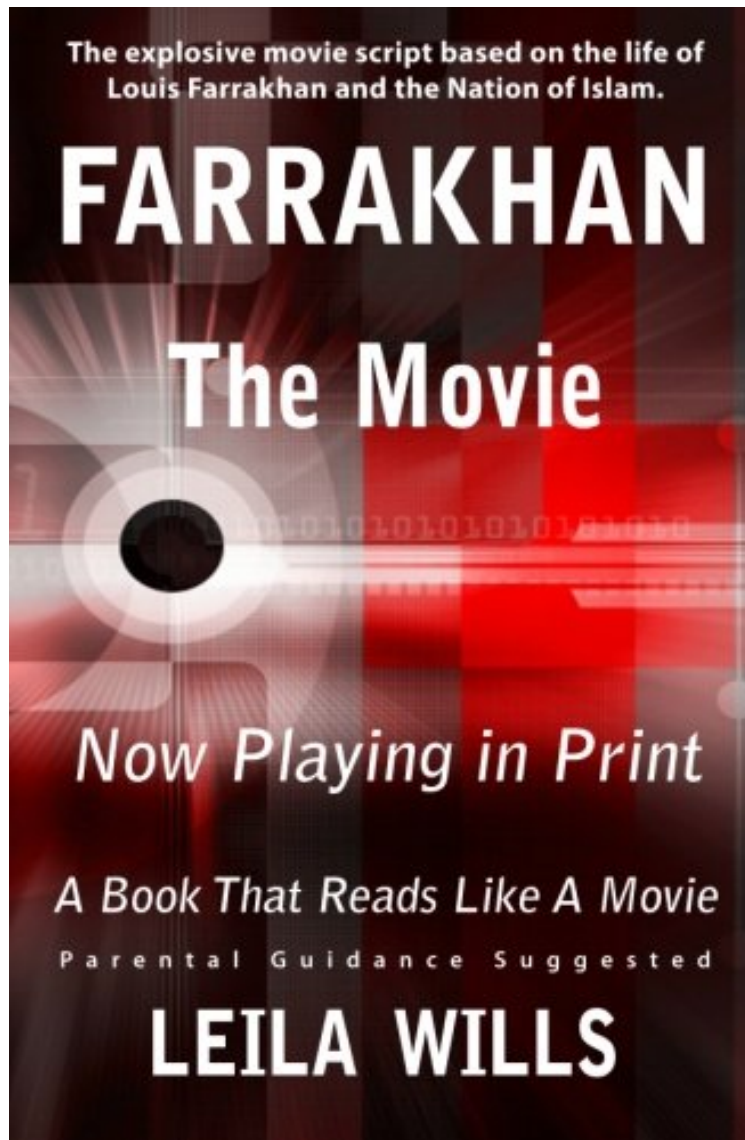


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**Leila Wills : Farrakhan, The Movie** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Farrakhan, The Movie:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. "Farrakhan The Movie" A Virtual Historical and Political TravelBy Cheryl Loftin WoodingI decided to revisit the life of a leader who captured the attention of so many during these last 50 years. Leila Wills' book, "Farrakhan The Movie", a book that reads like a movie, is not a traditional biography. The story starts on a Georgia Plantation with Elijah Poole, later known as Elijah Muhammad and the beginning of the

Nation of Islam. Then it takes the reader to Malcolm Little (Malcolm X), his early life and emergence in the Nation of Islam and then onto Louis Eugene Wolcott, later known as Louis Farrakhan. Nearly every page abounds with data that plugs the holes and connects what has been previously published. Leila Wills gives you a virtual travel uncovering all sorts of material. The book plays and reads like no other political biography I've come across and this underlines that we are dealing here with a very different type of writer. She writes like a historian but the presentation is like a novelist and a very good one at that--deploying a great deal of conversation and showing considerable fluency and remarkable insight. I marvel at the single-mindedness with which she has pursued the subjects - more than half a century. She gives her fascinating account of Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm X and Louis Farrakhan. This book is one in a class of scholarly adventure. Leila Wills has scooped up every detail and fact of the Nation of Islam. This textual and historical book through its unique design sheds a great deal of light on this era. Essentially this movie novel falls into three parts: the background of Elijah Muhammad and the rise of the Nation of Islam; Malcolm X's background, life in the Nation of Islam and his dismissal from the Nation; then the background of Louis Farrakhan, his influence and rise to leadership in the Nation of Islam. Overshadowing it all is the physical presence of the F.B.I. in all their lives. Ultimately what mattered most was the style of leadership and command exhibited by the three men. It is fascinating to see how their rise and leadership styles developed during their years in the Nation of Islam and Farrakhan's ultimate rise to leadership. Leila Wills goes to the very heart of the Nation of Islam. For that reason alone, this movie book is an interesting read. Cheryl Loftin Wooding-Bey 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Farrakhan is Living Proof that Truth is Stranger than Fiction! By Sharrieff Saalakhani This Entertaining and Engrossing book is neither an attempt to lionize nor demonize Louis Farrakhan. It is just factually based. Author Leila Wills demonstrates a superior ability to allow the star of this movie, Louis Farrakhan and the supporting cast tell the story while she skillfully navigates the fluidity of the action. She has an impressive flair for detail, each chapter offers a montage of historical events that have occurred in the 79 year life span of Farrakhan. The Dialogue is predominately but cleverly derived from actual public recitations of Farrakhan himself, as well as numerous documented sources. She brilliantly weaves all of this together, and captures the true essence of all those featured. (Which includes Malcolm X, Elijah Muhammad, Muhammad Ali, Bumpy Johnson, Khalid Abdul Muhammad, Jim Brown, others) One of the great things about this book is the integrity and accuracy of it. Leila Wills fully understands that with a subject like Louis Farrakhan, an underlying agenda serves no purpose. Farrakhan has always been his own biggest defender as well as worst enemy. The ultimate contradiction, it is a theme that has constantly played out in the life of Farrakhan, and this book captures it brilliantly and honestly. From his days as a boy being raised by his single mother, to being a night club performer, to being taught by Malcolm X, to how he handled the death of Elijah Muhammad, his drug use, his affair with Lola Falana, his domestic life that most in the general public do not know about (he has multiple wives and a bevy of children), to preaching that Elijah Muhammad is ALIVE on a space ship, his bout with cancer, etc. This book doesn't miss a beat. As you eagerly turn the pages, you will either say "I remember that" or "God damn! he did what?" I believe this book has tremendous appeal to those who are well acquainted with the Nation of Islam Farrakhan's history, but it also has a much broader appeal to anyone with a casual interest or desire to be entertained as well as edified. Love him or hate him, Farrakhan has definitely made it pretty tough to ignore him. This book doesn't seek converts, like all great "movies", the viewer will leave with their own judgements. So my opinion about Farrakhan is not my purpose here. My purpose is to give credit where credit is due! This is a damn good book! Well paced, vivid, beautifully constructed and quite compelling!! Leila Wills has done a skillful job of "directing" the volatile roller coaster that is the life of Louis Farrakhan, a man forever sandwiched between inspiration and infamy. It is a shame that this book is not an actual movie, because frankly it would easily rival Spike Lee's "Malcolm X" or Oliver Stone's "JFK" as a monumental and outstanding biographical work. Oh yeah, like any movie, I won't tell you the ending but I highly suggest you order this book and get your popcorn ready!! Kudos to Leila Wills! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book Needs to be a movie (Stranger Than Fiction) By Shorpy This I found to be informative and entertaining regarding the deep origins of the unholy alliance of NOI and the so-called "Church" of Scientology. Leila is a former NOI, so there's that perspective. She has also been active in resisting both cults, and has been physically intimidated by NOI. Brave woman who deserves a listen, and support.

The explosive movie script based on the life of Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam.

About the Author Leila Wills is a writer and journalist. She has worked for several media companies in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. Leila began hearing lectures by Louis Farrakhan as a teenager and her experience in the organization, coupled with years of research, has brought the intense and volatile history of the Nation of Islam to life. [www.farrakhanmovie.com](http://www.farrakhanmovie.com)