

ELTON JOHN is the most enduringly successful singer-songwriter of all time. His life is extraordinary, his seven decades (so far) packed with incredible highs and lows. Now, in his own words and with his usual honesty, he shares his story—every hilarious, heartbreaking moment.

He reveals the truth about his childhood growing up in the London suburb of Pinner and his difficult relationship with his parents. Christened Reginald Dwight, he was a shy boy with unlikely dreams of pop stardom. By the age of twenty-three, he was performing his first gig in America, facing an astonished audience in high bright yellow dungarees, a star-spangled T-shirt, and boots with wings. Elton John had arrived and the music world would never be the same again.

Me is full of drama, from the early rejection of Elton's work with songwriting partner Bernie Taupin to spinning out of control as a chart-topping superstar; from friendships with John Lennon, Freddie Mercury, and George Michael to disco dancing with the Queen; from suicide attempts to a secret drug addiction that would grip him for over a decade.

Elton also writes powerfully about getting clean and setting up his AIDS foundation. He describes finding true love with David Furnish, holidaying with Versace, and singing at Princess Diana's funeral. And he pinpoints the moment he realizes that he wants to be a father and his life changes once again. Joyously funny, entertaining, and at times deeply moving, *Me* will take you on an intimate journey with a living legend.

SIR ELTON JOHN'S career achievements to date are unsurpassed. He is one of the top-selling solo artists of all time, with twenty-six gold and thirty-eight platinum or multi-platinum albums, and one diamond album. Elton's many awards and honors include six Grammys, thirteen Ivor Novellos, and a BRIT Award. In 2018 he was named the most successful male solo artist in the Billboard Hot 100 chart history. In 1992 he founded the Elton John AIDS Foundation, which has raised over \$450 million in the global fight against HIV/AIDS. He is married to David Furnish, and they have two sons.

TARON EGERTON is a Welsh actor and singer. He starred as Elton John in the 2019 biopic *Rocketman*. Egerton is also known for his roles in films including the action comedy *Kingsman: The Secret Service*, its sequel *Kingsman: The Golden Circle*, *The Testament of Youth*, the crime thriller *Legend*, and *Eddie the Eagle*.

READ BY TARON EGERTON WITH ELTON JOHN



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