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From the moment he burst on to the music scene in 1965, Eric Clapton forever changed the face of the blues guitar. His brilliant musicianship inspired his fans in London to scrawl graffiti in the underground train proclaiming, "Clapton is God." Nearly forty years later, this multi-million selling, Grammy award-winning virtuoso guitarist is still winning adulation from a whole new generation of fans. Crossroads, the definitive portrait of the man and his music, reveals with compassion and insight both the depths of Clapton's pain and the roots of his musical power. Michael Schumacher traces his career from the early years of the Yardbirds and John Mayall to the legendary supergroups Cream and Derek and the Dominoes to the solo career that has lasted a quarter of a century. Crossroads also explores the tumultuous life -- his heroin addiction, the excruciating relationship with Patti Boyd (George Harrison's wife and the woman who inspired the classic "Layla"), the year of 1990 when he lost four close friends, and the devastating death of his four-year-old son Connor the following year. Both revealing and sympathetic, this is the ultimate look at the enduring legend who transformed personal suffering into lasting artistic triumph.

-- Revised and updated to include details on Clapton's new marriage and his recent recordings and tour

-- Complete with a comprehensive discography and tour history

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Peter says

I couldn't finish this book. There's only so much of Eric Clapton that most of us can take and I read just enough to understand why.

Jessica says

An informative and unbiased biography chronicling Clapton's career. This book acts as a history lesson for all current and aspiring blues and 60/70s rock fans.

Chelsea Rose says

I'm reading this right now. So far it's great! The author really analyzes Eric's personality, which is the hallmark of a great biography! I love Eric Clapton, so this book is a must-read for anyone wanting to know more about him and his music!

Grant Barratt says

Comprehensive, intriguing and insightful read about one of the greatest axemen music has ever seen. Schumacher's prose is wonderfully easy to digest and keeps the pages turning at a lightning pace. Highly recommended if you're a Clapton fan.

Louis Russell says

An excellent and honest account of one of the greatest guitarists to ever live.

Jack Apfel says

I'm a sucker for rock 'n' roll biographies and this one is pretty good. Fascinating to see the man behind the music i listened to obsessively as a teen.

Lachlan says

This is my second reading of this book. I'd forgotten much of the detail about his life, but having read

through it again, I can see why. The book starts well with a great background to Clapton's life and progresses well through his formative years. However, as one other reviewer mentioned, it gets monotonous when you reach the middle parts as it seems he follows a cycle of seclusion, drugs, recording, live performances, then repeats over and over.

I'm a huge Clapton fan and he inspired much of my early guitar playing, however, this is one title I felt dragged from the middle on. It's almost as if the author got as bored with writing it as we did reading it. Worth a quick read, but borrow it from the library or a friend.
