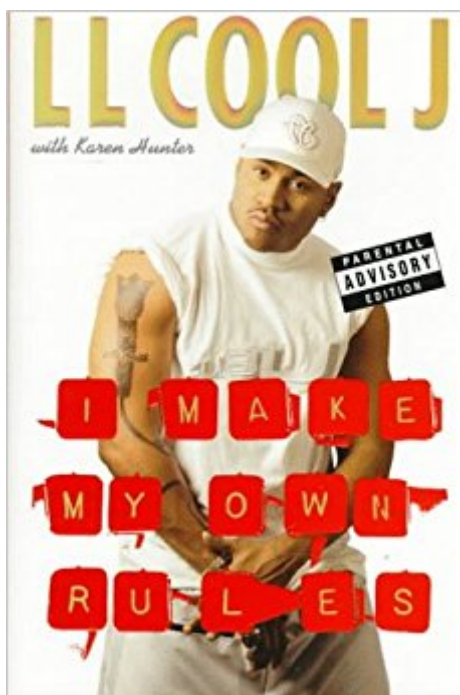


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## Synopsis

The autobiography of the well-known hip-hop and rap star, television actor, and positive role model details his career, childhood, private life, public service, and views on the music business. 145,000 first printing. Tour."

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I am an almost 70-year-old woman who is not a fan of rap, but I really like NCIS Los Angeles. After seeing L. L. Cool J on a tv talk show (was it "Katie"? ) and hearing him mention his book, I decided I would like to read it. I enjoyed it; but, obviously, I could not really relate to it very well. I will probably donate this copy to one of the reading teachers at the local high school. Hopefully, some of those students will find it inspirational.

I purchased this book as a gift but I also read it and found it quite interesting, degrading to some of the women in it but also uplifting. The book was well written and gave detailed description of this musician, actor and performers life.

As soon as I'd received this autobiography, I could not put the book down! I was and still am in awe with respect for LL Cool J for opening himself up about his childhood, his upbringing, his eventual success in the Hip Hop industry and the ups and downs that go along with the business. It's amazing he rose above it all and is maintaining his career wonderfully to this day. Definitely a must-read!

What can I say the boy is fine as hell. I enjoyed this book. My only problem with it was the fact that he didn't truly cuss in it. The beginning letters of cuss words and then astericks drives me crazy when I'm reading. Either use the full word or don't use it at all. Other than that I thought the book was well written. I found out some things about him that I didn't know. The fact that his mother didn't listen to him when he told her he was being abused made me angry. I wish that I could apologize to him for his mother. The front cover picture will give me many fantasies for a long time. No man should look that good and be inaccessible. I'm glad he married the mother of his children this is what true man hood is about. If you make them take care of them, he has all my respect for that. The book is wonderful so buy it.

I read this book in a couple evenings. It is an easy read and enjoyed it a lot. I respect him for being honest and up front about his mistakes in life and how he is trying to live his life for the Lord and make a difference in the world.

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