

BRIAN “HEAD” WELCH

BRIAN “HEAD” WELCH, was born June 19, 1970 and grew up in Bakersfield, California. He found his calling at age eleven when he picked up his first guitar. Voraciously practicing and a steady diet of hard rock classics filled in the ensuing years, and shortly after high school, he co-founded a metal band named Korn. The band soon became a Grammy award-winning, multi-platinum force that shot to the top tier of the rock world and dominated the new metal movement of the late Nineties. Korn’s 1998 *Follow the Leader* album cemented the band as rock titans when they debuted at number one on the Billboard charts, fighting off new releases from mainstream heavyweights Dr. Dre and Celine Dion. For his efforts with Korn, Head received six Grammy nominations, winning two, while selling some 40 million records worldwide.

As Korn continued to reach new creative and commercial heights, Head found himself drowning in the excesses of rock and roll. Far from immune to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, Head became addicted to crystal meth, spiraling out of control even as he continued to sell millions of albums. He gamely but unsuccessfully tried to balance his career and his obligations as a single father to his daughter Jennea. In 2005, he finally resigned from Korn and turned to Christianity, dedicating his life to giving his gifts to those most desperately in need. Just months after his Korn exodus, Head traveled to India to open up his first “Head Home,” an orphanage that provides housing, food, and education to some 200 orphans in the most unreachable parts of India. His philanthropic efforts continue to give relief to those in need throughout the United States and other parts of the world.

Though no longer a part of Korn, Head was not retired from music and began work on his solo debut. The final product, *Save Me from Myself*, put the music world on notice that he was very much alive and that his music was as potent as ever. He continues to record and release vital music that attracts fans of hard rock, Christian rock, and the legions of Korn devotees that continue to support his career.

Having achieved so much after hitting such emotionally-pulverizing lows, Head realized that an honest, no-holds-barred account of his life before and after Korn could be a tremendous benefit to those struggling with substance abuse, despair, and crises of faith. To that end, he penned his 2007 autobiography, *Save Me from Myself* (HarperCollins). The book quickly landed on the *New York Times* bestseller list, inspiring him to follow it up with a second book, *Washed by Blood* (2008, HarperCollins).

In December, 2010, Head released *Stronger: Forty Days of Metal and Spirituality* by HarperCollins, a forty-day devotional of selected scriptures that have given him strength during his greatest challenges. Head speaks candidly about his continued bouts of depression and his struggles with darker impulses as he comes to terms with his faith-based life, finding guidance and inspiration in the scriptural passages in the book. *Stronger* uses both Old and New Testament wisdom to outline practical applications to virtually every situation and decision he faces in life.

Head continues to create explosive music, pursue his wide-ranging philanthropic missions and to strive to be the best father he can be for his beloved daughter.