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## Ella Fitzgerald (Up Close)



## Synopsis

The name 'Ella Fitzgerald' brings to mind a silky voice crooning jazz standards. The First Lady of Song earned her nickname by touring almost nonstop for over fifty years, winning thirteen Grammys, and recording album after album. But who was the woman behind the name? How did a teenage runaway become a renowned jazz singer? Long after her homeless days, Ella remained insecure?she often suffered stage fright. Yet she was a born performer, able to improvise lyrics and record songs in single takes. She even seemed more comfortable on stage than off, and close friends found her hard to truly know. Tanya Lee Stone's *Up Close* biography delivers several never-before-published details of this intensely private, legendary singer's life.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a great way to learn about ella fitzgerald

The book was a disappointment. I had just seen Ella the musical and she was superb. She dealt with her life story enough to make me curious. I wanted a biography and felt this really missed the

mark.

WE RECENTLY SAW THE PLAY ABOUT ELLA IN PITTSBURGH AND WERE VERY INFORMED AND ENTERTAINED. THAT PLAY TOLD US MORE ABOUT HER THAN THIS BOOK. THIS BOOK MUST HAVE BEEN WRITTEN FOR A CHILDREN'S AUDIENCE.

I bought this book for my 9 year old daughter, and she loved it. I agree with the starred review from Kirkus, and thought that the writing was clear and age-appropriate. I remembered that the author included information about the foundation in the book, went back and checked, and did find some info on 172-173 about the foundation. Both my daughter and I learned lots of new information about Ella's life.

Ms. Stone has undertaken to present a new biography of Miss Ella Fitzgerald, the beloved "First Lady of Song". Although Miss Fitzgerald died in 1996 (from complications of Diabetes), her music lives on through her many, many recordings. So this book will give the new generation of music lovers some much-needed background information. I do wish, though, that Ms. Stone had included a little information about the charitable foundation that Ella established in 1993, and a link to the Foundation website would have been nice! Fran E. Morris Rosman Executive Director The Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation Los Angeles, California [...]

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