



Prince in Comics!

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The life and career of legendary musician and performer Prince is given graphic novel treatment in *Prince in Comics!*

Prince showed interest in, and aptitude for, music from a young age. He was influenced by his father, a jazz piano player, and his mother, a vocalist. His life as a professional entertainer surged forward with a Warner Brothers record deal signed when he was nineteen; a series of groundbreaking songs followed. And Prince assumed an intriguing, enigmatic persona throughout his career, taking chances with his innovations in music, movies, and marketing.

The book handles much of Prince's life story in a reportorial style, using his quotes to tell his story too. It also approaches its subject from interesting and oblique angles, recounting the words and impressions of people whose lives intersected with Prince's, including percussionist Sheila E.; Larry Graham, a musician who introduced Prince to the Jehovah's Witnesses; and two construction workers at Prince's Paisley Park studio complex.

The book is illustrated by a variety of artists, giving each chapter a new and exciting look and feel. Each of the twenty sections ends with a two-page text and photograph recapitulation, showing album covers, movie stills, and even a photograph of Prince's childhood home. A list of recommended albums, films, music videos, and YouTube clips is an invaluable addition, given Prince's enormous output.

Prince in Comics! is a fascinating pictorial profile of a prodigious talent—the artist forever known as Prince.

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