

The Slim Shady LP

Eminem



About Eminem

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

During his childhood, Eminem and his mother shuttled between Michigan and Missouri, rarely staying in one house for more than a year or two and living primarily with family members. In Missouri they lived in several places, including St. Joseph, Savannah, and Kansas City.

After spending three years in ninth grade due to truancy and poor grades, he dropped out of Lincoln High School at age 17.

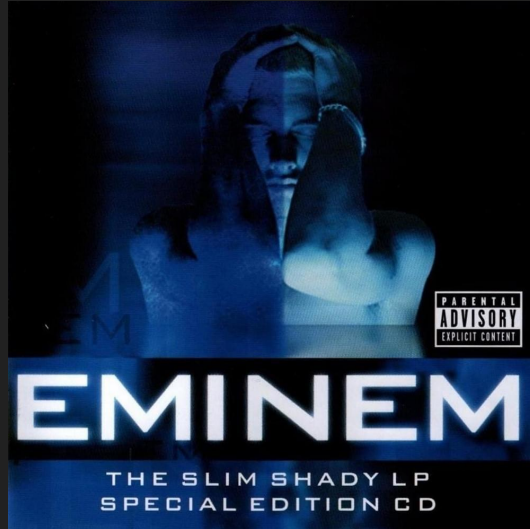
Ice T was Eminem's first musical influence. When his uncle Ronnie brought Marshall the tape of Ice T's "Reckless" Marshall was so impressed with Ice T's music that he made up the decision to become a rapper



Making the album

The recording began with Dr.Dre creating beats while Eminem would use that as a template to freestyle rap. Eminem once stated “Every beat he would make, I had a rhyme for”

On the first day of recording, Eminem and Dr.Dre finished “My Name is” in an hour. Three other songs, including “Role Model”, were also recorded that day.



During the mixing process of the album, Kid Rock was recording his fourth studio album. Being friends with Kid Rock, Eminem asked them to record “scratching” for The Slim Shady LP. In return, Eminem had a guest rap verse on a song written by Kid Rock.

Info on the “Hits”

1. ‘Rock Bottom’ - This song deals with the stress and anger created by the poverty Eminem lived through, and the struggles and tribulations of raising a little girl in those conditions | Rated 4 Stars |
2. ‘My Name Is’ - This is the song that launched Eminem to a national level. This was the second single from Eminem’s album which appeared on both the LP and on his minor-label release “The Slim Shady EP” | Rated 5 Stars |
3. ‘Role Model’ - Although this song didn't have a underlying message, it showed a silly side of Eminem that was rarely seen in his songs. He’s on record of saying “I was just f**king around when i made this song. To me it’s just a rap record. The message was complete sarcasm” | Rated 4 Stars |

Rock Bottom - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-3CmKofKTU>

My Name Is - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNPnb1arSE>

Role Model - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAccm7xUH38>



Critical Reception/Awards

The album was met with general applause from music critics. Stephen Thomas Erlewine of AllMusic gave the album five stars out of five. He praised Eminem on his “expansive Vocabulary and vivid imagination”

Many reviewers commented on the album’s lyrical content. Gilbert Rodman of ‘Popular Communications’ states, “Eminem's music contains more than its fair share of misogynistic and homophobic lyrics, but simply to reduce it to these (as many critics do) doesn’t help to explain Eminem.”

Rolling Stone Magazine ranked ‘The Slim Shady LP’ number 275 on its list of “The 500 Greatest Albums of All Time”



Legacy of 'The Slim Shady'

'The Slim Shady' will always be the cornerstone to Eminem's success. It was the first album released with the help of Dr.Dre and was arguably the most influential album he has ever released. Not only does this album mean the birth of Eminem, but also the birth of white rap. Before this, there were few to no popular white rappers. At the time, rap was akin to black culture.

Although rap is still closely associated with black culture, white rappers are accepted in the community directly because of him. White rappers all over the world owe their success and motivations to Eminem, and to 'The Slim Shady LP'.

