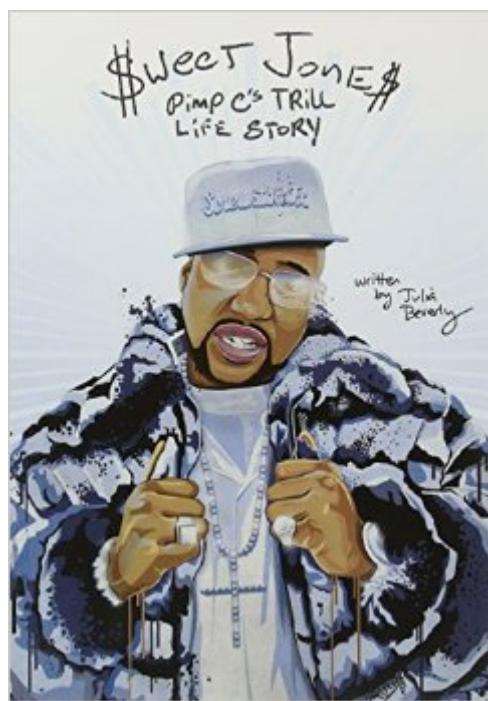


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Sweet Jones: Pimp C's Trill Life Story



Synopsis

A pioneer in the South's quest for respect in the Hip Hop world and one of the most colorful characters to emerge from the music scene which ultimately topped rap charts at the turn of the century, Chad "Pimp C" Butler's controversial life - and suspicious death in 2007 - left behind many unanswered questions, a family divided, and scores of talented new artists inspired by his group UGK's music. Sweet Jones pays tribute to the extremely talented - yet bipolar and complex - musician who embodied the Southern dream. Written by the founder and Editor-in-Chief of esteemed Southern rap publication OZONE Magazine and compiled from interviews with Pimp C himself, his mother and manager Weslyn "Mama Wes" Monroe, UGK rap partner Bun B, and hundreds of friends, family members, and collaborators like Snoop Dogg, Scarface, Too \$hort, 8Ball & MJG, Jazze Pha, David Banner, Mannie Fresh, Paul Wall, Slim Thug, Trae, and Willie D of the Geto Boys, Sweet Jones is a must-read for any Southern rap fan.

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Customer Reviews

Listen, I grew up on UGK. I thought I knew it all. I was on the web in 95, and because of this, I figured I knew just about everything there was to know about not only UGK, but Pimp C and the southern rap phenomenon. I was totally wrong. This book is absolutely amazing. In more of a documentary writing style: Ms. Beverly uses the troves and troves of interviews, video clips, song samples, lyrics, and media reports to characterize the entire life of Chad Butler (Pimp C). Although a lot of the stuff in the book, I was definitely familiar with; I was only aware of it completely out of context. I believe the purpose of this book is to provide the context for the life that was Chad Butler,

and give the public a chance to see the man behind the Pimp. If so, this book does an absolutely stellar job of doing just that. It should be worth noting that the book comes without the cooperation of The Estate of Chad Butler, nor his wife. However, his mother (who passed away in 2011), Bun B, and plenty of other Southern Hiphop figureheads gladly provided content for the book, and it's hard to say it would have been "better" even with Chinara's support. The life, story, and elements of this book could easily be the backend of an absolutely amazing film one day. I'm not holding my breath, although I think it would be an EXCELLENT book to base a movie on as well, the fact that UGK and Pimp C is still a very niche talent to most, and also the fact we still don't even have a Tupac movie, or hell even a Geto Boys movie, leaves me with little hope. However, the fact that book is so well written, and EXTENSIVELY documented and presented, I'm hopeful there is a film at some point as well. The last thing I'd say is that it is LONG. Never a chore to read, but be ready to spend 5-6 hours reading and not make it very far. It's really great to find a biography that's longer than a few hundred pages, and clearly presented by a person who has a passion for the subject and the character that was Pimp C.

Honestly have never read a book about a rapper this thorough. I knew that Julia Beverly would do a good job with this, but honestly I have no idea how she dug up so much information and went so deep. This truly is the story of Pimp C's life. 700+ pages, rife with incredible photos from what I assume to be his mother's archives. Begins with his childhood in Port Arthur and then just takes you on the wild ride that was his life. I thought I knew a lot about UGK (I know Bun pretty well and knew Pimp alright) but there is so much information in here. So many personal stories and recollections and it's all put together in a very coherent manner. The stories from his time in prison reveal a lot of things I'm pretty sure no one knew about, and the post death stories, speculations and memories made me super emo. But I'm already super emo. Real talk this is a very complete work and something every fan of the man who basically invented southern rap music should read.

WOW! This book is definitely a must read for any UGK fan or hip hop fan in general. I couldn't put the book down. I finished in just over a week and would have been done earlier if I didn't have other things to do. This book was so well written you feel like you know every person personally. When I first got the book I was slightly overwhelmed that it was more than 700 pages, but it was not boring at all and didn't feel like it was that long. Honestly I felt like I could have read more. I'm so thankful that Julia Beverly wrote this book because it was definitely needed. I recommend that any and everyone read it. I've been a UGK fan since I was around 13 and I'm now 27 and I now feel like I

REALLY KNOW UGK thanks to this book. I'm going to read it again... and again. AH-MAZING JOB!!!

being from the south gives us opportunities to hear rumors that are pretty accurate, and this book proves them right... from the "master p beef to lil troy to probs with Ludacris/smoke d" Julia puts its all in this book...this book should be \$50.00-100.00... I am truly proud of her, and this book explains the insanity that one must face to have a personal life, and an alter ego called an "image" chad was a nerdy, smart, cool guy that used "pimp c" to mask his fears, childhood problems....Julia explains his reasons for being who he became, and has incredible pictures to provide the imagery needed...honestly I read the book in a day and a half...it was like reading while watching the scenes play out in your mind.... pimp c will never get the artistic credit he deserved.... from his signature hi hats, to live instrumentation, singing his own vocals, playing multiple instruments, using his voice to his advantage.... the only person that I never met, that I cried when he passed on.... dude was trill and lived a hell of a life that only rick james/marvin gaye/George Clinton could only understand.... if you love pimp c/ugk or have a passion to read period, get this book asap..... long live the pimp

I'm new to the intricate details of the Pimp C story, but I'm a long time fan of the author Julia Beverly. So I knew when she dropped a book it would be good. Still she surprised me with her ability to tell a story -- this book is GREAT! I'm just digging into it, but really enjoying the book. Definitely worth checking out if you're a serious fan of rap music.

I had been anticipating this book when I first got wind that there would be one. This is the BEST autobiography I've EVER read. Julia Beverly did thorough research for this book and it showed. As a longtime UGK fan, this is what we needed!!!! She answered SO many questions I had..and there were also some things I wish I didn't know now but I needed to know as well. I feel like I know the real Chad Butler after reading this book not just his rap persona Pimp C. I felt a range of emotions while reading this book, happiness, anger, sadness, etc but at the end of the day I will forever respect UGK and Pimp C. I finally feel at peace after reading this book thank you so much Julia Beverly. This might be a stretch but I think this book needs to win a Nobel Peace Prize and also be adapted into a movie. I bought this on Kindle but I plan to buy the actual book as well to put on my bookshelf.

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