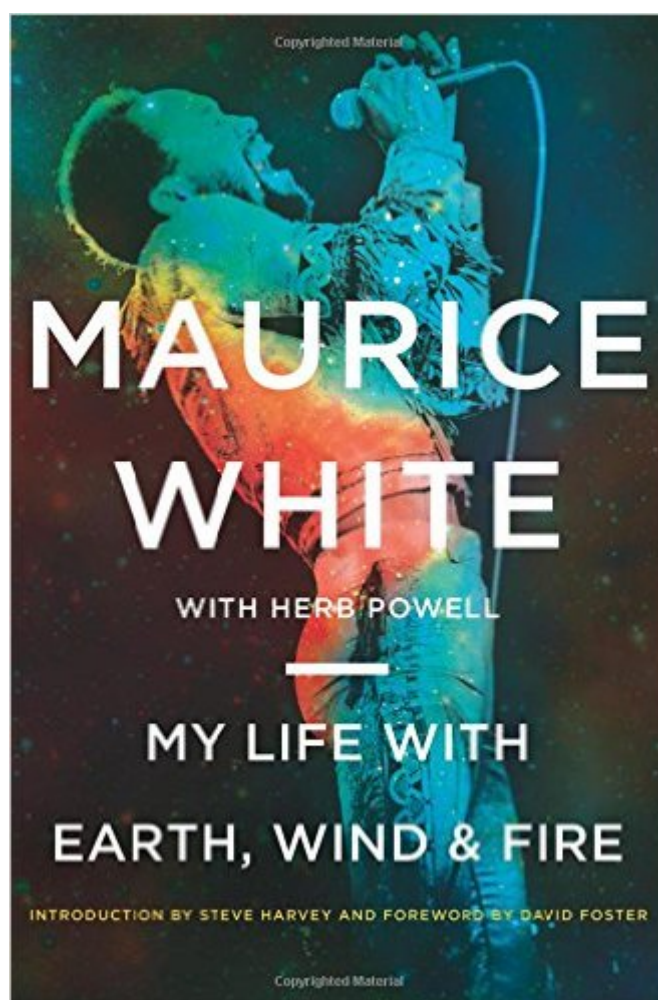


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# My Life With Earth, Wind & Fire



## Synopsis

The late Grammy-winning founder of the legendary pop/R&B/soul/funk/disco group tells his story and charts the rise of his legendary band in this sincere memoir that captures the heart and soul of an artist whose groundbreaking sound continues to influence music today. With an introduction by Steve Harvey and a foreword by David Foster. "To the readers of this book you need to know that EW&F is simply the greatest living group in my lifetime. No one put together lyrics to a melody like they did; no one put harmony to sound and rhythm like they did; no one added horns in the way that they did and no one, but no one messed with our minds about love and life like they did. . . . EARTH because they grow on you; WIND because it moves you in one loving direction and FIRE because they consume your heart in a single flame of love." —Steve Harvey

With its dynamic horns, contrasting vocals, and vivid stage shows, Earth, Wind & Fire was one of the most popular acts of the late twentieth century — the band "that changed the sound of black pop" (Rolling Stone) — and its music continues to inspire modern artists including Usher, Jay-Z, Cee-Lo Green, and Outkast. At last, the band's founder, Maurice White, shares the story of his success. White reflects on the great blessings music has brought to his life and the struggles he's endured: his mother leaving him behind in Memphis when he was four; learning to play the drums with Booker T. Jones; moving to Chicago at eighteen and later Los Angeles after leaving the Ramsey Lewis Trio; forming EWF, only to have the original group fall apart; working with Barbra Streisand and Neil Diamond; his diagnosis of Parkinson's; and his final public performance with the group at the 2006 Grammy Awards. Through it all, White credits his faith for his amazing success and guidance in overcoming his many challenges. *My Life with Earth Wind, and Fire* is an intimate, moving, and beautiful memoir from a man whose creativity and determination carried him to great success, and whose faith enabled him to savor every moment.

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## Customer Reviews

alot of Great artists died this year and cultural icons and they were all felt by me,however the folks that know me, know that Maurice White's death was the toughest in the sense of the joy and the highs his creativity and overall musical out look left on me back in the day and still is felt til this day. its a shame it took his death for a book to come out on him because the impact and legendary nature of earth,wind and fire always spoke to me. this is a must read for fans of earth wind and fire and Maurice White. great to see Steve harvey and David Foster with what they said.

We really lost a treasure when Maurice White passed. The book gives insight on his life and how his experiences shaped the elements Earth Wind & Fire. As a child he experienced racism and colorism. His biological mom wasn't able to care for him so she left him with a woman who took care of him for several years. I admire that as a teenager and young man he understood the importance of taking care of his family and devoted himself to providing black people especially black men with a sense of manhood with dignity through song. He valued his privacy so divulging that he was suffering from Parkinsons Disease was difficult. The author of Herb Powell did an exceptional job in creating Maurice's life story for all to enjoy. The book is truly his "last album" and a touching end to a beautiful soul and powerful legacy. If you are an Earth Wind & Fire fan this book is a must have. THIS BOOK IS EVERYTHING ã Â Â•

I have always loved EW&F it was a part of my childhood, my mother always played their records and when I became an adult I have collected all of their songs. Maurice White had always been a mystery to me, but for some reason I felt if I could ever meet him he would instill in me so many spiritual truths that I had questions about. This book was beautifully written and I binge read it for 2 days straight. After reading this, I felt like I really got to know the real Maurice White. He was a positively beautiful man inside and out. This book is a must read for all diehard EW&F fans. You really feel like you are on the sidelines looking into Maurice White and EW&F's life. You really see and feel all the ups and downs and victories of the band. You even feel all the emotions of Maurice White as he created his "baby" EW&F. I loved this book. I feel inspired by it . I read this book for a reason, it came to me at the right time in my life. I will forever miss Maurice White, he was someone

I wish I could've had deep conversations with, he always kept his head to the sky.

A great book, but could have been greater! Earth Wind & Fire is my favorite group of all time and possibly the "best" musical group of all time! As a true fan, I have been waiting forever for a book that provided deep insights into how they reached the pinnacle with a universal message that touched the mind and soul of so many. And with Maurice White as the founder, leader, maestro, musician and guru, I was expecting to find something that touched my innermost feelings and a way to touch some of what drove him to accomplish what he did against all odds. What we have here is a fascinating read of how he developed more than a just a world class band, dealt with issues of leadership, promoted a band in an industry where respect for what he was doing wasn't truly appreciated by the suits, moved both the music and career of the band forward and a little about the private life of a very public, private person. I understand now, but was not uplifted! This is a good read, but I need something as great as "That's the Way of the World," in book form concerning the band!

Candidly written! A shy man with an amazing talent who educates the reader of how he became the consummate artist, a warm and driven human being, and a lover of the spirit. Amen to you Maurice White. Rest Peacefully

A great read and excellent keepsake for a true EWF fan. But most of all, a touching insight of a musical genius seeking his truth as a man. He never gave up in faith, spiritual growth and brought meaningful music to the world - then, now and forever!!!

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