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**A compellingly candid memoir that details Jackson's life in seclusion, by the bodyguards who were with him in his final days - with a new introduction to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Michael Jackson's death .**

Hounded by the tabloid media, driven from his self-made sanctuary, Neverland, Michael Jackson spent his final years moving from city to city, living with his three children in virtual seclusion - a futile attempt to escape a world that wouldn't leave him alone. During that time, two men served as the singer's personal security team: Bill Whitfield, a former cop and veteran of the security profession, and Javon Beard, a brash, untested rookie, both single fathers themselves.

Stationed at his side nearly 24/7, their job was to see and hear everything that transpired, and to keep everyone else out, making them the only two men who know what 60 million fans around the world still want to know: What really happened to the King of Pop?

Driven by a desire to show the world who Michael Jackson truly was, Whitfield and Beard have produced the only definitive, first-person account of Michael Jackson's last years: the extreme measures necessary to protect Jackson and his family, the financial struggles that led their pay to be suspended for weeks at a time, the simple moments of happiness they managed to share in a time of great stress, the special relationship Jackson shared with his fans, and the tragic events that culminated in the singer's ill-fated comeback, *This Is It*. The truth is far more captivating than anything you've yet heard.

An indispensable piece of pop-culture history, *Remember the Time* is the story of a man struggling to live a normal life under extraordinary circumstances, of a father fighting to protect and provide for his children. *Remember the Time* is the book that dismantles the tabloid myths once and for all to give Michael Jackson back his humanity.

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### **Tammy says**

BETRAYAL of MJ & his children!

Both of these bodyguards are violating their confidentiality contracts with Michael Jackson by releasing this book.

Both are violating required confidentiality regarding Prince, Paris, and Blanket - all MINORS.

MJ's young children are very vulnerable to betrayal, exploitation, and embarrassment. Paris attempted suicide in June 2013, partly because of painful media intrusion into her private life. The children's guardians have not approved these bodyguards' public disclosures about MJ's children.

William Whitfield bragged on Good Morning America on March 10/11, 2010, that he had "kept Michael Jackson's financial records." He would be divulging this private and confidential information in his book about MJ.

These bodyguards are revealing private information in spite of the undisputed fact that their paid jobs for him required that they keep this information private and confidential.

These bodyguards are revealing private information and events about Michael Jackson, his family members, and his minor children for the SOLE PURPOSE of making money on their betrayals, many of which will be detrimental, damaging, and embarrassing to the Jacksons.

Theirs is the ultimate betrayal of their employer MJ, whose primary goal for them was to keep his personal life safe & private.

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### **Tina Hall says**

Prince, Paris & Blanket Jackson are betrayed & exploited in this book!

Prince, Paris, and Blanket Jackson - these bodyguards' clients - are all still minors, entitled to their privacy, and at especially sensitive ages to have to deal with yet more betrayal, inappropriate exposure, exploitation, and public scrutiny. They are VICTIMS of this book.

William Whitfield promised several times, via social media, that he would obtain the approval of Katherine Jackson before releasing his book for publication. Unsurprisingly, that never happened because Katherine does not need any more heartache or public disclosures by paid employees to embarrass, exploit, and shame her family members - her children and her grandchildren.

William Whitfield promised, via social media, to give a significant portion of the proceeds from his book to a large number of charities. There has been no mention of any contributions to charities since the announcement was made that the book would be available in June 2014.

None of MJ's security personnel were ever allowed inside his home without special permission for a special reason, ensuring that these two bodyguards' exposure to MJ and his children was very limited. This reality begs the question of how much "information" that is "revealed" in the book is lies, misrepresentations, and/or exaggerations for the sole purpose of selling books. The bodyguards claim to expose MJ's "home life," whereas they were not allowed in his home!

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## **Susan says**

Conrad Murray's staunchest supporters & more betrayal

These renegade bodyguards, William Whitfield and Javon Beard, went on Good Morning America on the first day of jury deliberations in Murray's criminal trial for having killed Michael Jackson. On national TV, they declared Murray's innocence and argued that he should not be convicted and not go to jail. That was Nov. 4, 2011, and their performance can be viewed on Hulu and the GMA website. How is that for betrayal of their deceased employer Michael Jackson? But Whitfield and Beard got their 15 minutes of fame that day. Three days later Murray was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Michael Jackson and sentenced to 4 years in jail [later reduced to less than 2 years]. Whitfield and Beard have remained Murray's advocates.

With this book they are exposing MJ and his three minor children to public scrutiny - these same men who pledged and were paid to keep MJ, Prince, Paris, and Blanket PRIVATE and away from public knowledge. The children were 10, 9, and 5 years old when Whitfield and Beard were employed to protect them. Their father even veiled them to keep them unrecognizable and relied on bodyguards to keep them private. More betrayal now, with this book, for children who pay an exorbitant price just for being the offspring of the greatest entertainer of our time. If the bodyguards of the children of President Obama or Matt Damon or Ben Affleck were exposed in this way in a tell-all book, people would be outraged. Because it is Michael Jackson, it seems, people take for granted anything that otherwise would be bizarre, off limits, and inappropriate, and this attitude extends to his innocent children.

You can buy this book or ignore it or boycott it.

If you care about Michael Jackson or his children, you will know your best option.

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## **Gary Depalma says**

Conrad Murray's Supporters Are Now Lying About Their Relationship and Time With MJ.

In the title of their book and elsewhere, Whitfield & Beard claim to have been with MJ "in his final days," whereas they had NO CONTACT with MJ during all of 2009 [he died on June 25, 2009] - in fact, no contact with him for 8 months before his death. [Documents & testimony from the Murray trial verify this time frame.]

These bodyguards have also misrepresented and lied about the amount of time that they were in service to Michael Jackson; they claim 2-1/2 years of service. They were with him only from the end of December 2006, to October 2008 (21 months - not 30 months).

The bodyguards describe their book (on Amazon) as covering their time with MJ "from Neverland to his death." Neither of these bodyguards even visited Neverland and they had no contact with MJ for fully 8 MONTHS before his death.

In the description of their book (on Amazon), they claim to be "the only two men who know what 60 million fans around the world still want to know: what really happened to the King of Pop?" In reality, they have no more information than anyone else who has followed MJ's last months. They also insist that Conrad Murray is innocent and should never go to jail [GMA program - 11/04/11], which assertions reveal their ignorance regarding the proven cause of MJ's death.

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### **Norma says**

It was very disappointing to me, as a mother who has followed MJ for many years now, to discover that these bodyguards have stooped to using crude and disrespectful language, including liberal use of the F word, in their book. Michael Jackson was always a gentleman, who referred to himself as "old-fashioned" and who did not use profanity. In fact, he did not permit his employees and others around him to use vulgar or obscene language. It is totally inappropriate to diminish his memory in this cavalier and thug-like manner, especially in a book about this admirable and gentle man, a role model. I will not allow my daughters to read this book. When the writing is weak, authors often resort to lacing their language with words that have shock value. This is the case with this misdirected book.

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### **Janet Chelimo says**

don't bother with this one.

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### **Ecaterina says**

Where are the legal representatives of MJ and of his three beautiful, vulnerable, and exploited children? There should be a cease-and-desist order against this unauthorized, maverick book! Where is it?

Both of these bodyguards are violating their confidentiality contracts with Michael Jackson by releasing this "tell-all" book. If the argument is made that because MJ is now dead he has forfeited this protection, the spirit of confidentiality requirements and paid-for, promised loyalty maintain. And MJ's three young children are still alive -- all of them MINORS and protected by age-specific laws. Whitfield and Beard were their bodyguards too. They are betraying their tragically deceased employer Michael Jackson and his three minor children for their own financial gain with the release of this book. The children's guardians have not approved any of these bodyguards' voluminous disclosures about the three grieving children. Whitfield published on social media that he would obtain the approval of Katherine Jackson before the publication of this book, but of course that never happened. There are so many reasons why Katherine would not approve this book that space limitations here could not accommodate the listing of them. One reason, of course, is that this book encourages and sets a precedent for all employees -- bodyguards, chefs, cooks, housekeepers, maids, butlers, drivers, nannies, gardeners, etc. -- to betray their celebrity employers by revealing their privacies in the public domain for money.

MJ's young children are especially vulnerable to betrayal, exploitation, and embarrassment -- on a global scale. Paris attempted suicide in June 2013, partly because of painful media intrusion into her private life. No one knows what parts of this book would be painful, disturbing, or embarrassing to these children.

?William Whitfield bragged on national TV on March 10/11, 2010, that he had "kept Michael Jackson's financial records." Further, he would be divulging this private and confidential information in his book about MJ. How can such boastful, advertised, and outrageous betrayal go unpunished??It is undisputed that Whitfield's and Beard's paid jobs for MJ required that they keep his and his children's lives private and confidential. Theirs is the ultimate betrayal of Michael, Prince, Paris, and Blanket Jackson. What could they do to MJ and his kids that is a worse offense than publishing this "tell-all" book -- filled with unapproved, unauthorized, and unverified material about them?

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### **Ellen Simons says**

Bill Whitfield and Javon Beard promised on television in 2010 that they would take "the high road" in their prospective book about Michael Jackson.

Whitfield promised on FB that he would obtain Katherine Jackson's approval before ever publishing a book about her son. Whitfield also promised to donate a significant portion of the proceeds of the book to a number of charities.

None of these promises was kept. MJ fans must have short memories to overlook all of the problems with this book, including the broken promises and the prevarications. They have also seemingly overlooked or forgotten that these two men were vocal advocates for Conrad Murray and that they proclaimed his innocence in the death of MJ on national television while the jury was deliberating the manslaughter case against Murray.

Pretending to have protected MJ "in his final days" is just another "low road" example.

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### **J says**

This book has serious credibility problems.

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### **Phyllis says**

A very sad book for many reasons -- unauthorized by Michael Jackson, his Estate, and family -- it has no support from anyone who knew MJ. Fantasy material by derelict employees taking advantage of their deceased employer and his children for their financial gain and ego.

One star.

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### **Irene McDonald says**

Exaggeration & misrepresentation by these Conrad Murray supporters

In their advertising and book descriptions, these two bodyguards are misrepresenting their time with Michael Jackson in a blatant, dishonest attempt to get book sales. Everyone wants to know what really happened to the King of Pop. These guys claim to know what "60 million fans want to know" and that they are the "only" ones to know it! Ridiculous. They had NO CONTACT with Michael Jackson for any part of 2009. They were in Vegas; he and his children were in L.A. They lead the potential reader to believe that they have the answers, the truth about MJ's fate, but then the book itself reveals their ignorance.

They are presenting themselves as friends to MJ, but they are betraying intimate details about his private life. They were also vocal advocates of Conrad Murray, who was convicted of manslaughter -- the death of MJ, their boss. They both went on Good Morning America to pronounce Murray "innocent" on TV and to urge

that he shouldn't go to jail.

They also claim to have been with MJ around the clock, whereas the reality is that all of MJ's security personnel were not allowed in his home at all except for rare special occasions, such as delivering a package. They were stationed in the trailer on MJ's property, not "at his side."

The assertion that they were going to accompany MJ to London for his concert series cannot be true because AEG was hiring everyone for MJ; AEG was hiring its own people. These bodyguards steered clear of AEG by their own admission. This untruth makes them seem more important to MJ and his story, but there is no one to corroborate their tale.

If this important and fundamental information is untrue, what can you believe from them?  
This book should be classified as "fiction," not non-fiction!

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### **Jasmine Montgomery says**

Very unsettling!

This book should be called "Betraying Michael Jackson Now That He Is Gone." These disloyal bodyguards start their book with the assurance that their book would not have been written if MJ were still alive. That's sure not hard to believe. He would be able to bring a lawsuit against them for a good number of reasons. It's ironic that they "protected" him for about 20 months -- not the 2-1/2 years that they claim -- and now "all bets are off." MJ is fair game for their exploitation and they can join the long line of people who betrayed and exploited him. Whitfield and Beard call those villainous people "vultures" and yet they are now feeding on MJ along with those other vultures!

The profane language that is used throughout the book is off-putting and not appropriate for a publication about the noble, principled Michael Jackson, who did not use this kind of language and deserves more respectful and dignified treatment. Vulgarities are usually employed when the writing is weak, which is the case here.

It's difficult for me to handle the awareness of MJ's adamant and tireless pursuit of privacy for himself and his three young children and to know now that two of his trusted bodyguards have turned on him in this way. It is very ironic that men who were employed and compensated to keep him away from public scrutiny and to keep his little family private are the very ones to open this door to MJ's zealously guarded private life for the haters, the tabloids, and any others everywhere to exploit MJ even further. I'm just glad that he was spared the pain of yet another betrayal. It is only in death that he can escape the anguish of this unending pattern of betrayal for financial gain and fifteen or more minutes of fame for the betrayers.

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### **Gideon says**

Too much wrong information!!!

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### **Brad says**

Lies--

In the title of their book and elsewhere, Whitfield & Beard claim to have been with MJ "in his final days," whereas they had NO CONTACT with MJ during all of 2009 [he died on June 25, 2009] - in fact, no contact with him for 8 months before his death.

These bodyguards have also misrepresented and lied about the amount of time that they were in service to Michael Jackson; they claim 2-1/2 years of service to give the impression that they were with him during his last days. Not so!

In the description of their book (on Amazon), they claim to be "the only two men who know what 60 million fans around the world still want to know: what really happened to the King of Pop?" In reality, they have no more information than anyone else who has followed MJ's last months. They also insist that Conrad Murray is innocent and should never go to jail [GMA program - 11/04/11], which assertions reveal their ignorance regarding the proven cause of MJ's death.

This book is more about the ego of the two bodyguards than anything else. They are trying to be heroes in the eyes of MJ fans, whereas they are maybe one notch above blatant con men.

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## **Martin says**

### **12 Reasons why Michael Jackson would not approve!**

Michael Jackson's life was filled with betrayal by countless individuals that now include William Whitfield and Javon Beard.

There are many reasons why MJ would not approve of this tell-all book about him, his children, his family, and a number of his employees:

- 1) Whitfield and Beard betrayed the sacred trust of MJ, who hired, paid, and pledged them to keep his business totally private, when they published this "wolf in sheep's clothing" book.
- 2) Whitfield and Beard revealed information and stories about MJ's minor children -- Prince, Paris and Blanket -- which he always forbade and prevented as much as he possibly could.
- 3) Whitfield and Beard revealed alleged information about MJ's family, including an ugly episode about MJ's brother Randy, which they admit was exceptionally painful for MJ, and which would otherwise have remained private except for these two disloyal bodyguards.
- 4) Mike Garcia, the third bodyguard, who broke away from Whitfield and Beard in their plan to betray MJ by writing this book, accused these two of disrespecting MJ and siding with those who did him wrong and stole from him.
- 5) These men have disclosed voluminous material about MJ's finances, which he wanted kept private, including using MJ's records which Whitfield boasted on TV that he had kept in his possession.
- 6) The book is filled with gratuitous profanity and vulgar language, which MJ -- as a gentleman with strong principles -- never used and did not allow to be used in his presence; MJ would never permit his children to read this book, as it is the type of material that he tried to keep from their awareness.
- 7) There are numerous lies and distortions used that include the length and span of their employment with

MJ; their claim to have been his "best friends"; their claim to have been offered employment with MJ in London [AEG did all of the hiring for MJ and did not even know these guys, which is admitted in the book].

8) Whitfield and Beard publicly advocated for Conrad Murray, including during jury deliberations in the Michael Jackson manslaughter case against Murray; Murray did indeed kill their "boss" and was convicted of manslaughter.

9) Whitfield had promised on social media that he would obtain Katherine Jackson's approval before publishing his book about her son; for obvious reasons, this never happened, as Katherine would never approve employees' disclosures of private matters; confidentiality agreements are required on a routine basis to prevent this kind of book.

10) This book is a dangerous precedent for others who serve celebrities as bodyguards, maids, butlers, housekeepers, chefs, nannies, drivers, etc., to betray their employers by exposing their private, behind-the-scenes lives in published form for monetary gain; MJ would surely disapprove, as he required privacy and was vulnerable to this type of betrayal from literally hundreds of his employees.

11) Whitfield and Beard have provided fodder for the tabloids for many months and years to come; their material will be cited and distorted by media around the globe to continue the "wacko Jacko" type of coverage that plagued MJ for decades.

12) These bodyguards spin stories about MJ's private relationships with two females, Flower and Friend, that are not corroborated anywhere else in spite of unprecedented and relentless paparazzi efforts to obtain and share this kind of material; MJ would be upset about these bodyguards' betrayal for a number of reasons, including the extraordinary efforts he always took to keep his personal and sexual life private.

This book should be titled Exposing & Exploiting Michael Jackson by Employees He Trusted.

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