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# Who Is Elton John? (Who Was...?)



## **Synopsis**

How does a little boy from the London suburbs named Reginald Kenneth Dwight grow up to become one of the biggest pop stars of all time? A lot of talent and a lot of personality! Elton John, as he would later call himself, started playing piano at the age of three. Although he was trained to play classical music, Elton's real love was rock and roll. He cut his first album in 1969 and has dominated the airwaves ever since with songs like "Your Song," "Crocodile Rock" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight." Known for his outlandish stage costumes and giant glasses, Elton John continues to write songs for Broadway musicals, Hollywood soundtracks, and Top-40 hits.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

We love this series of biographies and historical events. My kids have been reading them since age 7 or so. This book about Elton John had some editing issues that made a few parts confusing (i.e. He is referred to as Reggie, his birth name, until page 30, when they accidentally call him Elton in one sentence, Reggie in the next and then describe his name change in the next paragraph. It felt like there were some sentences missing.) For the following reasons, I would not recommend this book for young children. Parents should be prepared to discuss and answer questions about the following big topics with their children: divorce, weight loss/diet pills, homosexuality, drug & alcohol

abuse, AIDS/AIDS crisis among men, Soviet Russia and the Iron Curtain, death of Diana, charitable causes, "civil partnerships" and gay marriage. Despite at least 3 editing errors, it is well-written and a good summary of his life and accomplishments and would aid young people in a cultural understanding of a pop icon.

I love this book but in some parts I was a little confused at some parts, but otherwise I liked this book and I thought that Elton John's life was kind of interesting. I would recommend this book. Written by a 9 year old.

I had to put something, hence the 1 star. I bought it as a gift.

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