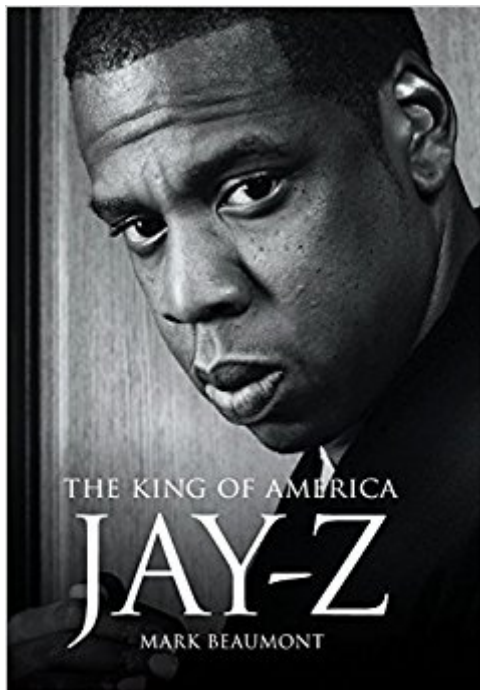


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# Jay Z: The King Of America



## Synopsis

Author Mark Beaumont met and interviewed Jay Z in 2009 and many quotes from that interview feature in this biography. Also included are interviews with Kanye West, Chris Martin, Busta Rhymes, LL Cool J, Damon Dash, Dr Dre, Rick Rubin and many others. This fascinating book details his early life, his father abandoning him, his accidental shooting of his brother and his delving into cocaine dealing. The book then moves on to the launch of his Roc-A-Fella record label and his subsequent album releases including the platinum selling *In My Life* and *Hard Knock Life* as well as his alleged involvement in the stabbing of record executive Lance Riviera, the trial and his three year probation sentence. Details how he became the CEO of Def Jam Recordings (one of his first signings was Rihanna). Also examines his high-profile relationship and marriage to Beyoncé Knowles. Features an in-depth look into his entrepreneurial skills from launching his own Rocawear clothing and accessories line, his New York club 40/40 and his rumoured investments in real estate and football clubs and brings the story right up to date to include his performance at Glastonbury in 2008, the Haiti aid single *Stranded*, his concerts with Eminem, his *Watch The Throne* EP release with Kanye West and his supporting U2 on their World Tour.

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Mark Beaumont is a leading award-winning music journalist and has interviewed Paul McCartney, Coldplay, Blur, Muse, Keith Richards and Jay-Z for publications such as NME, The Guardian, Uncut and Classic Rock. He is the author of the bestseller *Out Of This World: The Story Of Muse*

- published by Omnibus Press.Â He lives in London.

Interesting, although slightly less informative than I'd hoped. The book is a purely subjective analysis of his records and his life, and at times the reviews and explanations of songs and albums are a little tired and predictable. It is extremely in depth, with every album covered extensively. If you're looking for a re telling of the intimate details of jays life this isn't it. It's more of a bloated career retrospective.

Great book, but he did not explain how he proposed to Beyonce! It's pretty deep of the journey to his big career and to the fame. Good book!

Great behind the scenes stories and background. Jay-Z is my fav and I loved reading about his life from beginning to end.

I admire the man he has become...and the influence he has on our culture. Just shows what focus and determination can accomplish.

This biography is extremely insightful and very informative on one of the greatest artists in the world. A must-read for any Jay-Z or hip-hop fan!

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