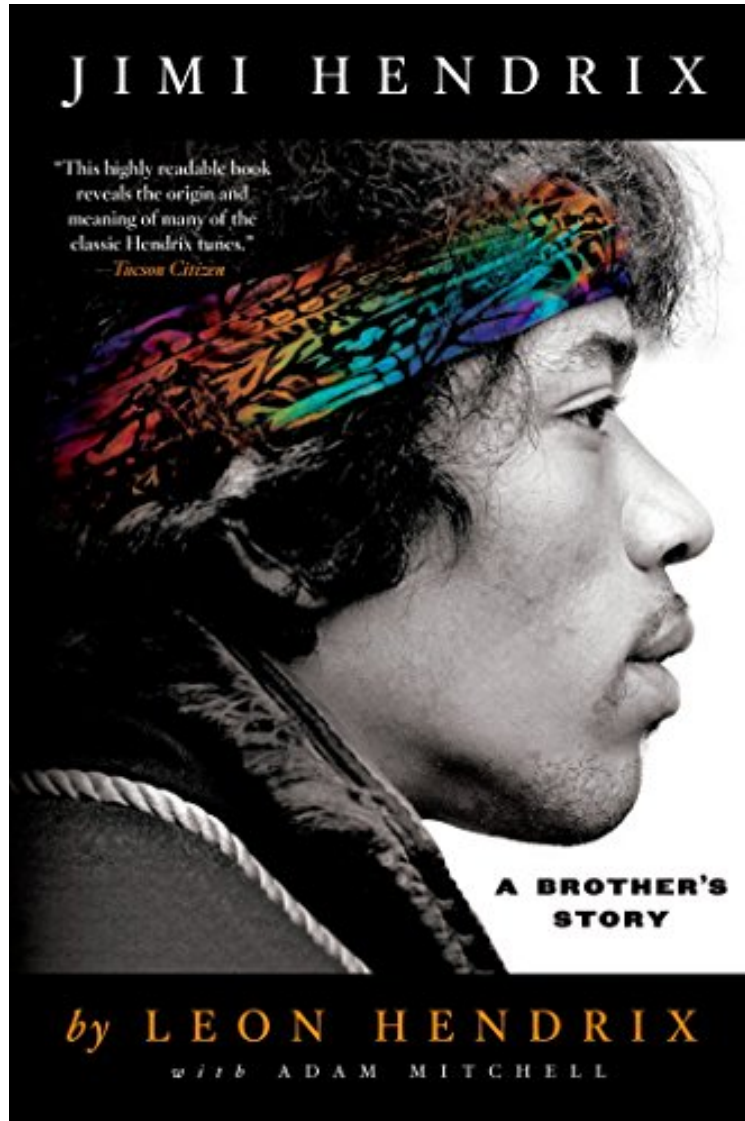


## Jimi Hendrix: A Brother's Story

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**Leon Hendrix, Adam Mitchell : Jimi Hendrix: A Brother's Story** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jimi Hendrix: A Brother's Story:

21 of 22 people found the following review helpful. thoughts and words from the real deal...you can't get closer than Leon Hendrix  
By CyberTiger I'd like to thank Leon for sharing his life with "Buster" (Jimi) and his father, Al. This book is refreshing because it's directly from the horse's mouth and not a compilation of interviews of people who "knew" Jimi. I found Leon's book honest and painted a good picture of what life was like for him and Jimi growing up with a struggling father who was trying to make ends meet. It was interesting to learn of the roots that Jimi (Buster) came from. I also am rooting for Leon to gain a much deserved residual as he is Jimi's brother. Unfortunately

Jimi's "step-sister" is the one that's cashing in on Jimi's name, if anyone should, it should be Leon. I recommend this book for the hard-core Jimi fan. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. If you truly love Jimi... (and want to know the truth) BUY THIS BOOK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Ken Kelly I purchased this book... and before I got it... I got a chance to meet Leon (Jimi's biological brother and son of Lucille and Al, their mom and dad). He's a very cool and approachable dude! I also got to hear him play and dedicate his rendition of 'Angel' to his mom. I hadn't realized... and was deeply touched when he explained that Jimi wrote it for her. (I also later read that in this book). I had to buy another copy at the venue so I could ask him to sign it... which he kindly did. I also got to see some of his outstanding original artwork! I was so excited and impressed... and asked so many questions about it... I forgot to ask for the prices to see if I could afford to buy any (a mistake I intend to rectify)!! In any case... I was pleased to find this book to be a well written, blatantly candid, fast and hard-to-put-down read! I don't at all regret owning a duplicate copy. It was also very nice to see Leon looking well and at peace. A survivor! Yet clean and sober, sharing his art and music with us... he was a true inspiration!

Of all the many books I've read about Jimi...this one is my clear favorite!

KiniK3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Honest , Compelling Book From Jimi's Little Brother!

By Sunshine Lady I really love this book. I have been a huge Jimi Hendrix fan many years and have read many books about his life, this book has new insight and one of the best I have read about Jimi . Leon Hendrix is Jimi's little brother, he wrote a very heartfelt, honest, compelling story of his life with Jimi. Their tragic childhood years were so very sad there were times when I was brought to tears. I could imagine these two young brothers together during many sad days, playing on the streets with little food to eat, dirty clothes with holes in their shoes, waiting for their father to return from late night jobs and hiding in the closet from social workers. Jimi was a hero and wonderful big brother to Leon, he saved Leon's life two times, once from being hit by a train! Their mother died when they were just kids. I learned the true personal inspiration behind many of Jimi's songs like "Castles Made of Sand" which is one of my favorite songs was about their mother , Father, and Leon. The story about Leon and their dad hearing Jimi's first album with a hippy couple next door was hilarious! The book takes on so many twist and turns I couldn't wait to find out what would happen next to Leon and Jimi. Leon had his own problems just as Jimi's career takes off. Jimi wanted Leon to join him on the road not long before he passed. I think Leon may have been able to look out for Jimi if that had happened. There were so many vultures in Jimi's life at that time he knew he needed someone to have his back. Leon is a survivor and is inspired by God and Jimi to find a new passion in life with his own music. I think it is very unfair that Leon and his family have been completely cut out of the estate. Shame on Janie the step sister, this is not what Jimi or Al would want. ((Leon)), Jimi is always with you as you said and I know he is proud of you. Keep Rockin' and God Bless. I hope I can catch your show someday and thank you in person for sharing your story. Hugs!

More than forty years after his death, Jimi Hendrix-recently named the greatest guitarist of all time by Rolling Stone magazine-continues to inspire fans of rock music. Many have written about Hendrix's life and music, but Jimi Hendrix: A Brother's Story provides a revealing and unprecedented look at this visionary icon: an intimate biography written by Jimi's younger brother, Leon. Leon Hendrix takes us back to the days before Jimi's amazing rise to fame in the 1960s, beginning with their tough childhood in Seattle, when their fascination with science fiction and UFOs helped them escape a difficult family life. (Jimi insisted his family call him "Buster," after Flash Gordon actor Buster Crabbe.) The author reveals Jimi's early fascination with sound, from his experiments with plucking wires attached to bedposts to the time when he got in trouble for taking apart the family radio ("I was looking for the music," he explained) to Jimi's purchasing his first guitar-a Sears, Roebuck and Co. acoustic, from a neighbor. Leon recounts Jimi's early days performing on the "Chitlin' Circuit," when Jimi would call from the road to play early versions of tracks for the classic album Are You Experienced, and illuminates the biographical roots of Jimi's most well-known rock roll songs. Readers learn about the heady days of sex and drugs that came with Jimi's skyrocketing fame in the sixties and how Leon felt Jimi's management isolated him from the rest of the family. The author speaks of his own heartbreak, learning of his brother's sudden death while incarcerated in Washington State's Monroe Reformatory. Commemorating what would have been Jimi's seventieth birthday, Leon Hendrix's poignant and captivating account sheds new light on a music legend.