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# Amy Winehouse: R & B, Jazz, & Soul Musician (Lives Cut Short)



## Synopsis

This informative title highlights the life of Amy Winehouse. Readers will learn about Winehouse's music-filled childhood in Southgate, a North London suburb. Winehouse's early musical work is discussed, from her beginnings in the childhood duet Sweet n Sour to her job as a reporter for World Entertainment News Network to the beginning of her musical success with when she signed with EMI. Winehouse's albums Frank and Back to Black are introduced, as is her hit Rehab. Winehouse's courtship with Blake Fielder-Civil is included, as is their tumultuous marriage and eventual divorce. Winehouse's self-abusing behavior such as drug and alcohol addiction, self-mutilation, and eating disorders is included, leading to her death by alcohol poisoning at age 27. This book includes details of Winehouse's life and covers the controversies surrounding her life and death. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

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Gr 7-10-These books trace the lives of pop-culture notables from childhood to their sudden deaths, and the personal and professional triumphs and troubles in between. The opening chapters detail a specific performance by the celebrity. This career highpoint exemplifies the individual's qualities and abilities that were admired, generated sales, and attracted legions of fans. The chapters conclude with a statement that tells when the person died, piquing readers' interest to discover how the star had gone from one of the brightest moments to such a tragic ending. The narrative history has an

informative tone, balancing opinions and quotes from the subjects and insiders close to them, and critics' views, along with important facts and milestones. The books convey a sense of what made these performers legendary, how they influenced others, and why their legacies endure. The authors provide helpful context to the eras in which they lived, such as the common practice of prescribing sleeping pills and amphetamines. Large color, captioned photographs appear throughout, and sidebars supply helpful background material. These up-to-date biographies should find an audience in middle and high school collections. While the books maintain that the tragic ends do not diminish their subjects' accomplishments, the authors neither romanticize nor glamorize these lifestyles marred by substance abuse.-June Shimonishi, Torrance Public Library, CA Â Â (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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