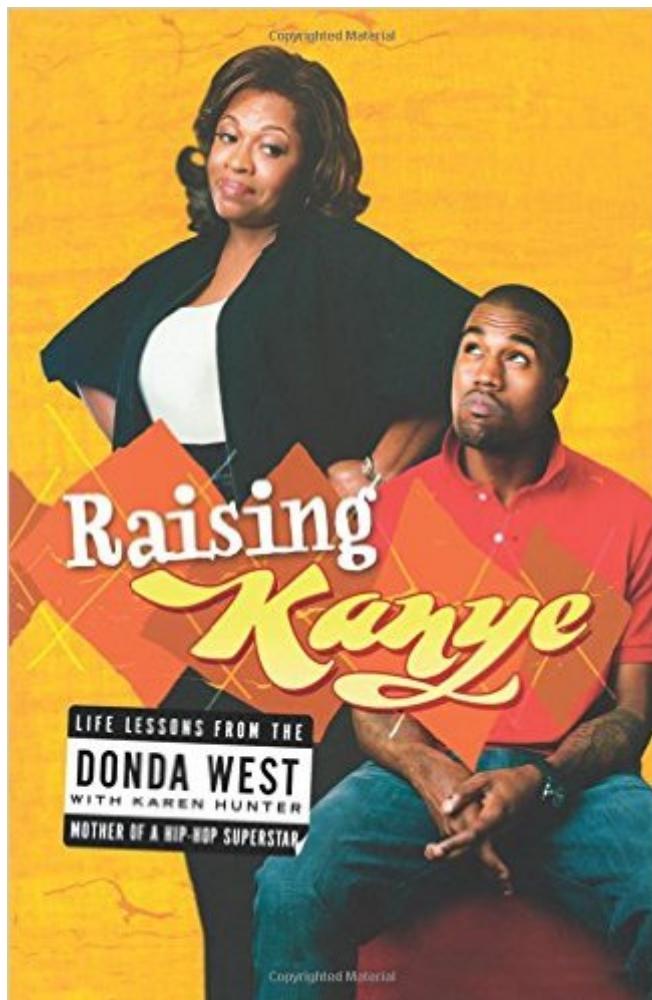


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# Raising Kanye: Life Lessons From The Mother Of A Hip-Hop Superstar



## **Synopsis**

As the mother of hip-hop superstar Kanye West, Donda West has watched her son grow from a brilliant baby boy with all the intimations of fame and fortune to one of the hottest rappers on the music scene. And she has every right to be proud: she raised her son with strong moral values, teaching him right from wrong and helping him become the man he is today. In *Raising Kanye*, Donda not only pays homage to her famous son but reflects on all the things she learned about being his mother along the way. Featuring never-before-seen photos and compelling personal anecdotes, Donda's powerful and inspiring memoir reveals everything from the difficulties she faced as a single mother in the African-American community to her later experiences as Kanye's manager as he rose to superstardom. Speaking frankly about her son's reputation as a "Mama's Boy," and his memorable public outbursts about gay rights and President George W. Bush, Donda supports her son without exception, and here she shares the invaluable wisdom she has taken away from each experience -- passion, tolerance, patience, and above all, always telling the truth. Ultimately, she not only expresses what her famously talented son has meant to her but what he has meant to music and an entire generation.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Donda West, English college professor, and unlikely mother of rap superstar Kanye West had some interesting points to make about parenting. She says she made sure that she raised Kanye to be respectful but also to be truthful -- hence his famous rant that George Bush doesn't care about black people. On the other hand, when Kanye fell asleep at the wheel in a car accident, the insurance

company broker advised him to say he had been trying to avoid another car in order to get paid out. He refused to do that either. Growing up, she pretty much gave Kanye anything he wanted, in return for doing his chores and whatever else was expected. (I was surprised when she gave him \$1,000 to buy recording equipment at age 13!) My biggest problem was that she had changed her opinion of the N-word and found it acceptable speech because words shouldn't have that much weight. Could that have ANYTHING at all to do with the fact that her son uses it a lot in his music and she is involved in managing him? Hmmm. All in all, a fast entertaining read.

Kanye West has become so controversial I wanted to find out more about his early years and upbringing....this book gave me the information I was seeking and provided a look into what actually was the motivating force behind this young man's ultimate success.

Donda West was an amazing woman. Although, I am not a big fan of Kanye's music, I like how Kanye manipulates media and bought this book to learn about him and where he really came from. Truly amazing book.

After reading this I understand a little more why Kanye is who he is. I enjoyed learning about his childhood and how his mother raised him. It's a quick read with lots of family photos. Worth reading if you want to know more about Kanye West growing up. He was an interesting son and childhood was not typical.

Well written, as you'd expect from a major publisher - though there are more than the usual frequency of spelling mistakes. It gives good insight into parenting and the background that built Kanye. But it can be dull at times

I think that this is a very good book. Ms. Donda West was inspiring to a mother raising a son in this period in history. She was practical, encouraging and frank. I feel that Donda's parenting techniques adds a dose of reality in today's society. She recognized the differences, yet affirmed her basic beliefs and standards for life. Congratulations Donda West, you've developed a jewel.

Bought this as a gift and the recipient loved it! It was in fantastic condition and didn't smell weird. So that's a plus. Kanye is a true artist and it gives you a different insight on him. R.I.P to Donda she seems like a great mother.

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