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She's the kind of media personality that artists love -- because she builds them up -- and fear -- because she can bring them down. She's interviewed many of the biggest names in entertainment -- including Jennifer Lopez, Whitney Houston, Queen Latifah, and many more -- and is known for her ability to disarm and get them to reveal their secrets. Known also as the "biggest mouth in New York," she is candid as well in discussing her own drama-filled life -- including her public struggles to recover from drug addiction, her miscarriages, being forced out of her job, and rehired to a top spot in radio.

Her story begins in a conservative middle-class black family in predominately white Ocean Township, New Jersey, far from the glitz and grit of urban and hiphop culture. Her family sent her to college more with the intention of seeing her become a respected journalist, wife, and mom than launch a successful career in one of the most male-dominated and competitive media industries of all. Now, it's Wendy's turn to talk about herself; a chance to laugh, cry, and reflect on the woman she was to becoming the woman she is now, the "Queen of Urban Radio."





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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Drug addiction, divorce, miscarriages, infidelity-such is the stuff of gripping biography-but the story of Williams' rise to radio fame is less than the sum of its parts, at least as it's told here. Williams, a deejay on New York R&B and hip-hop station WBLS, is something of a rarity in the industry: a top-rated African-American woman. She relates that she always felt like an outsider: "I was the black girl in a practically allwhite school. And among the handful of blacks, I was the 'white girl,' the outcast." But she was sure great things were ahead. "I knew that one day my being different would pay off," she writes. While Williams goes on to explain that her success came through hard work and dedication, she doesn't show the nitty-gritty of her job-how a studio operates, how she came up with her style, what she actually does at work-which is a shortcoming in a book about a radio personality. Instead, Williams offers a very readable but standard-issue confessional autobiography, told in a smooth vernacular; she relates her long-term drug abuse, which began with marijuana in college and progressed to cocaine; her problems with men; her desire for happiness and success. The story might be inspirational for some, but it's not always deeply analytical: her drug use, for example, helps her realize that "getting high with muthafuckas doesn't do anything for you except give people something to talk about or worse. Nobody's going to stick around if something goes down. And nobody's got your back." This is an worthy tale, but it's best suited to serious Williams fans, who will welcome information on her hard-won sobriety, her liposuction and breast implants, her love for her son and her tips for keeping a man.

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Review

Amy DuBois Barnett *Honey magazine* Wendy Williams, the controversial host of a New York City afternoon radio show, is another great example of resilience and determination. With the incredible success of her daily program -- full of celebrity dish and frank advice -- Wendy is at the top of her game....The best part? Wendy achieved her success by being herself. -- *Review*

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Wendy Williams, a graduate of Northeastern University, lives in New York with her husband and son.

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