

Nina Simone 'Black Is The Color

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Andy Stroud, who was Nina Simone's husband, manager & producer, from 1960 to 1970, and father of their daughter Lisa (born 1961), has just published a picture book entitled Nina Simone "Black Is The Color", a compilation of 185 rare and previously unreleased photographs and quotes in her own words.

Not only was she an accomplished musician, Nina Simone was also the driving force behind the civil rights movement in America, as well as being part of a movement to end racism. For her great and tireless efforts in life, the late Nina Simone will never be forgotten.

Aside from these, Nina Simone was also a cultural icon and a symbol representing the strength of women. Readers can learn more about the legend by joining author Andy Stroud as he pays tribute to Simone with the release of his compelling new picture book Nina Simone "Black Is The Color".

This book is a rich compilation of rare photographs (from Andy Stroud's personal collection as well as photographs taken by Al Wertheimer and Bernie Gotfryd) coupled with personal quotations from Nina Simone that describe her thoughts and feelings about her lifestyle and her role as an artist. Readers will discover astonishing details about the singer's (born Eunice Kathleen Waymon) humble roots in North Carolina, her academic achievements, her personal thoughts, and her marriage with the author himself. The development of Simone's musical talent is also revealed and along the way, readers will marvel at the images showcasing the singer's works, live performances, behind-the-scene moments, and her struggle with the pressures of the recording industry.

Through the years, Simone encountered countless people and groups who were attracted to her music and despite her hectic schedules; she manages to have time with her family. Simone was also vocal on the issues of racial discrimination and inequality, and with her musical talent, she became the voice of the civil rights movement. Her songs "Mississippi Goddamn" and "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" symbolized her efforts against injustice and racism.

Nina Simone "Black Is The Color" is a revealing and trailblazing picture book that truly pays tribute to the famed musician, whose great contributions to the arts and to civil rights are undeniably powerful and memorable. This book will undoubtedly attract Nina Simone's fans from around the world as well as music enthusiasts and all African Americans. At the same time

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however, the book will serve as a very informative introduction to readers who never knew or just started learning about her.

About the Author

Andrew B. Stroud was born on a family farm in Halifax County, Virginia, in 1925, the sixth of eight children. The farm is still under family operation today. Andy's family moved to Hudson, New York, where he grew up. He served in the U.S. Navy in the band department during WWII until his honorable discharge in 1946. In 1948 he joined the NYPD and was promoted to detective after three years. He was awarded numerous decorations for meritorious service and promoted to Supervising Detective Sargeant. He met Nina Simone in March 1961 and they were married nine months later.

To find a copy of Nina Simone "Black Is The Color", please feel free to visit www.Xlibris.com as well as major bookstores and libraries across America today.

The book is also available on Andrew B. Stroud's website - www.ninasimone.biz . The website also includes never before seen: films, photos, personal letters, film clips and unreleased performance tracks - all from his private collection.

Another source of information on Nina Simone is <http://www.ninasimone.com> .