

# EMINEM

THE BEST-SELLING MUSIC ARTIST OF ALL TIME







# Who is he?



Rapper, actor and music producer Eminem is one of the best-selling musicians of the 21st century and one of the most influential rappers of all time.



## Early life

Eminem was born Marshall Bruce Mathers III on October 17, 1972, in St. Joseph, Missouri.

"I would change schools two, three times a year," Eminem later recalled.

"That was probably the roughest part about it all."









Eminem never knew his father, Marshall Mathers Jr., who abandoned the family when Eminem was still an infant and rebuffed all of his son's many attempts to contact him during his childhood



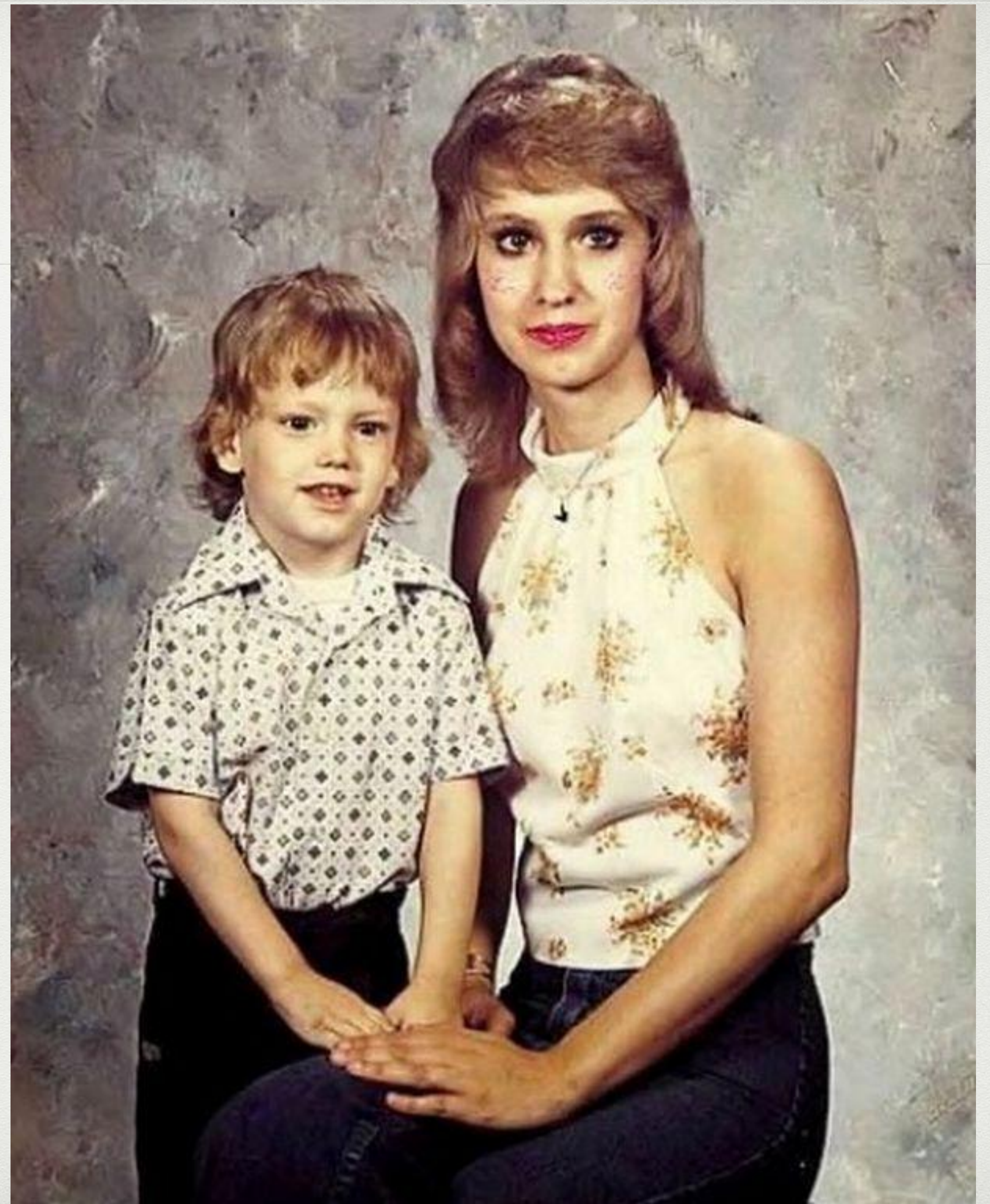
As a result, Eminem was raised by his mother, Deborah Mathers



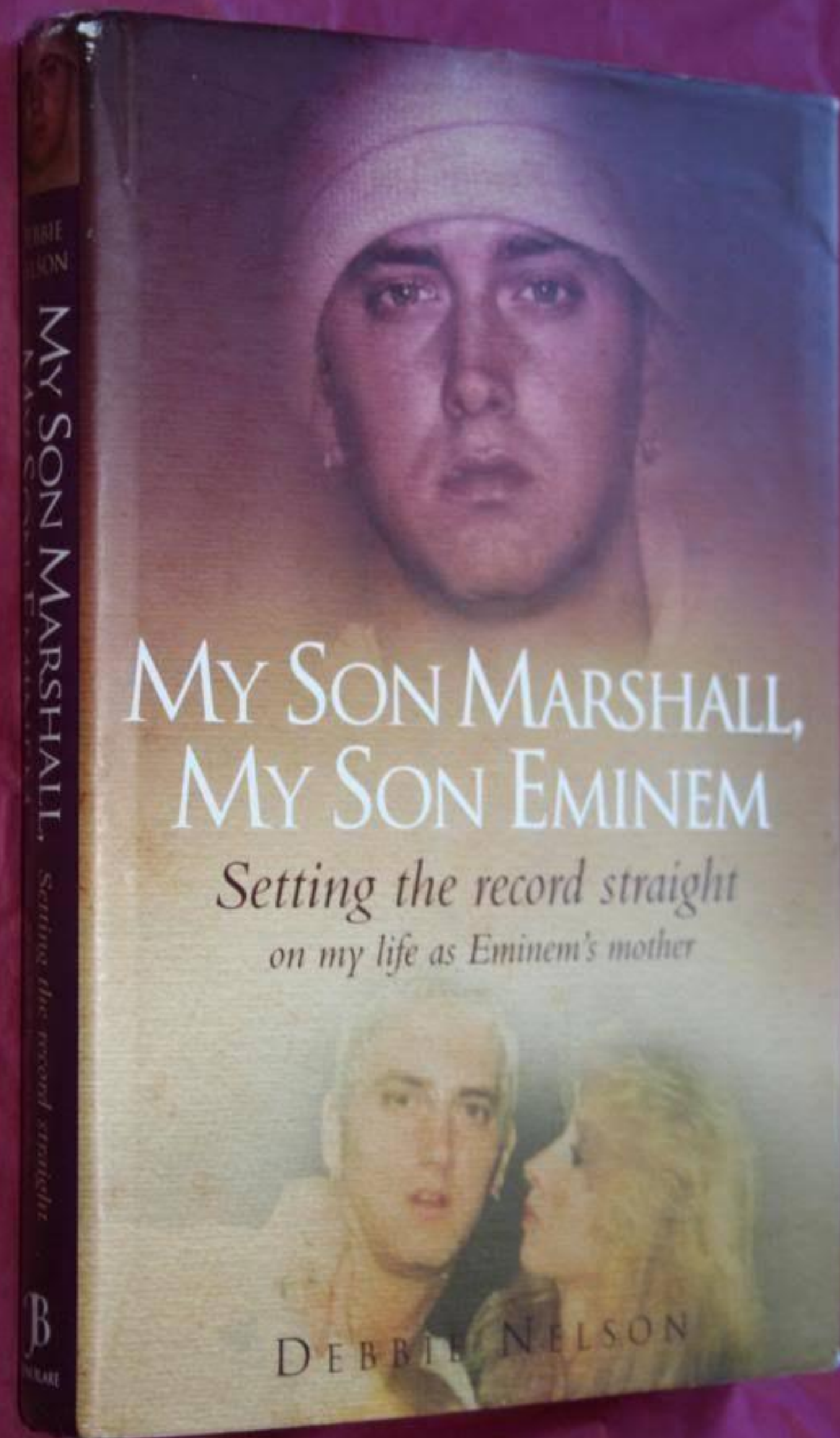
## Mother's attitude

Through his song lyrics, he has publicly accused her of being addicted to prescription drugs as well as subjecting him to emotional and physical abuse.

Deborah has vehemently denied all such accusations, and in 1999 she filed a \$10 million defamation lawsuit against her son. They settled the case for \$25,000.









# How come he became successful?

- Eminem entered into the Detroit rap scene as a frequent competitor in rap "battles"—competitions in which two rappers take turns insulting the other through improvised rap lyrics.





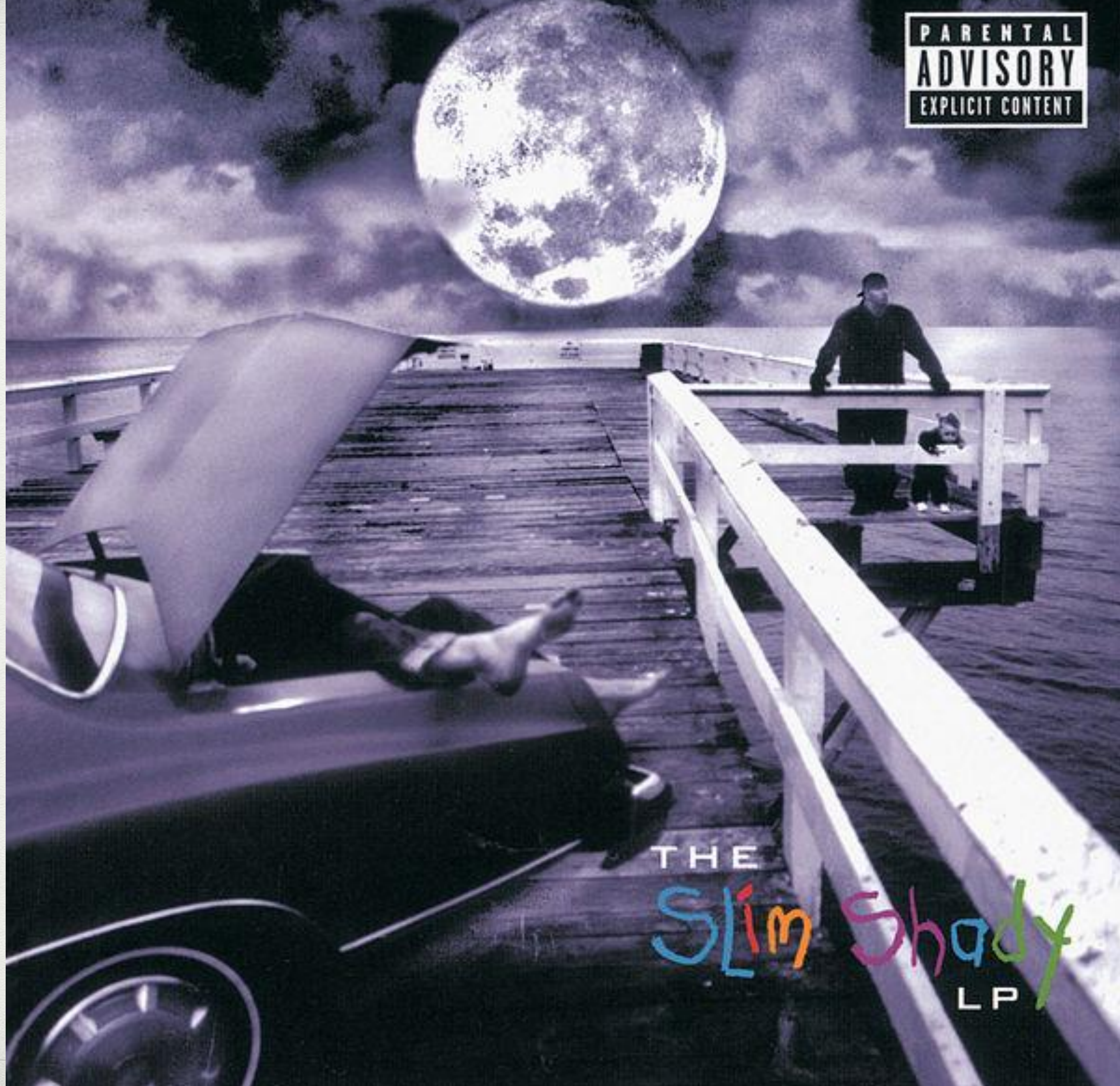
Eminem's semi-autobiographical film from 2002, 8 Mile.



Became runner-up in the 1997 Rap Olympics MC Battle, Dre listened to the rapper's cassette in the basement of executive Jimmy Iovine's home. Dre was so impressed that he signed Eminem to his Interscope Records label

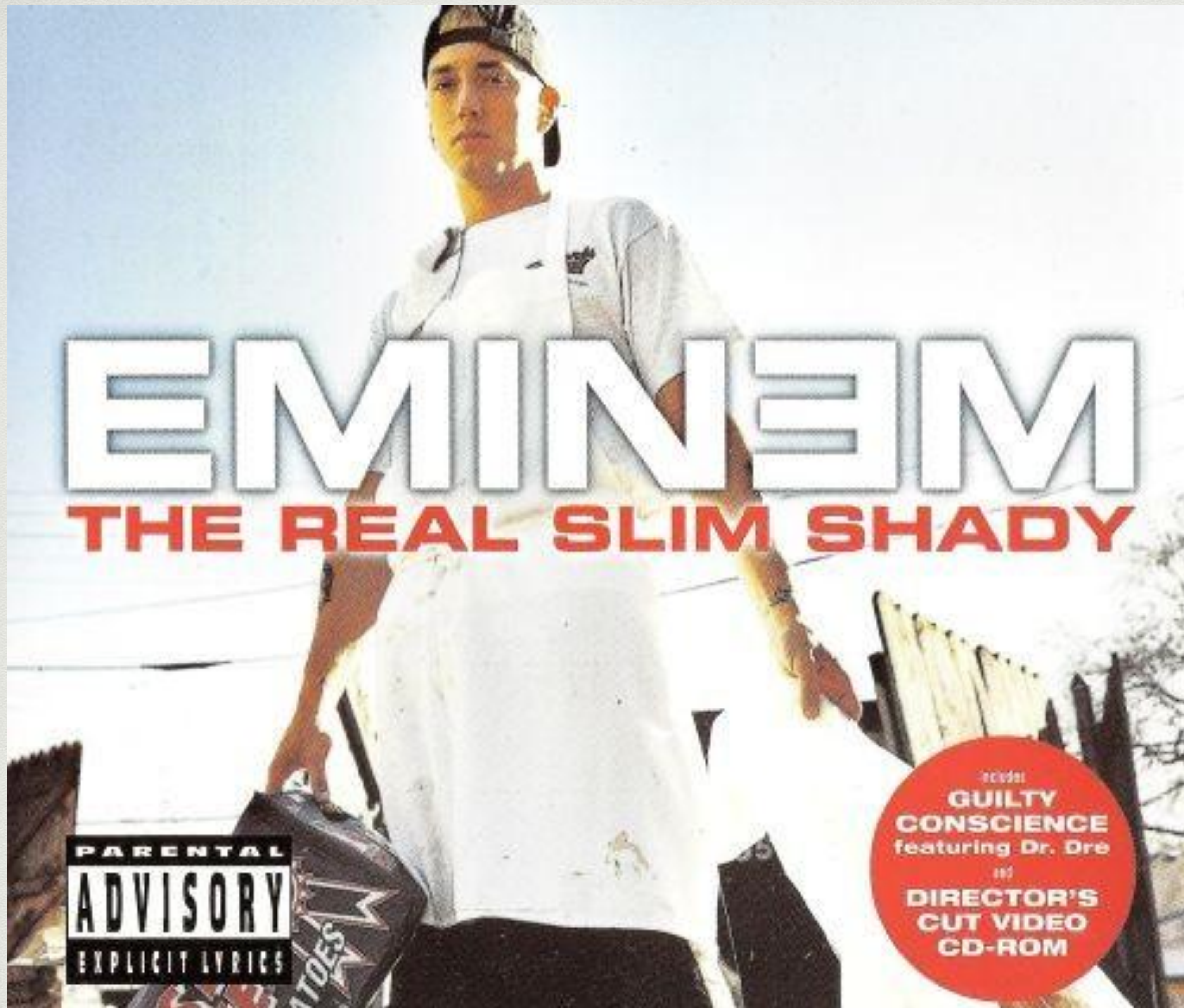


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**RAPPER | 1972–**

Born Marshall Bruce Mathers III, Eminem is an American rapper, record producer and actor, who is one of the most controversial and best-selling artists of the early 21st century. His 2000 album *The Marshall Mathers LP* is the fastest-selling album in rap history.



# QUICK FACTS

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Never knew  
father



High school  
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Won 15  
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Alter ego:  
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Shady Records  
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