

B.B. KING, *The Life of Riley*

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"Survival is a Word...This is its Story." That is the tag line used to describe the life of one Riley B. King; better known to the world as B.B. King. Director Jon Brewer leaves no stone unturned in this excellent documentary on the legendary influential blues icon. Narrated by Morgan Freeman, there is a regal quality to the storytelling that moves King's story along in a cogent and indelible fashion. And the man himself is there at the forefront taking the viewer from his early days as a sharecropper to his time

as a radio deejay, jingle writer and, eventually, becoming a consummate entertainer, singer and guitar player. Some of the persons interviewed for the film include President Barack Obama, U2, Eric Clapton, Carlos

Santana, Leon Russell, John Mayall, Joe Walsh and many others. Extras include extended interviews and a 2011 live performance from the Royal Albert Hall. It's safe to say that King is one of our most beloved and treasured American music figures and this fine film captures a lot of the reasons why