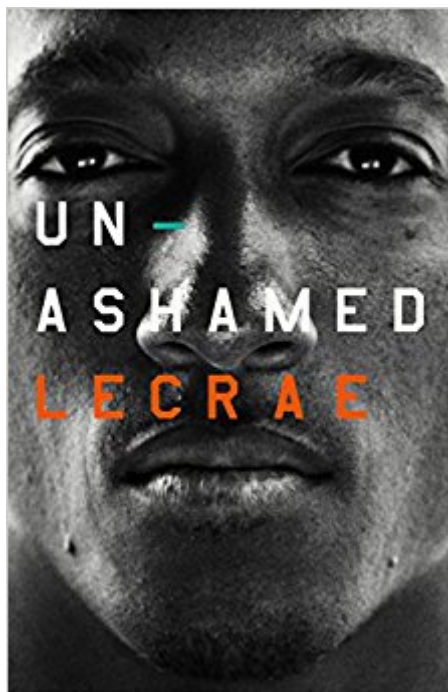


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If you live for people's acceptance, you'll die from their rejection. Two-time Grammy winning rap artist, Lecrae, learned this lesson through more than his share of adversity—childhood abuse, drugs and alcoholism, a stint in rehab, an abortion, and an unsuccessful suicide attempt. Along the way, Lecrae attained an unwavering faith in Jesus and began looking to God for affirmation. Now as a chart-topping industry anomaly, he has learned to ignore the haters and make peace with his craft. The rap artist holds nothing back as he divulges the most sensitive details of his life, answers his critics, shares intimate handwritten journal entries, and powerfully models how to be a Christian in a secular age. This is the story of one man's journey to faith and freedom. Learn more at Lecrae.com and UnashamedBook.com. *Cover/Interior design by Alex Medina, photography by Mary Caroline Mann

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"Lecrae's story is as real as it gets. The rawness, pain, and brutal honesty make it a tremendously gripping read, but the sheer beauty of his journey to redemption makes it something you'll want to share with others, and I certainly hope you will. This book will change lives."—Eric Metaxas, New York Times Bestselling author of *Bonhoeffer and Miracles*

"Knowing Lecrae's unique story and gifts, this book has been a long time coming and is essential to not only those interested in his music and hip-hop, but also those wanting to better understand the intersection between faith and culture and what it looks like to be in the world but not

of it. — Matt Chandler, lead Pastor of The Village Church, President of the Acts 29, author of *The Mingling of Souls* — "This is an artistic coming-of-age story with all the brokenness and beauty of our American reality and our Christian hope. It's not just the story of how a boy became a man, or how a lost soul found faith, but how an artist found his voice. There's so much here for those who care about the intersection of deep faith with great art. Lecrae is showing the rest of us how it is done." Andy Crouch, executive editor, Christianity Today, author of *Culture Making* — "If you love beautiful music, powerful stories, or the Lord Jesus Christ, you will not be able to put this book down. Lecrae doesn't hold back in *Unashamed*; there is no "Christian-ese" or posturing in this memoir. Instead, he takes the reader through his grace-filled journey from abandonment to community, from brokenness to wholeness, from a life lost in the world to one found in the arms of God. This must-read book is for hip-hop heads and believers, artists and seekers, and anyone who wants to know more about one of the most compelling artists of our time. I expect that millions of people will read this book, discover more about Lecrae, and be inspired to walk with Jesus themselves, unashamed." Joshua DuBois, spiritual advisor to President Obama, author of *The President's Devotional*, and founder of Values Partnerships — "Historically, hip-hop has been used to express sexuality, frustration, materialism, and even violence. But this is the amazing story of how one brilliant young artist, my friend Lecrae, transformed a powerful music style into a tool for sharing God's love, fulfilling God's purposes, and glorifying God's name. — I love and respect Lecrae because of his authenticity and his courage. His raw lyrics are snapshots from his own heart and God has used his honesty to reach audiences who'd never listen to so-called 'church' music. In order to be what God wants him to be, Lecrae has been willing to push limits and break through boundaries. He's a modern-day prophet, purpose-driven rather than popularity-driven, or prosperity-driven. — You've heard his music; now you can learn about his life's experiences that made Lecrae the great Christian artist and leader he is today. I promise you, regardless of the kind of music you listen to, you'll love this book." — Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life* and *The Hope You Need* — "From extreme humble beginnings to what many would describe as a dream platform, Lecrae puts his journey in perspective. He recognizes all too well the identity crisis and this generation's need to be unashamed of the gospel. I recommend this book for whomever is interested in seeing how God is authoring the journey of a fatherless generation in need of the navigator." Eric Mason, lead pastor, Epiphany Fellowship, author of *Unleashed* — "Honest. Rare. Freeing. Lecrae is one of the most talented people I know. His story will leave you inspired and

challenged. Unashamed reminds us just how powerful the Gospel is. Jesus turns our scars into our stories. This is a story you will want to read!"Louie Giglio, Passion City Church / Passion Conferences, author of *À Â The Comeback*"Lecrae has never fit in any boxes, and in this book he once again breaks the mold to create an identity all his own—*À* the hip hop artist as worldview thinker. The book starts by relating the emotionally turbulent, completely absorbing story of his life, and ends by presenting his innovative thoughts on a Christian worldview approach to hip hop. Lecrae continues to be a delightfully unpredictable anomaly."Nancy Pearcey, author, *Total Truth and Finding Truth*"It's a rare privilege to see a prophetic story unfold before your very eyes. When it does, you pay attention. Lecrae's *Unashamed* gives us the raw account of a rare leader stirred by the heart of God to shape culture by creating it."Gabe Lyons, Q, author of *Good Faith*

Lecrae *À* is a Grammy award winning hip-hop artist whose 2014 album, *À Â Anomaly*, debuted at #1 on the Billboard Top 200, Rap, Digital, Christian, Gospel, and Independent charts. His seven studio albums and mixtapes have sold more than 1.5 million copies. Lecrae has been nominated for five Grammy Awards, including a win in 2013 for Best Gospel Album and Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song in 2015, as well as won seven Dove Awards, secured one Billboard Music Award nomination, won two Soul Train Music Awards and a BET Hip Hop Awards nomination. Lecrae resides in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife and three children.

In *UNASHAMED*, his first book, rapper Lecrae offers his testimony, the story of God's transformation in his own life. A deftly written memoir that narrates his story in a matter-of-fact tone, Lecrae doesn't hype up parts of his story, nor does he undersell himself. As an example, consider the opening chapter, in which he tells the somewhat awkward story of the 2015 Grammy Awards. He is there to be honored, but is largely ignored by the other artists and event attendants. He tells this story as an example of a central theme of his life: "I didn't fit in." As the son of a single mother, he experiences many of challenges of the urban world — drugs, sex, violence — and yet he is driven to succeed and ultimately does not allow these things to own him. *UNASHAMED* is a powerful story of God's transformation, and at the same time offers firsthand insight into the realities faced by young, black men in the twenty-first century. Ultimately, Lecrae's story is one of hope, will resonate with many readers who struggle for a taste of hope in their daily lives.

Lacrae has the courage to talk about real core issues..Loved his testimony and how unashamed he becomes to Glorify all that God is and has done! Which is what I needed.. To learn to be unashamed, man that alone takes the yoke off! Through this book Lacrae helped me better understand myself, my faith and gave me an understanding on how to be a better Christian who loves God and Christ and how to use that love for the world and all those I encounter. I'm over being religious .. I fail every time! This book gave me the perspective I needed to love as Christ loves ! God bless you Lacrae and thank you for being faithful to Gods calling , despite of !

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This beautifully vulnerable autobiography is filled with insights into a few wildly different sub cultures very view even want, let alone attempt, to understand. While the writing is direct, it is never simplistic - with a story like this, it couldn't be.The volume begins by examining the woes of a young, fatherless boy whose childhood endured more time zones than truly positive male role models. Then, moves into the staggeringly different, yet all to familiar frustrations of college life with all of its daring/dangerous opportunities and abused freedoms. Lastly, Lecrae allows us to delve into the pysche of a genuine pioneer in the music industry (i.e. his music is profound, positive, pensive, and - believe it or not - popular; making him an anomaly amongst standouts in the entertainment universe)(e.g. think Bono of the rap world, but even better).As he struggles with the intricate blessing/curse of popularity and a powerful, lingering fear of abandonment, Mr. Moore ushers us behind the veil, into a world of faith and fear, courage and criticism, power and pain. Unique among superstar autobiographies, Unashamed doesn't shy away from or glory in penetrating personal problems; rather, it stands us in front of them and allows us to consider their merit - then turn that examination on ourselves.Never a dull moment, this title caused me to brush all others aside until I finished its 200 page journey. I can't imagine anyone being disappointed by this incredible life story and the beautiful Truth it unfolds.

Purchased this book for my 10 year daughter for her 10th Birth in May, she is huge Lecrae fan. She loves the book and learned many life lessons from reading it. We had many family discussions as she would ask questions about of the content. Discussions about the content also prompted some reference to scriptures and family Bible discussion. I also ordered the Kindle version, so that my husband and I would be reading it along with her. This book have been such a blessing for our family. Thank you Lecrae for having the courage to share your story, and for being unashamed.

God will continue to bless your ministry and and enlarge your territory.

I have always loved Lecrae, his music is always different from the norm, he spoke truth, life and reality in his lyrics which made me gravitate to his music from the day I got saved. This book had me like wow If God can do it for Lecrae he can do it for my brother and I am inspired too where I struggle with my identity and this book just reminds me God still has a plan for me and being set apart is because he wants me to be. The ending had me in tears I really didn't want the book to finish Dang!!! Book of the year for me.

What I liked about the book is the transparency. Too many books leave the reader feeling happy for the writer's transformation but no roadmap for their own. I felt empowered to be me. Different was good. I chose the book because of the titled and an interview Lecrae gave on Chasing Justice's podcast celebrating MLK day. I gave it five stars because it crossed barriers and spoke to the heart. I would recommend this to anyone on a journey to self discovery. I am a Christian and it caused me to ask what is my biblical worldview?

This was a book chosen by one of our book club members. It was interesting and introduced me to Lecrae, and his music. Would suggest this book to anyone who likes bios, and want to know more about Lecrae and his life. Encouraging personal story might help others with questions about religion, faith and grappling with life's challenges.

Read it in one sitting, couldn't put it down. Reading through it again taking notes. I appreciate Lecrae's bold honesty where he has been, where he is now and his surrender to go where God leads. Blessed to have a talented rapper who is a Christian sharing his beats with the world. Somebody asked me once several years ago in academia, "Why do you like rap music? It is the music of oppressed people groups globally." I've always been drawn in to rap so I've thought alot about that question... if that's true...I think Jesus would be rapping too...the book is worth the money and the read.....because I hear authors sometimes read their reviews.....thank you for what you do Lecrae and family. I've read alot of celeb autobiographies and memoirs and they end empty, there's salt and light at the end of this book.

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