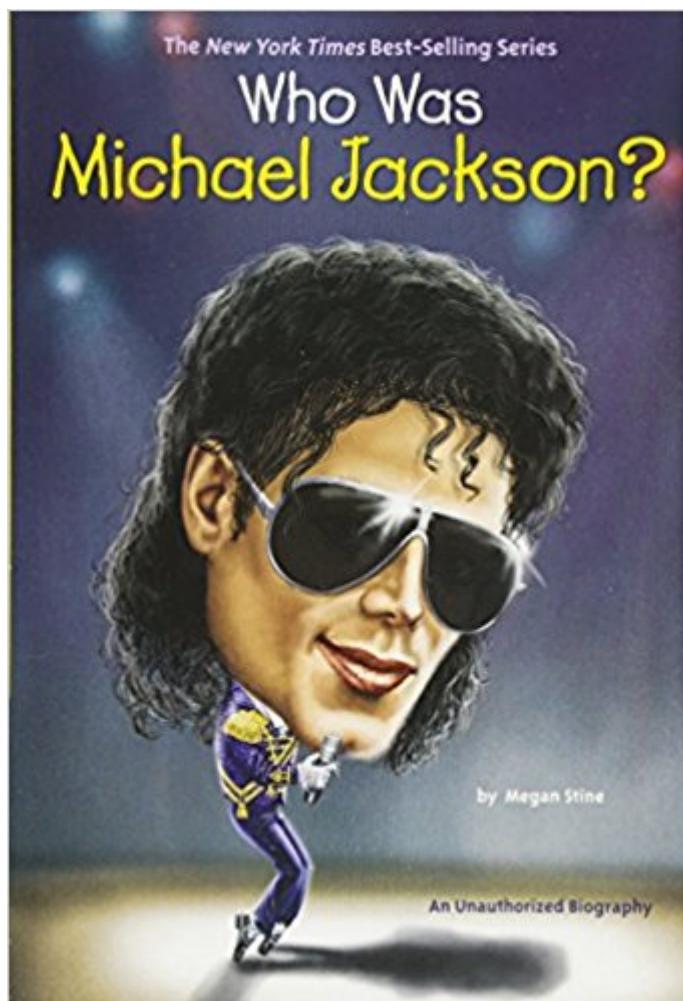


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Who Was Michael Jackson?



Synopsis

Born in Gary, Indiana, on August 29, 1958, Michael Jackson was definitely not a regular kid. A superstar with The Jackson 5 before he was eight years old, he became the King of Pop as a solo artist. Michael was a creative--yet deeply troubled--genius who always remained devoted to his art right up until his death in 2009 before a much anticipated tour. He had a pitch-perfect voice and footwork that his idol Fred Astaire admired. Who will ever forget the Moonwalk? Kids today who only know Jackson through video performances are nevertheless fascinated by him. Megan Stine provides a sensitive, fair-minded depiction of this unique music legend.

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Megan Stine has written several books for young readers, including *Where Is the White House?*, *Who Was Marie Curie?*, *Who Was Ulysses S. Grant?*, *Who Is Michelle Obama?*, and *Who Was Sally Ride?*

Who Was Michael Jackson? In Pasadena, California, Michael Jackson edged over to the side of the stage during a concert in 1983. He had purchased a spy hat, just like one in his latest music video. Michael had an idea for how to use the hat during the song he was going to

sing and he really hoped it would work. The concert at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium was going to be broadcast on TV. Fifty million people would watch it. Many other famous singers had already performed. Now it was time for Michael's solo number. Michael Jackson was already one of the biggest pop stars in the world. But he was never satisfied. He wanted to do something onstage no one would ever forget. He wanted the audience to go crazy! As soon as the music started, Michael put on the hat and began to dance. Instantly, the audience jumped to its feet. They screamed and cheered. They recognized the hat and knew the song was "Billie Jean." Wearing a sparkly black jacket, a silver shirt, and one white glove, Michael did dance moves that no one had ever seen before! He had practiced them in his kitchen the night before. His legs twitched. His hips jerked. His foot thumped. He threw the hat offstage in a smooth move that made the audience go wild again. And then, in the middle of the song, he did something amazing. He slid backward, while making it look like he was walking forward. He called it the Moonwalk! The Moonwalk only lasted five seconds, but it was magical. By the end of the song, everyone was standing. The crowd was cheering. His whole family kissed him when he came offstage. No one would ever forget that Moonwalk. In fact, it became Michael Jackson's most famous move. But was Michael happy? Not completely. He was thrilled that people loved the show. But he thought his dance could have been better. He hadn't stayed up on his toes long enough after the big spin at the end of the Moonwalk. For Michael Jackson, nothing was ever good enough. He always wanted to be perfect. That's what made him work so hard to achieve his dreams—to become the best-selling singer of all time. That's what drove him to become the King of Pop.

Bought it for my daughter who is a HUIGE Michael Jackson fan, loves all his songs and videos and dances along with them all so this was a great book to learn a little bit more about him - WITHOUT using the computer!

Good book for kids. I like the fact that the author did not leave out the part about Jackson's lawsuits re: child abuse. She covers it very generally and appropriately in one page. I would have been disappointed if this important part of his life was omitted. Great details into the life of this complicated man.

I bought this for my 7 year old grandson and he loves it. He has probably read it 3 times over. He is constantly sharing MJ facts with us.

Although this book did not delve into Michael's life in great depth, it provided a reasonable sketch of his life - a fine job given the limitations of the format.

Daughter loves the book, nice addition to the "Who Was" series

Good book for kids, easy to read and understand. My 9 year old used it as a resource for a school book report. Only touches on some of the controversial topics, but did not find it inappropriate for my 9 year old.

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