

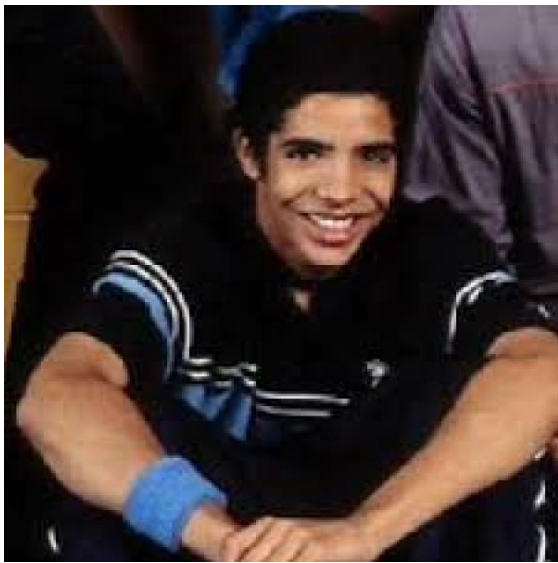
# Views

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Aubrey “Drake”Graham a boy from Toronto Ontario born October 24<sup>th</sup> 1986 was once just a guy that no one knew. He auditioned for Degrassi High: the

next generation in 2001 and he got the role of character Jimmy Brooks. He was on the show for 8 years when the producers discovered he was making music and perusing it on the website my space and so they gave him a choice. He was given a choice of either staying on the show and give up music or if he wanted to continue making music he would have to leave the show. His choice would change his life forever.



Drake began working on his project “Views from the 6” in early 2014 when it was later changed to just “Views”. Drake was inspired to make this album for the people of Toronto, after the countless years of constant support and love from his fans. Although you can argue drake may have

not challenged himself artistically this album still has lots of creativity in it. It has many songs that will get you pumped up before the gym or a big game but the songs that I love and give me feelings of nostalgia are the slower tempo songs that tell inspiring problematic stories. The album was released on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.



### Fire & Desire ~ Drake

On this track, Drake speaks about his commitment to a girl who's already engaged and committed to another man. Many the theories of this song lead to make people think he is talking about Nicki Manaj who is engaged with his rival Meek Mill. I chose this song because I can relate to it in a sence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iY9trJP8rgc>

### Weston Road Flows ~ Drake

On this song Drake speaks about his past and growing up on Weston Road where there's almost no money. He talks about the memories he has there and the nostalgic feels he gets when he thinks about it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SyWbgcNgBk>

### Redemption ~ Drake

This song by Drake talks about a former relationship he had that ended in fury. He expresses his conflicted emotions throughout the track about romantic commitment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiyfMGMJFyk>

### Controlla ~ Drake feat Rihanna

This song doesn't go very deep into detail about a story or any problems. This song is more meant to be a pop type song that you will listen to when

your with your friends or in a club. It has a similer style to the song Work by Rihanna.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqIQiDozS1A>

### Hype ~ Drake

On this track drake takes shots at his rival meek mill, compares himself to Michael Jackson and says he's doneing the hype cause his albums already a classic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzF-jHH3hAg>

(Appologies as some songs aren't the full version in the links due to copyright)



Even though this album is one of my favorite albums doesn't mean it comes without its flaws. This album was heavily critiqued for Drake switching up his tempo while almost more than half the songs on the album have a slow style to it. But I really liked the transition and feel like he really suits singing like the way he did. The types of songs I'm talking about are songs you can listen to on a rainy day or songs you can listen to to hear a good story with a soft melody.

My album rating for Views would have to be: 4/5

The reason for this rating is that I understand the inconsistencies throughout the album. I don't think it's perfect, but I think considering how much of a transition he had to make to make this album, he did a pretty good job of it.

Rolling stones rating: 3.5/4

Pitchfork review: 6.8/10

