting effort for the shout-along on "Say It Loud--I'm Black and I'm Proud"--abound. But you probably guessed as much of the auteur of "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag," *Live at the Apollo*, and "Santa Claus Go Straight to the Ghetto." --Rickey Wright

Published in hardcover in 1986--before "the hardest working man in show business" was arrested in Georgia--this new edition updates an autobiography that PW called "both involving and inspirational." Photos. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the

Hardcover edition.

I purchased as a gift, my brother really enjoyed the reading; book is in good condition.

This is an amazing book. Bruce Tucker (who shares the credit and presumably did the actual writing) captures Brown's voice perfectly, and his simple, graphic description of Brown's hard times, early in his life, are all the more powerful because of their understatement. This is not a lightweight celebrity book. It's a real biography, by a writer who obviously cares deeply for the music that Brown made. A very fine piece of work depicting a unique music innovator and a relentless personality who started with nothing but overcame every obstacle--other than the IRS and the criminal justice system.

Very good book, this was ordered as a gift for a fan of James Brown, the receiver enjoyed this book greatly

Great book by Mr. Brown himself. I needed this book after seeing the movie and I was not disappointed reading it. I appreciate the list of songs in the back of the book and it shows details on the year it was recorded. I love me some James Brown!!!

Interesting and fascinating to read his life story. Quality of writing soso. But then he was not a professional writer.

RIP to the Godfather of Soul, Soul Brother #1, The Hardest Working Man in Show Business. This been a great blow and to all of us James Brown fans here. This book was the one I needed to keep me focused. Just read it all the way through earlier this year. Very strong, uplifting and powerful. James Brown was the Hero, the Legend, the American Pioneer. He wasn't just an entertainer or a hit maker or an artist, he's a man that have overcome alot on what's happening in the world: going thru poverty, business, the Civil Rights Movement, the world, loss of jobs, politics, way of culture, way of living, and a way to express ourselves thru a meaning of religion, life, hunger, soul, pain, and suffering. The Man had it all. Boy I'mma miss him and his talent. His spirit always captures us thru this day. GOOD GOD!!!Thanks for all the hardship and legacy you put us into, Brother James Brown.

Great book, Great Man !!!

This is a very interesting book. I didn't enjoy the Introduction because of the way it was written--one sentence might be 7 lines long. But the book itself was well written and an easy read. I really enjoyed it.

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