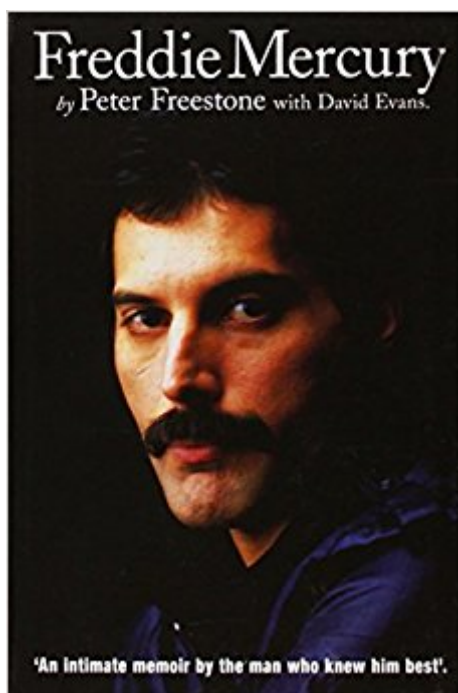


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Freddie Mercury



Synopsis

Peter Freestone was Freddie Mercury's personal assistant for the last 12 years of his life. He lived with Mercury in London, Munich, and New York, and was with him when he died. This is the most intimate account of Mercury's life ever written.

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Customer Reviews

'The myth of Mercury's debauched private life is well and truly debunked by the man who was there throughout the toothsome showman's later years in this affectionate portrait...'

I have not finished the book, but I already know that I love it. Thank you Peter! I am a late bloomer Queen and Freddie fan. I am watching and reading as much as I can get a hold of. much as I can get a hold of. Peters interviews are very honest and touching. I love the photos in the book. They captured Freddie as just a regular person like a regular person. Freddie was not exploited at all. The book also gives a behind the scenes look as to prep for concerts as far as wardrobe, etc. I look forward to finishing the book

I bought this book with the expectation that I would get a sense of what Freddie was as a person, and to degree this book does comply, unfortunately it is my opinion that the book comes up short. Reasonsa) Structure I did not like the way the book was structured, it moves across time & space at times seemingly at random, one moment the Author is speaking about events that

transpired in 1983 and then he jumps to 1987 and stays there for a significant amount of time when he then decides to jump to another year, leaving a lot of opportunity for the reader to get confused.

b) Redundant information One chapter deals with a lot of information that unless you are a die hard Freddie Mercury fan, the data is of questionable value to me, it almost feels like the Author was just providing filling material for the book. For example Freddie's interior decoration preferences or his auction habits, do we really need to know how many bathrooms his house had and which one he preferred to use on a daily basis?

c) Censorship Its not that I wanted a gossip type of book, (the back of the book does say it "tells all") but I get the sense that Peter, was being very careful not to offend anyone in the book, and while this proves that he's a good natured person, it leaves the reader with an incomplete & unbalanced view of Freddie and his entourage of friends. One thing I did not get is that people that according to tv interviews & other books were very significant in Freddie's life get mentioned only lightly in the book and therefore do not convey the true importance of the person, for example Freddie's last 6 year lover Jim Hutton and does not even state that Jim most probably contracted aids from Freddie.

Conclusion The book does have insider knowledge of what happened on a daily basis in Freddie's home, but the way the book is organized leaves much to be desired, much of the problem with the book probably does not lie with the author Peter but with the publisher that did not assign a good editor. Would I recommend this book? I guess if you are really interested in knowing stuff about Freddie this book will help somewhat, its a real shame & detriment to both the reader and Mr Freestone that it was not prepared better.

Peter gives first hand insight working with Freddie in private and Queen on tour. A good read for Queen fans!

As Peter Freestone was part of Freddie Mercury's inner circle I was curious to read what he had to say about his former employer. It is a loving, detailed memoir written from the perspective of someone who took care of everything, from the wardrobe to ushering a lover out of a hotel because Freddie found a better option. The author must have been very fond of Freddie Mercury who comes across as a caring and loyal friend but also a very private man. If you want more details on music, this is not the book for you. If you want to find out more about where and how Freddie lived, you will find plenty of details. I have enjoyed reading this account of Freddie's life but it left me with a sense of 'is this all there is?' The definite biography on Freddie Mercury has yet to be written.

I'm a Queen fan, the first 4 or 5 albums I felt were quite groundbreaking and Mercury was a pivotal

influence. However this book didn't give me any insight into who this person was, it felt like Freddie lived a life of the perennial teenager with no real depth of emotion or intelligence which I'm sure was far from the truth. The details of what curtains he liked or the fact he loved old movies was dull, no real mention was made of how he worked or a hint of any belief structure made this a disappointing read.

Peter Freestone probably knew Freddie better than anyone else and loved him like a brother. Like every other book about Queen that I have recently purchased, couldn't stop reading. As Freddie's personal assistant Peter was there for years and helped care for Freddie until the bitter end. This kind of information creates understanding and makes me love that cute, funny, eccentric and above all, charismatic man like a brother myself. I think he was a Peter Pan personality... never grew up in some intrinsic way, always wanted to have as much fun as possible to a certain point in his life. It was terrible for him to die, but really he's immortal. Love you, Mr. Mercury.

I really enjoyed this book. It was well written and gave a good perspective of Freddie Mercury from someone close to him, but who wasn't romantically involved with him. If you want to learn more about the fascinating, complex, extremely talented and generous Freddie Mercury, then read this book.

Great book. Arrived as promised.

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