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Bang Bang: My Life In Ink



Synopsis

The celebrity tattoo artist takes fans on a tour through his life and art, combining captivating vignettes and stories with more than one hundred color photos. Justin Bieber, Katy Perry, Rita Ora, Cara Delevingne, Rihanna, and many more of the hottest celebrities in the world have been seen on the red carpet, on concert stages, and in magazine spreads wearing stunning ink created by Keith "Bang Bang" McCurdy, the most in-demand tattoo artist in the entertainment world. Bang Bang's work has taken him across the country and around the globe, to any and every locale a celebrity client may request. From Rihanna's controversial gun tattoos, to inking Justin Bieber at 40,000 feet—a record—each of Bang Bang's tattoos comes with its own epic story. Now, this creative genius invites readers along on his adventures, sharing amazing tales from his life and career. Named for the duel guns tattooed on his neck, Bang Bang began his career in his mom's tiny Delaware kitchen. Self-taught, he practiced with a kit from an art store before eventually moving to New York. Over the past decade, Bang Bang's talent and vision propelled his rise into the spotlight, and today, his fresh, accessible aesthetic draws men and women, tattoo vets and novices alike eager to experience his ultra-fluid and realistic designs created with the finest needles and inks. Bang Bang's visual style transcends the clichés of the tattoo world; he creates a truly different form of art. Filled with engaging personal stories and striking photographs that bring his bold, vibrant designs into detail, Bang Bang is a must-have for Bang Bang fans and tattoo lovers everywhere.

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Customer Reviews

Wow! I Love reading stories of success. This is by far my Favorite to date. Think you had a screwed up childhood, "Now I realize that picking out music to accompany your mom when she takes off her clothes in front of strangers is kind of weird..." This guys story reads like what not to do with your kids. Still Bang Bang shows life is what you make of it, he takes all his "early lessons" and turn them into fuel for his fire. This kid Worked Hard for what he has. People wonder what is the magic answer to success over and over story after story show intense Focus and Desire coupled with Hard work=Success. From Micheal Jordan to Steve Jobs to Bang Bang, yes he fits in with these Top performers, Vogue magazine called Bang Bang the Most Famous Tattoo artist in the world at only 29 years old. From small town boy to tattooing and hanging with Rhianna, Katy Perry, Cara Delevingne, Justine Bieber, and Adele...This is a Must Read for anyone but especially for those young kids out there who need some inspiration! Focus Focus Focus!!!

This is more than a collection of memoirs. This book is a great read and also inspires you to follow your passion. The story is unique, but not unfamilure. Keith takes us on a journey that shows us how to follow our inner journey. Opportunities come to everyone, and Keith talks to us about how he followed his passion for art and had it lead to more than just a career. The stories, artwork and message are well worth the read. Enjoy!

Introspective, funny, and insightful. An easy read filled with one-of-a-kind stories and immaculate photos of art. Though the autobiographical portions of the book are fun to read, the author truly shines when he delves into the craft of tattooing. He tells the technical, mental, and physical elements that go into creating a great tattoo. As someone who admittedly knows little about tattoos, I never felt lost or overwhelmed by the new knowledge.

This book is a must have for artists and non artists alike. It goes into such detail about an industry that many people overlook. The artistry and work involved to create a tattoo is explained perfectly in a wonderfully colloquial manner. Photos and anecdotes make this book one that you don't want to put down until you've read it cover to cover.

What a life, and he is still pretty young yet. This guy tattoos everyone you can think of. My fave was Lenny Kravitz. He also tattoos non-famous people too though. Still, to be so young, accomplished in his craft, and a legend already.... Kevin McCurdy has definitely arrived. I love the tattoos I have.

When I read about artists like Bang Bang, it makes me love them even more. He said something that is resonating through me about tattooing women and how you need to accentuate the beauty, not subtract from it. That's so true. It's all about placement, especially on a woman. I'm a chick with 9 tattoos, but I still like to glam out and go to fine dining restaurants. Tattoos on a woman need to be balanced so they don't take away from your femininity. Bang Bang has mastered this art! He may be among the best in the business, but he strives for better constantly. He never stops learning or challenging himself as an artist. That's why he's a legend. Tattoo fans; read this! Enjoy the wicked photos of his and other artists' work. You will be blown away. Of that I guarantee.

Great and interesting read! I've been hearing about Bang Bang for a while, and following his instagram for years, so it was cool to read a bit up about his life. I'm (hopefully) going to book an appointment at his studio soon, though with a different artist since it seems Bang Bang is going to be busy for a while!

I really didn't know what to expect with this book because I had never heard of Bang Bang the tattoo artist. I've seen his work on many celebrities but never thought to go as far as to say "hey, I wonder who did so-and-so's tattoo, let me look it up." I'm pretty sure I still won't do that because I don't get tattoos. BUT I love reading and this book caught my attention at the library. I'm very satisfied with reading about tattoo artist, father, and friend Bang Bang/Keith because:- He shared his story. Not easy and brave to be vulnerable to others' opinions.- He recognizes his shortcomings. Some may say he's conceited, I took it as confidence and always wanting to elevate.- He recognizes that how he carries his brand is what will maintain his passion. Passion is only a piece of the puzzle and a poor work ethic will diminish it quickly.- He credits a strong team of fellow tattoo artists as well as his administrative and business team for being the best. The greatest never get there alone. Whether you acknowledge it or not, where you are is definitely due to someone opening a door before you. That's a theme throughout this book and can be carried in any profession. Bottom line, I wholeheartedly recommend this book for tattoo and non-tattoo fans alike. It's a quick read with fabulous art featured on the majority of the pages. You won't be disappointed.

A very amazing and quick read. Bang's story telling from tattooing at biker shops to top hotels in the world, from your average joe to top celebrities there's definitely aspects of tattooing I've never seen before. The production of the book from pictures to the layout is very beautiful and professional.

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