

= Outrageous (song) =

" Outrageous " is a song recorded by American singer Britney Spears for her fourth studio album , In the Zone (2003) . It was written and produced by R. Kelly , with vocal production provided by Trixster and Penelope Magnet . The song was released on July 20 , 2004 , by Jive Records , as the fourth and final single from In the Zone . " Outrageous " was the record label 's choice for first and second single , but Spears pushed for " Me Against the Music " and " Toxic " respectively , to be released instead . It was finally announced as a single after it was selected as the theme song for the 2004 film Catwoman . " Outrageous " is an R & B song with influences of hip hop and an exotic feel . Lyrically , it talks about materialism and entertainment . " Outrageous " received mixed reviews from critics . Some praised its funky sound , while others deemed it as " forgettable " .

" Outrageous " only charted in the United States , entering many of Billboard 's component charts and peaking at number 79 on the Billboard Hot 100 . Spears only performed the song once , on 2004 's The Onyx Hotel Tour . The music video was being shot in New York City in June 2004 , when Spears hurt her knee and had to undergo arthroscopic surgery . The video was canceled , as well as The Onyx Hotel Tour and the feature in the Catwoman soundtrack . A composite of different scenes was released in the DVD Greatest Hits : My Prerogative .

= = Background = =

" Outrageous " was written and produced by R. Kelly , and was recorded at The Chocolate Factory , in Chicago , Illinois . Penelope Magnet and Christopher " Tricky " Stewart of production team RedZone were enlisted to produce Spears 's vocals . She recorded them at Battery Studios in New York City . The song was later mixed by Serban Ghenea at MixStar Studios in Virginia Beach , Virginia . On September 11 , 2003 , " Outrageous " was confirmed as one of the tracks from In the Zone . Jive Records hoped the song would be released as the first single from the album , but Spears convinced them to release her collaboration with Madonna , " Me Against the Music " . The track was also one of the choices for second single along with " (I Got That) Boom Boom " , but Spears selected " Toxic " instead . On June 1 , 2004 , it was announced that " Outrageous " would be released as the fourth single from the album and would be sent to radio stations on June 29 , 2004 . It was also announced that the track would be the theme song from the 2004 film Catwoman . " Outrageous " was sent to mainstream radio in the United States on July 20 , 2004 .

= = Composition = =

" Outrageous " is an R & B song with influences of hip hop . The beat was compared by Gavin Mueller of Stylus Magazine to R. Kelly 's 2003 single " Snake " . Jennifer Vineyard of MTV noted that " she whispers and moans [...] with a snake charmer melody giving the song an exotic feel " . Nick Southall of Stylus Magazine compared the background vocals to those of Punjabi musician Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan . According to the sheetmusic published at Musicnotes.com by Universal Music Publishing Group , " Outrageous " is composed in the key of D major , with a tempo of 105 beats per minute . The song 's lyrics talk about materialism and amusement , with Spears referencing in the chorus a number of things that give her pleasure , such as " my world tour " and " my sex drive " . Vineyard noted , " the cumulative effect seems like it 's designed to put the listener in the lover 's shoes ? taking full advantage of the aural male gaze " . Sal Cinquemani of Slant Magazine said the track " includes a telling parallel that reveals a lot about one of music 's biggest ? as Alanis Morissette would put it ? treadmill capitalists : she sings " my sex drive " and " my shopping spree " with the same dripping gusto " .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

" Outrageous " received mixed reviews from music critics . Mim Udovitch of Blender called the song an " R. Kelly club number , [that] has a hot , odd compulsion and lyrics that are practically big @-@ pimpin ' , Spears @-@ style " . William Shaw of Blender selected it as the ninth best Spears song , highlighting " the nonsense chants " at 1 : 10 . While reviewing Greatest Hits : My Prerogative , Ann Powers commented , " ' Outrageous ' is R. Kelly 's dirty little take on the ideal Janet Jackson song " . Spence D. of IGN said of the song that " it 's a somewhat derivative Egyptian lover groove number . Yet for all it 's [sic] repetitiveness , it 's still kind of funky and pervasive " . Kelefa Sanneh of The New York Times called it " [a] composition that cruises along on autopilot for two minutes and then suddenly switches gears with a delectable Michael Jackson @-@ inspired bridge " . Annabel Leathes of BBC Online stated that " R. Kelly transform [s] Britney into a grubby Beyoncé " . Caryn Ganz of Spin called " Outrageous " a " go @-@ nowhere homage to living fabulously " . Dave de Sylvia of Sputnikmusic called it " a forgettable but nonetheless catchy single " . David Browne of Entertainment Weekly said that along with " (I Got That) Boom Boom " , " [they] are little more than wobbly , rhythm @-@ based contraptions intended to advance Spears ' sex @-@ princess @-@ on @-@ the @-@ loose image " . Jamie Gill of Yahoo ! Music Radio commented that , " with its cheap , tinny production ? it would take a rather senile and unworldly old lady in Tonbridge Wells [sic] to find this even diverting , let alone shocking " .

= = = Chart performance = = =

On August 14 , 2004 , " Outrageous " debuted at number 85 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 . On August 28 , 2004 , it peaked at number 79 . The same week , the song peaked at number twenty @-@ three on Billboard ' s Pop Songs . It also reached number 27 on Billboard 's Hot Dance Club Songs on September 11 , 2004 . " Outrageous " also reached number 14 on the Hot Dance Singles Sales chart . In Japan , " Outrageous " charted on the Oricon Albums Chart for eight weeks and peaked at number 31 .

= = Promotion = =

The music video for " Outrageous " was directed by Dave Meyers , who previously worked in the music videos for " Lucky " and " Boys " , as well as the Curious commercials . It was shot in outdoors locations in Queens and Manhattan , New York City on June 8 , 2004 . The music video was set to premiere on MTV on June 28 , 2004 . After completion of the scenes with guest star Snoop Dogg , Spears was shooting dance scenes in Manhattan when around 11 : 30 p.m. , she fell and injured her left knee . She was taken immediately to a local hospital , where doctors performed an MRI scan and found floating cartilage . The following day , Spears underwent arthroscopic surgery . Spears was forced to remain six weeks with a thigh brace , followed by eight to twelve weeks of rehabilitation , which caused the rest of the shoot as well as the remainder of The Onyx Hotel Tour to be canceled . " Outrageous " was also scrapped as the theme song from Catwoman . A 45 second music video composed of the scenes that were shot was released in the 2004 DVD Greatest Hits : My Prerogative . The video begins with Snoop Dogg and a group of men playing basketball in an outdoors court , until Spears appears wearing blue baggy shorts . She starts to flirt with him , before jumping into his arms and licking his beard . In the next scene , she performs with her dancers on a street at night .

Spears has performed the song only once , on her 2004 The Onyx Hotel Tour . It was the last song of the fifth act of the show , titled " Security Cameras " . She performed " Breathe on Me " wearing pink lingerie while emulating different sexual practices with her dancers . After it ended , she put on a white trench coat while her dancers wore them in black and performed " Outrageous " . The act ended with a skit that segued into the finale performance of " (I Got That) Boom Boom " .

= = Track listings = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =