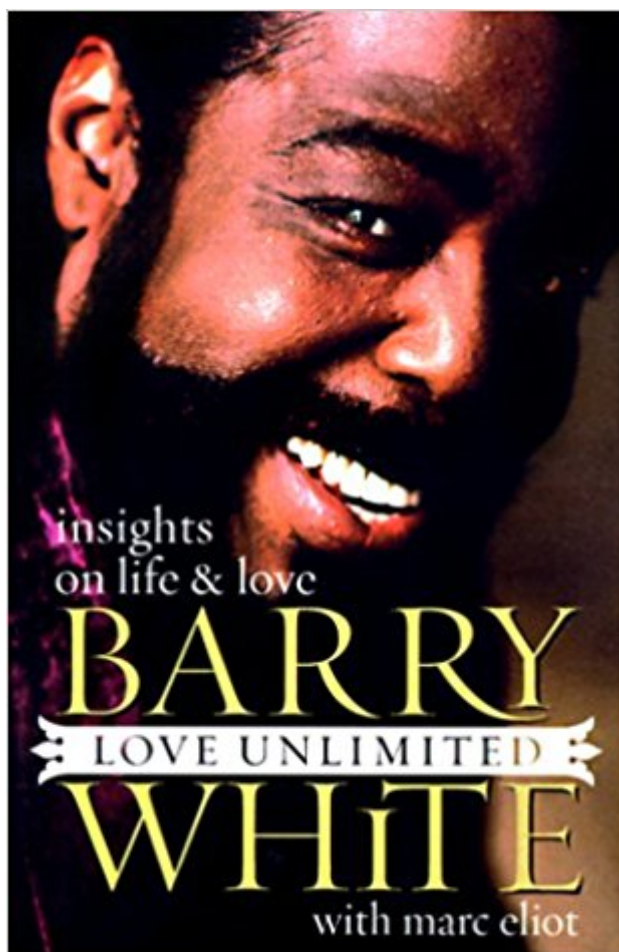


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Love Unlimited: Insights On Life And Love



Synopsis

"I see a world of beauty and perfection, and I strive through my music to spread that vision, to help make this planet we call home a better, more desirable place for us to love one another, to procreate, and to keep our spirits renewed." In his much anticipated memoir, Barry White, the international pop and R&B legend whose music has carried countless couples from first kisses to the walk down the aisle, takes his legendary singing voice from the airwaves to the page. With honesty, warmth, and his signature sensuality, White recounts his rough road to superstardom and shares his deepest feelings and wise philosophy. Born into the tough streets of South Central Los Angeles to a single mother, Barry ran with the "oldest, baddest, and most envied" gang and was hooked on fighting, drinking, and stealing when he wound up in Juvenile Hall at age sixteen. While behind bars, he had a life-shaking epiphany that changed the direction of his life. From that moment on Barry vowed to get and stay on a straight, hardworking path and fulfill his dream of making music. He dropped out of school and literally walked to Hollywood to make his fortune. *Love Unlimited* follows Barry from his hungry years as a jack of all trades, struggling to support a wife and four small children, to his first professional gig in the music business as a talent spotter; from his breakthrough producing the girls he named Love Unlimited to his own emergence into the international spotlight as a producer, songwriter, and singer renowned for his deep bass and gift for articulating the needs and desires of both men and women. At every step, the Maestro offers heartfelt reflections on self-pride and perseverance, the bonds of family and friendship, the key elements to keeping a lover happy, and the true meaning of ecstasy. Barry also explores the relationships that have inspired him--from his profound love of his mother, who bought him his first piano, his brother, who didn't have music to save him, his love Glodean, and his children, to his ultimate love, Lady Music. He also discusses his relationships with such legends and luminaries as Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson, Muhammed Ali, and Maxine Waters. Featuring intimate, behind-the-scenes photographs, a complete discography, and some of his favorite lyrics, *Love Unlimited* is Barry's ultimate love song for his fans.

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Customer Reviews

Barry White is not a man who does things half-heartedly. When he loves, he loves with his whole being; when he makes music, he pulls out all the stops; and when he writes his autobiography, he packs it full of life lessons, explanations of the inspiration behind his songs, and meditations on the nature of Love. Though he authored this book with writing partner Marc Eliot, fans of White's lyrics will not be disappointed by Love Unlimited's prose style. "The power in my music comes from the way I try to deliver what I believe is the power of love," White explains, "All of my songs essentially give out the same message, from me to you--I am, you are, and it is." Though Love Unlimited covers White's gangbanger youth and brief stint in juvenile detention, his essential, positive outlook keeps him from dwelling too long on the bad times--he's much more effusive about his lifelong affair with Lady Music. It is in regard to White's human affairs that the book delivers its real surprises--a man who has earned the nickname "Guru of Love" and who routinely has house keys mailed to him by adoring fans might be justified in a few racy escapades, but White portrays himself as a family man and even a bit of a homebody, preferring to devote himself to one special lady at a time. Overall, White comes off as an immensely likable, stand-up guy who just happens to have a god-given ability to talk to women. (Even as a teen, he played Cyrano for his brother's phone calls to young women and counseled neighborhood couples in trouble.) You too may benefit from the deeply romantic, common-sense advice White sprinkles throughout the book. So run yourself a bubble bath, light some scented candles, put on your favorite Barry White album, and sink in to Love Unlimited. --Ali Davis

Lovers everywhere surely owe a debt to Barry White, a deep-voiced R&B singer, songwriter and producer whose body of work represents a kind of holy grail of romance. In this entertaining book Apart show-biz autobiography, part self-help A White expands on the philosophy behind such soulful hits as "Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe" and "You're the First, the Last, My

Everything." White's story originates with a gang-banging childhood in South Central Los Angeles, in which a brief stint in juvenile hall for stealing tires caused him to turn his life around. After breaking into the music business first as a studio musician and then in an A&R position with Mustang Bronco Records, White began managing, producing and writing for the all-female trio Love Unlimited, whose first album went gold. Although he claims he had no desire to become a recording artist himself, White was eventually persuaded that the voice most capable of singing a Barry White love song was his own distinctive bass. His 1973 debut album, *I've Got So Much to Give*, spawned White's first hit single, "I'm Gonna Love You Just a Little More, Baby." Twenty-one solo albums later, White is an international icon whose songs are renowned for being both unabashedly sentimental and undeniably sensual. White's personal history at times serves merely as a pretext for advice on love, courtship and self-empowerment, written in his own singular, lyrical style. "Use your power to love wisely, ladies," he suggests at one point. What this book lacks in personal revelation, it makes up for in tone, for in the end what matters most is the voice: brashly confident, warmly soothing and unmistakably Barry White's. (Oct.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Producer/arranger/composer/singer Barry White has now added "author" to his long list of accomplishments and what a "first time" it is. White, along with co-author Marc Eliot, has written a very revealing look at his past that should prove satisfying to his millions of fans. He also offers suggestions for establishing meaningful relationships with that "significant other" in one's life. White's insight into the machinations of the respective record companies for which he has worked in his long career will make the reader pity how the "heads" of these giants abuse their employees just for the sake of profit. White, never bitter about any misfortune that has befallen him, writes in a simple, yet effective, journalistic style. Some of his sentences read like the passionate lines that are so common to his "bedroom music." The accompanying discography at the book's end is a welcome addition. On a more personal note, it revealed to me how big a Barry White fan that I am. Of the 40 titles (White as solo artist, the Love Unlimited Orchestra, and the girl group Love Unlimited) that Mr. White has had a hand in, I own 36 of them. And I will probably add the remaining to make my collection complete.

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Tells about Barry White and his rise to fame from the ghetto and gang life of Los Angeles and beyond. Told by himself Barry in his own words he also brings his philosophy of life to bear in this

easy read autobiography. Highly recommended to older fans or interested new to be fans.---- Rick Blaine (of Casablanca fame)

What an awesome piece of work! It's been quite a while since I've read a book in only a few days. I've always loved Barry's music and of course his voice. It's unfortunate that he is no longer with us on this side, but as he did with his music, he gave his all from the heart in this book. Whether you are single and waiting on your soul mate or whether you are married, Barry gave insight on it all.

buy it now dont hesitate. Life lessons!--Cosmo Setepenra, author of "The Laws of The Cosmos: Wisely Follow or Blindly Suffer" and "The Cosmo Way"

Loved this candid and honest memoir of one of my favorite singers!!!! Barry had a tough life though.

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