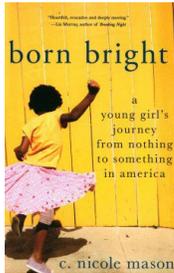


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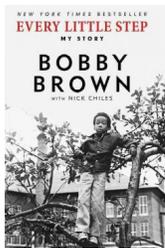
Born Bright : A Young Girl's Journey From Nothing to Something in America

by C. Nicole Mason

The author describes the path she took to escape poverty, after being raised by a 16-year-old single mother in 1970s Los Angeles, and examines the conditions that make it nearly impossible for others

to replicate her journey.

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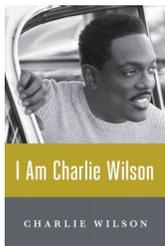
Every Little Step : My Story

by Bobby Brown

Bobby Brown has been one of the most compelling American artists of the past thirty years, a magnetic and talented figure who successfully crossed over many musical genres, including R&B and hip hop, as well as the mainstream. In the late 1980s, the former front man of New

Edition had a wildly successful solo career garnering multiple hits on the Billboard top ten list, as well as several Grammy, American Music, and Soul Train awards. But Brown put his career on hold to be with the woman he loved--American music royalty Whitney Houston. The marriage between Brown and Houston was perhaps the most closely watched and talked about marriage of the 1990s. Now, for the first time, the world will be able to hear the truth from the mouth of America's "bad boy" himself.

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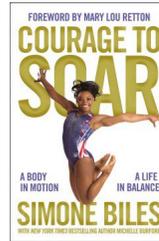


I am Charlie Wilson

by Charlie Wilson

The seven-time Grammy-nominated R&B and funk musician traces his decades-long career, his collaborations with fellow artists, and the role of faith in helping him recover from addiction, cancer, and homelessness.

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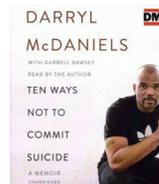


Courage to Soar : A Body in Motion, a Life in Balance

by Simone Biles

Biles relates how her faith and family saw her through challenges, beginning from her childhood in foster care, and shares the professional journey that led to her earning a spot on the 2016 Olympic team.

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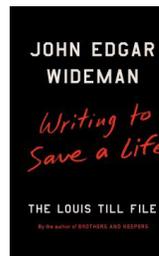
Ten Ways Not to Commit Suicide : A Memoir

by DMC (Darryl McDaniels)

A deeply personal memoir by the legendary rap star and co-founder of Run-D.M.C. shares the story of his battle with depression, revealing how

overwhelming fame culminated in dangerous suicidal thoughts.

B McDaniels, D



Writing to Save a Life : the Louis Till File

by John Edgar Wideman

An award-winning writer traces the lesser-known story of Louis Till, the father of iconic civil rights martyr Emmet Till, tying their fates together to reveal how the father was wrongly convicted for rape and murder before being executed by the

Army a decade before his son's murder.

B Wideman, J



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