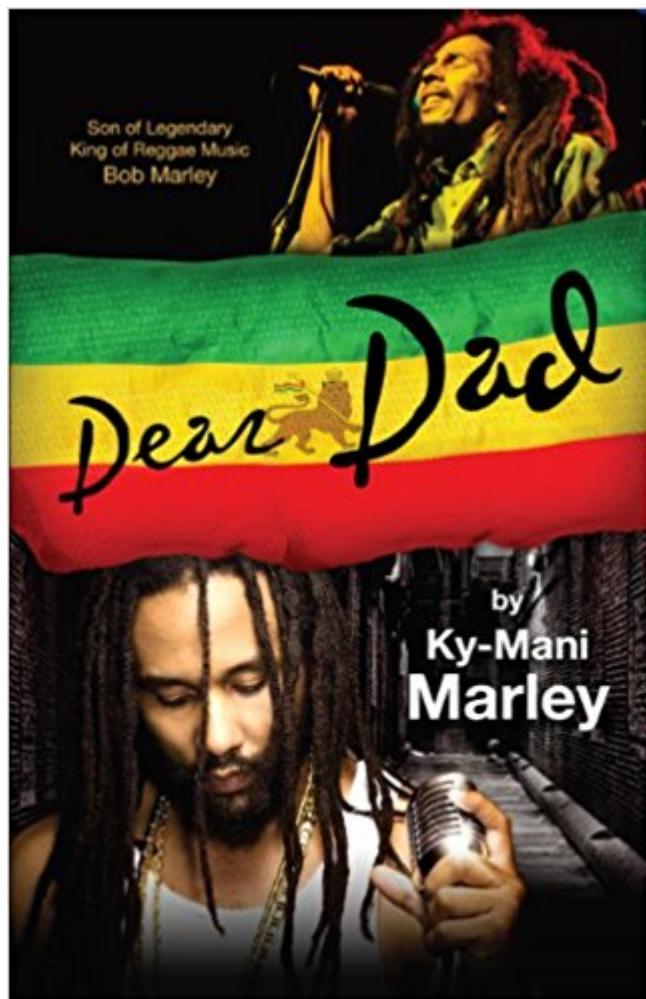


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## Dear Dad



## Synopsis

The Marley surname perpetuates Jamaican royalty, resonates from worldwide recognition and represents the pioneer of a cultural, political and social revolution. In the near-thirty years since the death of the world's greatest reggae-music icon, music lovers, truth seekers, and a new generation of social-activists alike have flocked to the musical catalog of Bob Marley like new believers on a pilgrimage for soul inspiration. Though Marley's iconic life was cut short before his time, his legacy lives on as vibrantly as it did when he walked among us. This is not only true because of his timeless music, but because of the musical genius of the extraordinary children he left behind. Born in Falmouth, Jamaica in 1976 as the tenth son of legendary reggae icon Bob Marley, Ky-Mani Marley discovered his musical talents late in life, rising to become an international music artist and film actor. Ky-Mani has not only written and performed songs of redemption around the world, like his famous father, but has lived and survived to recant his own personally redemptive story in the face of some very stark urban realities unbefitting any human, let alone a 'Marley.' Dear Dad, is an arresting narrative of a son locked out of his iconic father's shelter for the first half of his life and forced to survive the poverty-stricken, predator-infested streets of one of Miami's most violent ghettos, Liberty City. Initially estranged from his siblings and cut off from any financial benefit of the Marley Estate, young Ky-Mani's gritty ascent from a bullet-riddled life to the world stages he now commands as a Grammy-nominated recording artist are chronicled in this gripping biography. Today a dedicated father and family man traveling to all corners of the world, performing no less than 100 shows per year, Marley knew he'd reached a plateau of transformation in his life when he was named 'Philanthropist of the Year' by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Better World Awards. His life is truly a 'redemption song.'

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## Customer Reviews

Ky-Mani Marley, is a Grammy nominated reggae-music artist, film actor and son to legendary reggae icon Bob Marley. Born in Falmouth, Jamaica in 1976, his road to the world stage was wrought with challenge and even poverty growing up on the streets of Miami, Florida. Estranged to his 10 other siblings and family fortune early in his life, Ky-Mani fatefully discovered his inherent musical talent and arose to record 4 critically acclaimed albums, including the mega-hit entitled "Dear Dad". Marley now is a father, family-man and sought-after reggae artist traveling to all corners of the world doing no less than 100-shows a year world-wide. 'Che Guevara, Jim Morrison, John Lennon, Bob Marley, The Beatles these are names that refuse to fade out. No generation gap can lower their popularity. They will always remain a symbol of youth.'Times of India

I read this in about a week leading up to the Marley documentary that is now out. I have been a Bob Marley fan for a very long time, and follow old and current Marley (family) and Wailers news as it comes. I give credit to Ky-Mani for writing this book. The writing style is more like him directly talking to you and it is very repetitive in many spots. That aside it is a decent story even if your a long time fan in general. I wish it went more into the politics behind the family and the name. Even with all the press for the new film there are Marley's missing that I thought for sure would have been present in promoting the film or maybe even been a part of the film. I wonder what Bob is thinking looking down at all of this, while the family has done many good things in his name to carry on what he started, there is at the same time many times where I am sure he can't help but shake his head at all the foolishness. Like Ky-Mani said, they are all brothers and sisters and should come together as one, despite what they were taught growing up. Taking another page from the film, which I also think sums up Ky-Mani's book is when it's said that Bob didn't write a will because that just wasn't him, and that's when you see who is really who and who comes out kicking and punching for every little thing they can get.

I didn't know Kymani Marley had a book out but I quickly purchased it. You know how you get hooked in your purchases :) This book is so real that I couldn't put it down. I love the way Kymani tells his story and it's as if you are sitting with him and he is telling you how things went down with

him. You are able to imagine what his personality is like. I was really surprised at the information he shared about his experience growing up and being the "black sheep" I was really moved and just wanted to write him a letter letting him know he is going to be okay and give him a big hug (I know that is silly but it moved me that much). I was especially moved by his experience the day of his father's death and funeral. Being a Jamaica Native myself, when a famous person dies it is true that you will hear the funeral on your neighbor's radio, tv, outside speakers and you have no escape (like when Ranny Williams a famous Jamaican comedian died). It's just broadcasted everywhere. So I felt sad that Kymani had to experience that when his dad died. There were some repetitive talk about his growing up etc which in a book I feel the repetitions can be filled with more information on his life versus repeating the same information in almost every chapter (growing up in the streets, hustlin, etc). But it also showed a side to him that was very appealing, he expresses himself deeply. Attractive actually. I wouldn't mind just sitting and listening to him, while twisting his locks.

LOL!!! Great book. I see there is some controversy now regarding the content, but I feel if it's true deal with it. Kymani is only expressing his pain the way he knows how and that should be respected. Period. Great Book!!!!

This book was hyped as something it wasn't. It gave info about Ky-man and his mother and some of his relationship with his brothers. It was not really a letter to his father. I am still curious about a lot of things. I read that his older brother Rohan received a share of his father's estate and he was an "illegitimate" son. I'm also curious as to why his mother didn't pursue some kind of legal action. Too many unanswered questions in the book. It was more of a venting than a letter to his dad.

I truly enjoyed reading Ky-Mani's story. I am a big Marley fan and have read several books about Bob and the family. Ky-man's story is very different from the stories of many of the other children which is regrettable. I was somewhat disappointed in the behavior of some of Bob's family members toward Ky-man. However, I also know something about Jamaican culture, so I really did not find the behavior to be all that surprising in some respects. The main thing I enjoyed about the book is not only did I find it interesting to learn more about Ky-man and through him learning more about Bob, but I found myself thinking about some of life's lessons that Ky-man speaks of learning and found the ability to apply many of the lessons to my own life. Very interesting and entertaining book.

Ky-Mani really tells it like it is. He comes across as being quite sincere and frank. In other words you get his meaning very clearly when he talks about his childhood and adolescence. He also seems to

be still struggling with some of the issues concerning his relationship with his Marley family. But, at least he has decided to be open about his side of the story and is seeking harmony in his life for the people that he cares about. He is also devoted to the people who appreciate HIS music and his particular style of expression. Ky-Mani appears to be a very warm and loving individual but also one you would not want to cross. He has remarkable insight and is able to put much of his feelings of being rejected by the Marley's into perspective. I personally think they are all very talented in their own way, but Ky-Mani seems grounded in who he is as a person with a strong determination to survive with body and soul in tact. Captivating reading! Jah Bless Ky-Mani

Book gives a glimpse into KyMani's life as a son of the legend, Bob Marley. KyMani's talks about living in poverty with his mother and extended relatives. He speaks in detail about his relationship with his siblings; and how he was treated differently from his other siblings. KyMani's speaks in detail about how he his music career. The book at times gets repetitive but the reader gets to see that the Marley Family is not perfect. If you are a fan of KyMani's I recommend reading the book.

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