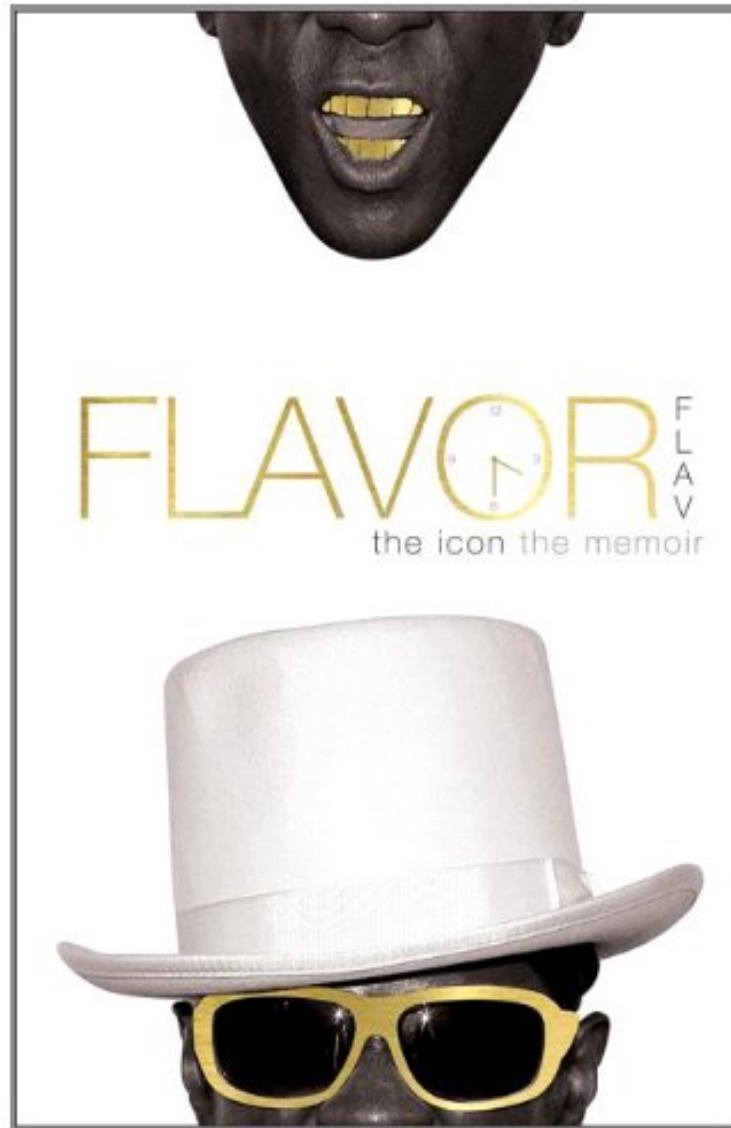


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Who's got more game than Flavor Flav?By GrubgoatI was always a Public Enemy fan as a teenager. This whole book shocked the hell out of me! Basically Flav is saying that he was a crack-head long before, during, and long after P.E.'s peak. This is the band that sung "Night of the Living Base Heads"! I guess Chuck was really talking about Flav that whole time... (A guy at work said to me, "We all knew - he was skinny and always acting all messed up, of *course* that guy was on crack!!" Shows what I know...)But, I also

read this book in about 3 hours, which is suspiciously fast. He tells quick little vignettes of touring with Tupac and Slick Rick, but that's all you get, little quickies, and he's out. The entire book is this way. I'm not a fan of reality tv, so I never watched any of Flav's shows. But, a reality series based on Flav looking for love, when it turns out he already HAD a true love somewhere else...? I'm sensing a pattern here. This man is *ALWAYS* running game. That's the bottom line. And he's likable for that reason, but this book is kind of like watching a Jerry Springer kind of show - those people always start out affable and reasonable, but talk to them for 20 minutes, and the story starts morphing, and new things are added, and suddenly they're asking to borrow money, etc. Not to hate on Mr. Flav. But he's running game 24/7, that's how it is, and this book is evidence. Its NOT satisfying, its not fulfilling, its like a reality TV show, or a Star magazine, you get shocks and oohs and ahhs, but then its over and you're just as empty as when it started. What is IS though, is honest. I hope he does another one someday, with the same honesty, but more depth. Or, maybe there's not any more depth to Flavor Flav? I personally doubt that...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good stories, but Flav seems a bit oblivious. By Mitchell King The good: always interesting and entertaining. The bad: Flav tends to play the victim card when facing some of the consequences of his own bad choices. Regardless, it's mostly a story of redemption and on that front it delivers. Fun read. Dude's got some stories you've gotta read to believe. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The best book I've read in years. By Matthew Sedra The book flavor flav: the icon the memoir is a great book for numerous reasons like its the true story of flav's life as well as letting ever person that reads it into his life from childhood until now the book does kind of jump around and back and forth but there is parts of the book where I can actually hear flav I read the first chapter the night I got the book I'm now writing this review the following night and I have almost completed the entire book (which I will have done by the end of the night) it's 100% a must read

From his twenty-five years as a member of one of the most influential hip hop groups of all time, to his career as a television personality, the word that best describes Flavor Flav is 'iconic.' Clock-wearing, colorful and sometimes controversial, William Drayton is known affectionately all around the world as simply 'Flav' and finally tells all. In this compelling memoir, Flavor Flav takes the reader in vivid detail behind the scenes of his multi-faceted career. He spares no one, revealing the tensions within Public Enemy and with Def Jam records, his struggles with addiction, his multiple visits to both rehab and to jail before re-inventing himself in reality television as VH1's most eligible and most watched bachelor. Taking readers on a journey into the truth behind his bigger-than-life image, Flavor Flav's presents his unique perspective on music and reality TV-- how he survived the pressures of both to become one of the most-sampled and recognized figures in media. Told with the gritty, compassionate and often-hilarious style that has made the man a legend, this memoir is a thrill ride from the heights of celebrity to the depths of despair and back again to tell the tale.

About the Author Born William Johnathan Drayton in Freeport, Long Island, 'Flavor Flav' is now acknowledged as the greatest hype man ever-- inventing the role as a member of the ground-breaking rap group Public Enemy. Known for his unique persona, Flav has created styles, slangs and sayings that make him one of the most-sampled voices in music and one of the most well-known celebrities in America. His multiple television series have shattered records for viewers of reality television, especially 'Flavor of Love', a spinoff of 'The Bachelor' in which sixteen young women competed for his affections over several seasons. While he spent most of the 1990s addicted to crack cocaine, he has since cleaned up his life. He has seven children, between the ages of 26 and 3, by three different women, who he speaks with daily. In addition to being an accomplished musician proficient in 15 instruments, Flavor Flav is an experienced chef, an avid bowler and deeply spiritual human being.