## LIFE OF MY OWN

By Harley Flanagan Introduction by Streen Blash

This book is the punch in the face you want and need.

— Anthony Bourdain

## Harley Flanagan

Hard-Core: Life of My Own



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As a homeless child prodigy, Harley Flanagan played drums for bands at Max's Kansas Town and CBGBs, and was taught to play bass by the famed black band Poor Brains, and drank with the notorious Lemmy of Motö Most famously, Harley became a member of the famous hardcore band The Cro-Mags, and disputes accusations of stabbing two band associates.rhead.



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You will also get yourself a clear first hand accounts of the fateful CBGB incident in 2012 at Webster hall. I initial met Harley sometime in the past due 70s in the schoolyard of PS 19. He was different even back then. Like a Jack in the box with an automatic reset switch. What I love about Hard-Core Life of My Own is, Harley doesn't glorify poverty, LES, the 70s/80s. Great publication. So thank you Harley, you're the man!Nefertiti JonesBorn and Raised in Alphabet City, NYC One Of The Best Rock Bio's In QUITE A WHILE Good god, what a life this man has led. From roaming around European countries with his hippie mother as a kid, to 12 year outdated punker with the Stimulators, to starting the low east side's skin movement, Harley has lived 10 lives in comparison to you and I.There's so much here that its almost impossible to list it all: Meeting celebrities at a very youthful age, squatting and surviving the LES gang lifestyle, Hari Krishna, & The pictures alone, that back up this unbelievable tale, are worth the price of entrance. To survive this tale as a healthy, happy hubby &...I've read Lots of rock bio's, which one ranks near the top.If you are Any type of Punk fan at all, Buy this without hesitation. The other side of the sorbid tale.. Viewing the Cro mags in their heyday was the greatest type of chaotic release one could experience plus they were ours no matter what occurs later on , their legacy started by way of a 13 year old child in some dank apartment on the LES found fruition and has spawned generations of imitators who will never know those times and sadly should know their roots, reading this book will be like Crib Notes on the complete history of the real NYHC tale but this story goes beyond that and reminds me of a Punk rock version of a Jack London novel or a more drug fueled edition of one of the best tales of experience Education of a Wandering guy by Louis Lamour . I browse this and Evolution of a Cro-Mag back again to back. his band was the best in the NYHC picture and I saw almost every early display they performed at CBs. That said, and under the full understanding that this is a memoir, the actual writing style is a little bit erratic. This book is awesome! I was awesome with it though and enjoyed what I learned all about Harley and his side of the John vs. Amazing read. Still, my youth was influenced simply by the Cro Mags therefore i got mad-respect for both of these regardless of the truth. A GENIUNE Autobiography of NY Hardcore Pioneer, Creator, and Survivor of the Movement If you value reading honest material from the first hand account of what certain eras were like, read this publication. Harley is definitely a pioneer, a man who was behind the scenes prior to the scene, creating, doing, discovering, but with much problems experiencing hard times in the low east part of Manhattan. You get violence, drug make use of, music etc. all rolled up into a fantastic accounts and without it sense like it's simply him bragging about any of it. Not only may be the subject material fascinating(at least to me) but his composing style is fantastic. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. Forget what you've heard from a particular wig-wearing singer, intended for the first time ever you're finally getting the REAL tale of NYC Hardcore.. he explains the way the skinhead movement turned out into the neo-nazi bs it really is today. I never laughed so hard as when I find out about the subway incident during the NYC morning commute. I highly recommended Hard-Core Life of My Own Brilliantly unapologetic I highly recommended Hard-Core Life of My OwnBrilliantly unapologetic, Harley is similar to a trapped Pit bull terrier biting his way out of the streets of NY, Denmark and SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. Harley was and still is the real deal! This book has motivated me to give up my bitching and guy up with certain factors in my life. Harley has risen as a genuine voice of what it means to crawl out from the ground upwards and scrape your way to the top. You need to read this book I knew Harley from nearly enough time the CroMags started. I can't recommend this biography enough. I suggested other folks thinking about HC roots and, especially, the Cro-Mags, perform the same. Even after that Harleys reputation preceded him. A must read for any punk and metal lover. Since I was portion of the globe described in this reserve, I can vouch for its authenticity. he didn't need to embellish anything because the truth is a

lot more exciting! You might find it repetitive at times with the fighting going on but that's what it had been all about, survival in the roads.as advertised Five Stars A very good read Five Stars Excellent read! A few of the little day-to-day incidents are unforgettable. Great read An excellent tale of the early NYHC scene written by one of its most important founders. father of 2 is definitely d\*\*\*ned near a miracle.. when younger people ask me to spell it out the past due 70's early 80's Decrease NYC atmosphere, people etc I usually find myself saying "you kind of needed to be there" as if I told you some stuff, half of it your mind wouldn't have the ability to compute, seeing HF at I believ 13 years old 1 day while me and my pals had been in WSP cutting college and we see this kid, no t-shirt on, shaved head, no crew cult but bald and putting on combat boots and he previously a tattoo was almost among those " am I seeing what I think I am , and guy this should be some ill herb" he was without a doubt the first skinhead I got ever seen in NYC and that is saying something since it was freak display, his life tale is deep, natural to the bone Oliver Twist type hint but uhh scarier, the fact he has come out the other side of strolling through the fire most would be incinerated by following a couple steps, this child ran a marathon through.. Essential reading So Cool!! Not just some BS accounts of some poser that stayed on the sidelines and "documented" that which was happening. It was hard to check out sometimes.!! There is so much cool NYC history entwined with Harley's personal crazy story. I was yet another hc kid going out in the picture, not a musician or sell known personality like he was. making background with the Cro-Mags - blended with drugs and plenty of violence to make the most hardened gangbanger squeamish. BUY THIS BOOK AT THIS TIME! Amazing tale of a true New York Music Legend. Sad Funny and great stories. On stage he was an crazy animal, stiring up all of the young crazy kids like me, bouncing off the walls to the defeat of Harleys unwell bass lines. Harley tells tales someone like me can relate with being from New York. Harley tells it like it is, and It's intense. Harley war (a side I've not heard yet which publication might become the only mainstream access to that aspect of the tale). Buy this now when you have any common sense! Harley Flanagan! What else should you know? Buy this reserve and support his children.! Harley is complete spectrum his writing is definitely humorous, effective and heartfelt. You will leave with a totally different perspective on the word "skinhead" and for the better. Seeing the Cro mags in their heyday was the best form of chaotic release one could experience and they . I would definitely recommend. Loved it. I am hoping to meet him 1 day so he can sign my copy. strategy to use Harley. I'll never appearance at a bottle of Jim Beam once again without my brain darting back. And he wasn't drinking it. Plus the whole NYHC history is all there. Just a great read regardless of who you are or what your into. Much respect for him not only for who he is and what he's performed, also for his unexpectedly amazing writing skills. This is life on the streets, frightening, hard, unpredictable, exhausting at times. Five Stars great purchase. I really do experience pulled by both sides but I understand I can't get swept up in it as a grown guy. I couldn't place this book down.



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