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# Nicki Minaj: Rapper & Fashion Star (Contemporary Lives)



## Synopsis

This title examines the fascinating life of Nicki Minaj. Readers will learn about Minaj's childhood, family, education, and rise to fame. Colorful graphics, oversize photos, and informative sidebars accompany easy-to-read, compelling text that explores Minaj's early interest in music and talent in songwriting that led to her successful mixtapes and eventually the release of her albums *Pink Friday* and *Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded*. Minaj's music awards, work with charitable groups, and unique style are also described. Features include a table of contents, glossary, selected bibliography, Web links, source notes, and an index, plus a timeline and fun facts. 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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One of eight entries in ABDO's Contemporary Lives series about current music and acting celebrities, the book follows the transformation of Onika Tany Maraj from her birth in Trinidad to her current status as one of rap's brightest stars. This can be seen as a rags-to-riches story, of a little girl from a poor family who was raised by her grandmother when her parents immigrated to New York City. Nicki's struggle to be accepted first as an actor and finally as a rapper was overcome by hard work and the desire to become accepted in a male-dominated field. Numerous color text boxes describe important facts about the artist from her island homeland to her mentors in the music

industry to the team of employees who handle Nicki's numerous wigs. The book is visually appealing with plenty of color photos; a timeline and glossary complement the text. Teens will enjoy the book but it will become dated rather quickly.

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