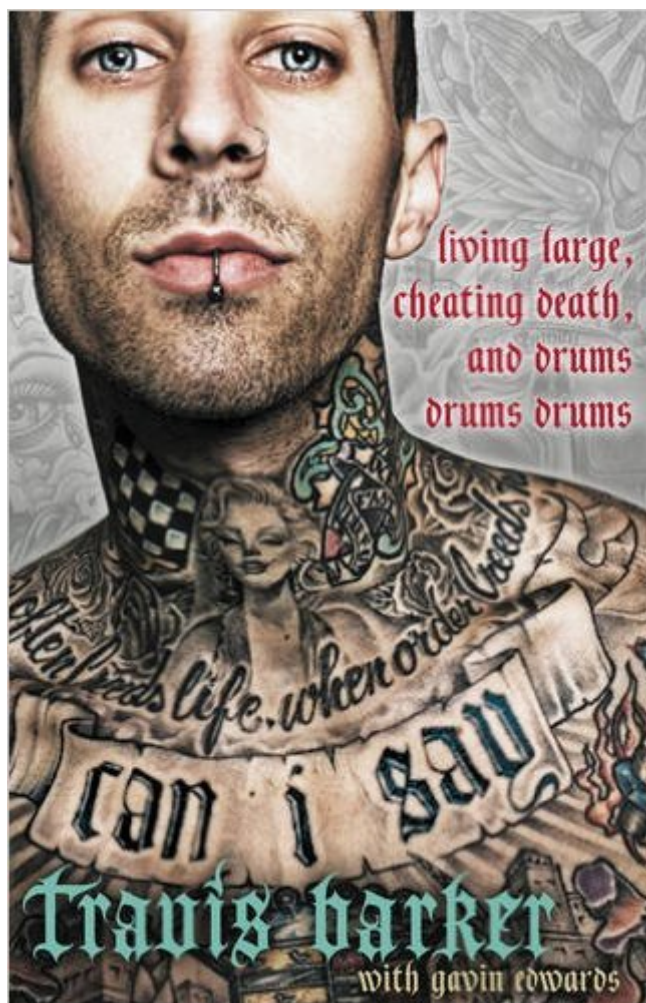


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# Can I Say: Living Large, Cheating Death, And Drums, Drums, Drums



## Synopsis

Travis Barker's soul-baring memoir chronicles the highlights and lowlights of the renowned drummer's art and his life, including the harrowing plane crash that nearly killed him and his traumatic road to recovery—a fascinating never-before-told-in-full story of personal reinvention grounded in musical salvation and fatherhood. After breaking out as the acclaimed drummer of the multiplatinum punk band Blink-182, everything changed for Travis Barker. But the dark side of rock stardom took its toll: his marriage, chronicled for an MTV reality show, fell apart. Constant touring concealed a serious drug addiction. A reckoning did not truly come until he was forced to face mortality: His life nearly ended in a horrifying plane crash, and then his close friend, collaborator, and fellow crash survivor DJ AM died of an overdose. In this blunt, driving memoir, Barker ruminates on rock stardom, fatherhood, death, loss, and redemption, sharing stories shaped by decades' worth of hard-earned insights. His pulsating memoir is as energetic as his acclaimed beats. It brings to a close the first chapters of a well-lived life, inspiring readers to follow the rhythms of their own hearts and find meaning in their lives.

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## Customer Reviews

Travis Barker provides a revealing, frank and inspiring look into a life defined by perseverance, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to both the mastery of one's craft and to one's family and friends. I work at a bookstore and was shelving yesterday morning when I noticed the arrival of Travis Barker's autobiography. Having been a fan of his music for well over half my life, I decided to grab a copy for myself. After cracking it open at 11 pm, I didn't stop reading until I finished the book

around 6 am. I couldn't put it down! He really opens himself, offering a very revealing look into his past, present and future. There doesn't seem to be any holding back either. He talks frankly about his most difficult and darkest times; whether it was love, loss, addiction, or fear. Ultimately, this is really a story about commitment, perseverance, and dedication. It's truly an inspiring read.

This is a good read. Very interesting! His life with Shanna combined with the Hollywood Rockstar formula is an extremely interesting take on celebrity love and marriages. Obviously any blink fan will eat this up, but they will learn that Travis is a go-getter, a talented musician who has collaborated his way to the top. He doesn't take setbacks too seriously but loves his family with emotional depth. His plane crash shook him up, but rightfully so. It really put me in his shoes on how horrific it really was. This guy is a true go-getter and has worked for everything he has gotten.

As Travis Barker says, you can't be old and wise until you've been young and foolish. A blunt, often crude and generally fascinating look behind the rock star curtain. The brilliant drummer falls into the typical traps posed by youth and money and fights for survival, both emotionally and physically. The plane crash and it's aftermath are heartbreaking to observe. An honest and well presented story.

I bought Travis Barker's "Can I Say: Living Large, Cheating Death, and Drums, Drums, Drums" a few weeks ago and was so excited to bring it home from the book store. The book jacket is so striking, but I've gotten in the habit of removing the jackets on hardback books. I took the jacket off and was like, "Damn. Even the spine is dope." I've had a crush on Travis for quite some time, so reading this book was like a reintroduction and more. I'm always drawn to passionate people, then I end up researching and finding out cool things I never would have known simply by enjoying their art (or their faces). I have a soft spot for "artistic intellectuals" and "soft cores with rough edges" and Travis fits snugly into both categories. This book was cool for me because it had so much heart and vulnerability and inspired me to take a break from reading to look up a lot of the songs and music videos that are referenced. Just this morning, I was driving to work bumpin' "Can A Drummer Get Some". The more I read, the more I felt connected to Travis, so I added part of the book jacket to my "Bliss Book" that I carry around with me for motivation and inspiration. Yesterday, from about 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., I sat on the couch reading the book and watching music videos between reading. I felt like when I was reading "The Da Vinci Code" and would stop to look up images and fact-check. I love an experience that causes me to dig deeper and learn more. All in all, the book was easy to digest with the way that it's written. I'm almost sad that I finished it because there's nothing left to read from

Travis' perspective. This book has inspired me in a lot of ways. Travis' work ethic really shines through and he touches on key life practices---like maintaining your physical-mental health balance---that is right on time for me. It's a really dope book from a really dope person who also happens to be really hot.

I'm a HUGE fan of both Blink 182 and Travis Barker. I'm also a HUGE fan of biographies and this one happens to now be included among my absolute favorites! I couldn't put it down. I started listening to Blink 182 around '97. Right around the time "Dude Ranch" was released. Unfortunately, it nearly took til the release of "Enema of the State" in '99 for me to become a life long fan of the group. This also happens to be the time of change from former drummer, Scott to Travis. After seeing Blink in October of '98, they were just the most energetic, fun band I'd witnessed. Luckily for me, there were approximately 50 people total at the show. The following year, AFTER "Enema" was released I got to see them in front of nearly 10,000. Huge difference! Regardless,.... This is one of the best told biographies I've read. Travis pulls no punches when talking about his childhood and adolescent years. His relationship with his parents and two older sisters. He talks about his constant desire to be a drummer and how he never wanted to be anything else. He even went as far as to alter his appearance with tattoos so no one would hire him. Gotta admit, it takes guts to go after something you want like that. Fortunately, he had the only real thing he ever needed: Incredible TALENT! Honestly, you like music? You like awesome, TRUE stories?! You will LOVE this book! Final Verdict: Read! Read! READ!!!!!! Why haven't you bought it already?!

Good book and well written. Despite being a HUGE Blink-182 fan, I had no clue Travis was such a 'rockstar' ... to put it in nice terms. I also had no idea he did so many projects. He's definitely the real deal... great musician with a rockstar life to boot. My only thing is I would have liked to hear more band/music related stuff. The book has a heavy focus on his substance abuse and dealings with women and family. His music career is more or less happening in the background throughout the story. It's all still interesting, I just like the music aspect more.

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