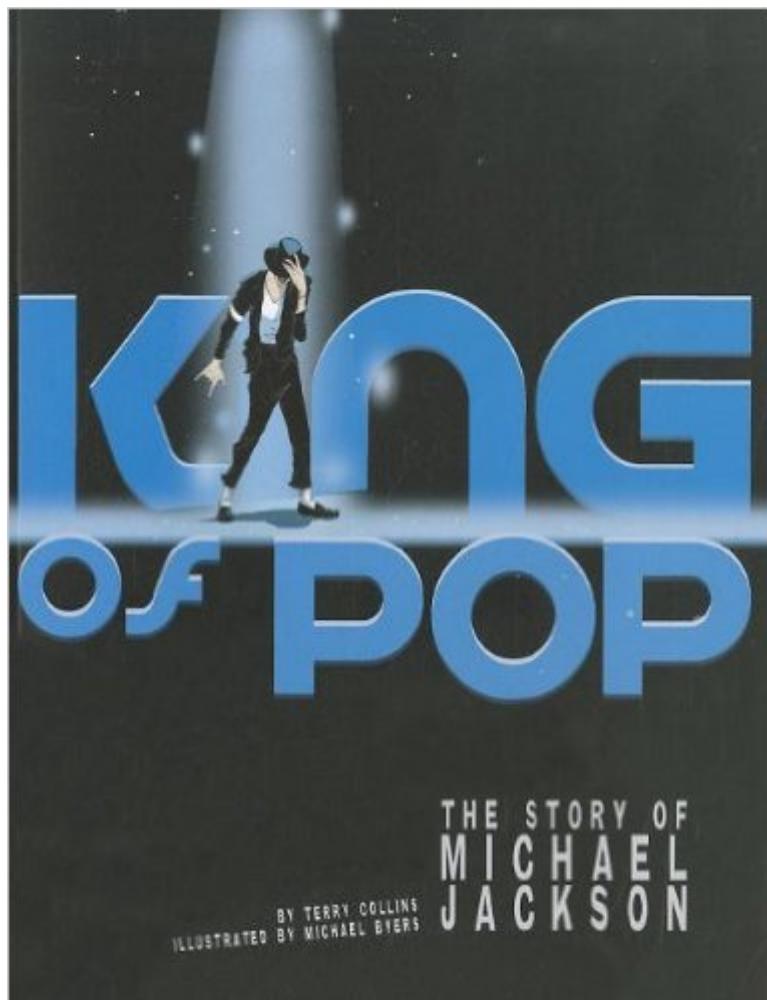


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# King Of Pop: The Story Of Michael Jackson (American Graphic)



## Synopsis

In the 1960s, Michael Jackson was just a young boy with a dream. By the time he died in 2009, he was a record setting musician and an international pop icon. Follow Michaels journey growing up in the tumultuous music industry. Watch him strive for greatness and witness the legacy he has left on the world.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I borrowed this from the library for my 8-year-old daughter who is a huge MJ fan. Of course, she read it cover to cover as soon as I handed it to her. I think it's compelling and good for kids to see some of the struggles he went through as an emerging artist. I hope that it encouraged her to stand up for being true to herself and her art, which is what I think this is about. Unlike the other reviewer, I don't think mentioning his addictions would have been appropriate--not because children should be lied to but because it's just kind of a complicated issue for little kids to grasp. You know, if you feel your petite artiste might have some addiction issues in the future, as many artists do, then it would be a good idea to use MJ as an example of how very creative people tend to self-medicate and how to prevent that from happening. My kids know what drugs are but talking about addictions in someone who hated himself when he was such an amazing person--well, that seems like something parents and educators should talk to kids about, not something you can explain in a children's book.

This book is about how one of the greatest artists of our time stayed true to his art. As far as what the other reviewer stated about it not talking about his charities or being made an easy target in the media, the book actually mentions both.

I was really disappointed in this book. As a library media specialist, I expected more of it for my students although what can you really expect for five bucks? Michael Jackson led such an interesting and complicated life. I'm not saying that we need to tell young children every little detail of every trial Michael had, but nor should we sugar coat a person's entire life. A graphic novel is an excellent way to get young or reluctant readers to read, but let's make sure we are giving them all the facts. Let's see more about growing up, the charity work he did, how being such a pop icon made him an easy target for accusations, and how a horrible addiction ended his life. I'm not saying it should go into graphic detail, but come on people, there is nothing worse than lying to kids!

Bought this for my daughter for Christmas. She's going to be so excited!

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