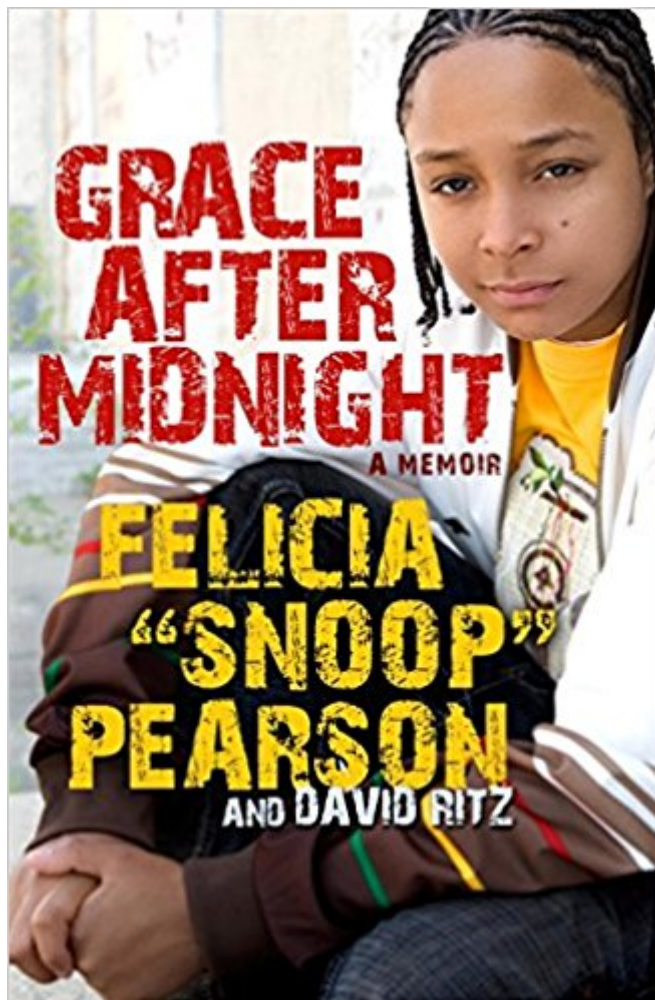


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Grace After Midnight: A Memoir



Synopsis

Felicia Pearson, who starred in the acclaimed television series 'The Wire', reveals her incredible, hard-knock life story, one that dramatically parallels her television character. While Felicia is a brilliant actor who played a truly chilling role, what's most remarkable about "Snoop" is what she has overcome in her life. Snoop was born a three-pound cross-eyed crack baby in East Baltimore. Those streets are among the toughest in the world, but Snoop was tougher. The runt of the ghetto showed an early aptitude for drug slinging and violence and thrived as a baby gangsta until she landed in Jessup state penitentiary after killing a woman in self-defense. There she rebelled violently against the system, and it was only through the cosmic intervention of her mentor, Uncle Loney, that she turned her life around. Eventually, Snoop was discovered in a nightclub by one of The Wire's cast members and quickly recruited to be one of television's most frightening and intriguing villains. While the story of coming up from the hood has been told by Antwone Fisher and Chris Gardner, among others, Snoop's tale goes far deeper into The Life than any previous books. And like Mary Karr's story, Snoop's is a woman's story from a fresh point of view. She defied traditional conventions of gender and sexual preference on the hardest streets in America and in front of millions of viewers on TV.

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Customer Reviews

Pearson, who stars in HBO's The Wire, was born ill and underweight from her mother's drug habits, and later worked for a crack dealer in East Baltimore. At age 15 she killed a woman in self-defense and wound up in the Jessup State Penitentiary. She got a wakeup call when the notorious dealers

she called Uncle and Father wound up respectively dead and imprisoned for life. Once out on parole, Pearson took an assembly-line job and didn't give [her neighborhood dope dealers] a second glance, but after repeatedly getting fired because of her rap sheet, she returned to dealing before a chance meeting gave her a way off the street for good. This isn't a light celebrity bio, but a powerful story of someone trying to find her way in a dark world, realizing she can still choose her life's direction even in tremendously difficult circumstances. Pearson's narrative is spare, even poetic, rendering traumatic moments all the more powerful. (Nov.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Raw and thought provoking...told with a bitter sweet elegance...the story of a child who buried her pain and then filled her life with violent behavior. But Snoop's journey is now a rainbow shining in the light of hope and wellness...and is a gift to us all." •Terrie M. Williams, author of *Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting*"Felicia's story is a reminder to me that through the depths of the worst unforeseen circumstances, that life can sometimes bring, the 2 things that we must never lose sight of, GOD's Grace, and Hope. Felicia is a perfect example of one who learned this the hard way and will now, never lose her way again." •Jamie Hector, NBC's *Heroes*"Pearson's memoir is even more horrifying than the cold-blooded killer she portrays on *The Wire*." •Kirkus Reviews"A gripping story about overcoming obstacles in the face of great adversity and finding hope in the most unlikely place-television." •Ebony"A remarkable book about a remarkable lady...will encourage anyone who aspires to be bigger and better than what they are...an awesome book to give to a young person as a Christmas gift." •Allhiphop.com"This is no rage-to-riches story. In fact, it reads more like a miracle." •Essence"Read her intriguing life story...it's a short, punchy ride of a book." •Giant"A powerful story of someone trying to find her way in a dark world, realizing she can still choose her life's direction even in tremendously difficult circumstances. Pearson's narrative is spare, even poetic, rendering traumatic moments all the more powerful." •Publishers Weekly

This is easily one of my favorite celebrities and I'd love the chance to meet up with Snoop at some point in my life. Her acting in *The Wire* is phenomenal. This book is also a great, easy read. I do hope she comes out with a sequel though, which spends some additional time covering her influence over episodes of *The Wire*. I also hope to find out how she makes herself accessible so I can meet her at some point in my life.

The Wire was one of the grittiest, gut wrenching, realistic show of street life, ever! I got to identify with each character...the cops as well as the criminals. And along came Snoop. Who was this androgenous person? With the gritty voice and swagger? I thought it was a young man the entire time because for one I never read the credits and two, I didn't see ALL of the wire episodes until a few years later. And I hear that this Snoop was a girl. Was stunned out of my mind. I know many like her. But, I still throughout she brought a type of authentic edginess that we don't often see. Then I read this book. Snoop is actually an insightful, psychic, down to earth person. I hope that we see more of her, and that she is allowed to grow in acting. Power to you, girl!

This is a great story told in stark and simple perspective. An inspiring life of brutal reality and startling hope. When one born to and seemingly destined to a quick brutal life, finds hope and redemption when touched by grace.

After marathoning my way through every episode of The Wire, I came to regard certain characters with such fascination and respect that I felt a little jolt at their every appearance. For no one was that more true than it was for Snoop Pearson. I knew the writers and producers put every round in the black by giving Snoop her chance, something that is rare when an actor is chosen off the street. This was the catalyst for me to learn more about her, which led me to Grace After Midnight. It's riveting. I'm astounded by what she endured from the day she was born. I'm really hoping that Felicia Pearson considers her hand at poetry or fiction. The book definitely deserves a look by anyone who is interested in stories of obstacles faced and overcome, of stereotypes obliterated, stories of inspiration. Well done, Snoop!!!

Hello Snoop! I'm so thankful that you wrote this deeply personal book about your life journey thus far. You are an amazingly talented young womyn, and I have much love and respect for you. You're a great example to other sisters who have been in the game, and sadly found themselves incarcerated. But even behind bars, and/or waiting for their case to go to court, or trying not to give up when their parole date seems so far away, you've proven that there is always hope. You can make that change, as Michael sang to us. I am glad we are now living in a world where we can be openly lesbians, and are free to love our partners regardless of their gender, Burch, Femme, Trans, or Panlovers. I'm proud of you for being a strong female role model for my granddaughter, too. I hope you'll continue to play and craft parts in theater that portray the reality that is life on the flip side. Stay strong, Feefe! Jo B. Owner of ShopAtLuxe[...]

Felicia does a great job immersing the reader in her world, it's a fun read and gives great insight into her life. One of my favorite things is that it's not written in a way that makes me think of the words "Stiff, snobby, trying too hard" etc. She writes the way she talks, and it's refreshing. Too many authors in my opinion try too hard to make themselves sound intelligent and it just makes the book enjoyable to read. Anyway, I highly recommend reading this book, as someone who does not enjoy books (love reading, just not books lol) this is one of the probably three books I've read in the last ten years. Which speaks to how enjoyable I found it and how intriguing it was reading about a world that I will never/have never experienced, but that is a reality for far too many in this country.

Excellent from beginning to end

I bought this book because Snoop's character in *The Wire* blew me away. I found her character creepy as hell, and was completely mesmerized and fascinated by her. I researched Felicia Pearson as an actress because I just had to know if she was for real, or if she was just a great actress. When I learned that her TV character wasn't all that different from the real Snoop, I had to buy the book. I was going to grab it from the library, but truth be told, I wanted her to get the royalties. Let me tell you that I couldn't put this book down, and was beyond disappointed when I finished it. I can't remember the last time I read such a thoroughly engrossing book where I really, really, REALLY cared about, and even felt that I somehow knew the writer. I just did not want this book to end. Snoop writes like her TV character talks, which is how I imagine she talks in real life. Despite her rough history, she comes across as warm, sensitive, and smart in the way that being smart in life matters. I wish I knew her.

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