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*Holy Hip Hop in the City of
Angels Univ of California Press
The Hip Hop Generation is an
eloquent testament for black*



youth culture at the turn of the century. The only in-depth study of the first generation to grow up in post-segregation America, it combines culture and politics into a pivotal work in American studies. Bakari Kitwana, one of black America's sharpest young critics, offers a sobering look at this generation's disproportionate social and political troubles, and celebrates the activism and politics that may herald the beginning of a new phase of African-American empowerment.

What Is Hip-Hop?

Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Spanning 25 years of serious writing on hip-hop by noted scholars and mainstream journalists, this comprehensive anthology includes observations and critiques on groundbreaking hip-hop recordings.

The Big Payback Penguin

If asked to list the greatest innovators of modern American poetry, few of us would think to include Jay-Z or Eminem in their number. And yet hip hop is the source of some of the most exciting developments in verse today. The media uproar in response to its controversial lyrical

content has obscured hip hop's revolution of poetic craft and experience: Only in rap music can the beat of a song render poetic meter audible, allowing an MC's wordplay to move a club-full of eager listeners. Examining rap history's most memorable lyricists and their inimitable techniques, literary scholar Adam Bradley argues that we must understand rap as poetry or miss the vanguard of poetry today. *Book of Rhymes* explores America's least understood poets, unpacking their surprisingly complex craft, and according rap poetry

the respect it deserves.

The Psychological Covert War on Hip Hop Lexington Books

Hip-hop is in crisis. For the past dozen years, the most commercially successful hip-hop has become increasingly saturated with caricatures of black gangstas, thugs, pimps, and 'hos. The controversy surrounding hip-hop is worth attending to and examining with a critical eye because, as scholar and cultural critic Tricia Rose argues, hip-hop has become a primary means by which we

talk about race in the United States. In *The Hip-Hop Wars*, Rose explores the most crucial issues underlying the polarized claims on each side of the debate: Does hip-hop cause violence, or merely reflect a violent ghetto culture? Is hip-hop sexist, or are its detractors simply anti-sex? Does the portrayal of black culture in hip-hop undermine black advancement? A potent exploration of a divisive and important subject, *The Hip-Hop Wars* concludes with a call for the regalanization of

the progressive and creative heart of hip-hop. What Rose calls for is not a sanitized vision of the form, but one that more accurately reflects a much richer space of culture, politics, anger, and yes, sex, than the current ubiquitous images in sound and video currently provide.

God Save the Queens

Eric Reese

The Gospel of Hip Hop: First Instrument, the first book from the *I Am Hip Hop*, is the philosophical masterwork of KRS ONE. Set in the format of

the Christian Bible, as Hip Hop's true and linguistic history
this 800-plus-page opus steward, KRS ONE of the words "hip" and
is a life-guide manual painstakingly details "hop," and describes
for members of Hip Hop the development of the the ways in which
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beautifully written, inspiring book, KRS ONE shines the light of truth, from his own empirical research over a 14-year period, into the fascinating world of Hip Hop.

Hip Hop Wars U of Minnesota Press
In It's Bigger Than Hip Hop, M. K.

Asante, Jr. looks at the rise of a generation that sees beyond the smoke and mirrors of corporate-manufactured hip hop and is building a movement that will

change not only the face of pop culture, but the world.

Asante, a young firebrand poet, professor, filmmaker, and activist who represents this movement, uses hip hop as a springboard for a larger discussion about the urgent social and political issues affecting the post-hip-hop generation, a new wave of youth searching for an understanding of

itself outside the self-destructive, corporate hip-hop monopoly. Through insightful anecdotes, scholarship, personal encounters, and conversations with youth across the globe as well as icons such as Chuck D and Maya Angelou, Asante illuminates a shift that can be felt in the crowded spoken-word joints in post-Katrina New Orleans, seen in the rise of youth-led

organizations
committed to social
justice, and heard
around the world
chanting "It's bigger
than hip hop."

Can't Stop Won't Stop
Bloomsbury Publishing
USA

In his second
collection, including
the iconic and much-
referenced title story
featured in the
Academy Award-winning
film Birdman, Carver
establishes his
reputation as one of
the most celebrated
short-story writers in

American literature—a
haunting meditation on
love, loss, and
companionship, and
finding one's way
through the dark.

The Tanning of America
Pearson

Traces how the
"tanning" phenomenon
raised a generation of
black, Hispanic,
white, and Asian
consumers who have the
same "mental
complexion" based on
shared experiences and
values. This consumer
is a mindset—not a
race or age—that
responds to shared

values and experiences,
rather than the
increasingly irrelevant
demographic boxes that
have been used to a
fault by corporate
America."--

Rap and Hip Hop
Culture Vintage

As hip-hop artists
constantly struggle to
"keep it real," this
fascinating study
examines the debates
over the core codes of
hip-hop
authenticity--as it
reflects and reacts to
problematic black
images in popular
culture--placing hip-

hop in its proper cultural, political, and social contexts. *What We Talk About When We Talk About Love* Civitas Books Hip Hop's Inheritance arguably offers the first book-length treatment of what hip hop culture has, literally, 'inherited' from the Harlem Renaissance, the Black Arts movement, the Feminist Art movement, and 1980s and 1990s postmodern

aesthetics. By comparing and contrasting the major motifs of the aforementioned cultural aesthetic traditions with those of hip hop culture, all the while critically exploring the origins and evolution of black popular culture from antebellum America through to 'Obama's America,' Hip Hop's Inheritance demonstrates that the Hip Hop generation is

not the first generation of young black folk preoccupied with spirituality and sexuality, race and religion, entertainment and athletics, or ghetto culture and bourgeois culture. The Gospel of Hip Hop Lexington Books In Search of Soul explores the meaning of "soul" in sacred and profane incarnations, from its biblical origins to its central place in

the rich traditions of America or of the Roman black and Latin Empire, hip-hop and Christianity have encyclopedic parade of history. Surveying the work of writers, artists, poets, musicians, philosophers and theologians, Alejandro Nava shows how their understandings of the "soul" revolve around narratives of justice, liberation, and spiritual redemption. He contends that biblical traditions and hip-hop emerged out of experiences of dispossession and oppression. Whether born in the ghettos of America or of the Roman Empire, hip-hop and Christianity have endured by giving voice to the persecuted. This book offers a view of soul in living color, as a breathing, suffering, dreaming thing.

Other People's Property Duke University Press
Included in Publishers Weekly's Big Indie Books of Fall 2017 feature "Morse and Yi (the team behind What Is Punk?) highlight hip-hop's cultural hegemony via an impressively rhyming biographies. Yi's meticulously styled clay figures are as magical as in the previous book, combining profound expressiveness with the playfulness of action figures. Her compositions are equally evocative, ranging from video snippets (the Beastie Boys strike a pose from 'Intergalactic') to formal portraits (Kanye West, Missy Elliott, Kendrick Lamar) and metaphorical ones (Jay

Z stands amid New York City skyscrapers)."

--Publishers Weekly "In rhythmic, rhyming verse, Morse offers a genealogy of hip-hop royalty that begins with the Boogie Down Bronx's DJ Kool Herc and Grandmaster Flash and walks readers into today with Nicki Minaj, Drake, and Kendrick Lamar. In between the origins and now, readers find a rare gender-inclusive narrative of hip-hop history that uplifts B-girls like Queen Latifah and Missy Elliott along with legendary male groups such as NWA and Wu-Tang...The magnificent 3-D clay illustrations...include an intricately produced remake of Tribe Called Quest's legendary 'Midnight Marauders' cover. Tying these images back to their original sources makes for quite the history lesson. Make sure to keep a device nearby. A must-read reference for any hip-hop family."

--Kirkus Reviews "Verdict: these books are pretty damn cute."

--The Current (Minnesota Public Radio), What is Punk? and What is Hip-Hop? are Rock and Roll Book Club selections "An ideal picture book for children ages 3 to 7, What Is Hip-Hop? is as entertaining as it is informative and will prove to be an enduringly popular addition to family, daycare center, preschool, elementary school, and community library collections."

--Midwest Book Review "Eric Morse is back with a follow-up that

shines a similar PG spotlight on the hip-hop arena and its players, from Run-DMC and Queen Latifah to Salt-N-Pepa and Tupac. Artist Anny Yi returns, too, with delightful clay figurines to accompany Morse's beat-astic rhyming verse." --Tory Burch Daily Blog Praise for What is Punk? "A punk primer for the youngest set. Yi's incredibly detailed clay figures are a kinetic and inspired art choice. As [Morse] points out, the best way to learn about punk is just to listen. If invested adults love the topic, a shared reading experience can't be beat." --Kirkus Reviews "What Is Punk? is a fun, sophisticated, and beautifully illustrated introduction to the music genre for kids--or adults." --New York Daily News "In the beginning, there was a beat..." So begins What is Hip-Hop?--a playful guided tour of one of the most revolutionary pop culture movements of the twentieth century. Beginning with block parties in the Bronx, What is Hip-Hop? brings the reader up to the present day, with rhyming verses and engaging 3-D clay illustrations. It's a fun, accessible, and informative read for B-boys and B-girls of all ages. In the follow-up to their acclaimed and beloved hit What Is Punk? author Eric Morse and artist Anny Yi reunite to celebrate the music that changed their lives and the voices that achieved iconic status along the way. See Run-D.M.C., LL

Cool J, Beastie Boys, Salt-N-Pepa, Biggie and Tupac, Eminem, and even Nicki Minaj and Kendrick Lamar, as you've never seen them!

Hip Hop America
Civitas Books

A groundbreaking exposé about the alarming use of rap lyrics as criminal evidence to convict and incarcerate young men of color. Should Johnny Cash have been charged with murder after he sang, "I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die"? Few would seriously subscribe to this notion of justice. Yet in 2001, a rapper named Mac whose music had gained national recognition was convicted of manslaughter after the prosecutor quoted liberally from his album *Shell Shocked*. Mac was sentenced to thirty years in prison, where he remains. And his case is just one of many nationwide. Over the last three decades, as rap became increasingly popular, prosecutors saw an opportunity: they could present the sometimes violent, crime-laden lyrics of amateur rappers as confessions to crimes, threats of violence, evidence of gang

affiliation, or revelations of criminal motive—and judges and juries would go along with it. Detectives have reopened cold cases on account of rap lyrics and videos alone, and prosecutors have secured convictions by presenting such lyrics and videos of rappers as autobiography. Now, an alarming number of aspiring rappers

are imprisoned. No other form of creative expression is treated this way in the courts. Rap on Trial places this disturbing practice in the context of hip hop history and exposes what's at stake. It's a gripping, timely exploration at the crossroads of contemporary hip hop and mass incarceration. *Hip Hop's Amnesia* UNC

Press Books
From Nelson George, supervising producer and writer of the hit Netflix series, "The Get Down, Hip Hop America is the definitive account of the society-altering collision between black youth culture and the mass media. **Fear of a Hip-Hop Planet** Avery
A New York Times-bestselling, in-depth exploration of the most pivotal moments in rap music from 1979 to 2014.

Here's what The Rap Year Book does: It takes readers from 1979, widely regarded as the moment rap became recognized as part of the cultural and musical landscape, and comes right up to the present, with Shea Serrano hilariously discussing, debating, and deconstructing the most important rap song year by year. Serrano also examines the most important moments that surround the history and culture of rap music—from artists' backgrounds to issues of race, the rise of hip-hop, and the struggles among its major players—both personal and professional. Covering East Coast and West Coast, famous rapper feuds, chart toppers, and show stoppers, The Rap Year Book is an in-depth look at the most influential genre of music to come out of the last generation. Picked by Billboard as One of the 100 Greatest Music Books of All-Time Pitchfork Book Club's first selection **That's the Joint!** HarperCollins Hip-hop is in crisis. For the past dozen years, the most commercially successful hip-hop has become increasingly saturated with caricatures of black gangstas, thugs, pimps, and 'hos. The

controversy surrounding Is hip-hop sexist, or culture, politics, hip-hop is worth are its detractors anger, and yes, sex, attending to and simply anti-sex? Does than the current examining with a the portrayal of black ubiquitous images in critical eye because, culture in hip-hop sound and video as scholar and cultural undermine black currently provide. critic Tricia Rose advancement? A potent **The Hip Hop Wars** argues, hip-hop has exploration of a Civitas Books become a primary means divisive and important Most pop songs are by which we talk about subject, The Hip-Hop short-lived. They race in the United Wars concludes with a appear suddenly and, States. In The Hip-Hop call for the if they catch on, seem Wars, Rose explores the regalanization of the to be everywhere at most crucial issues progressive and once before underlying the creative heart of hip- disappearing again polarized claims on hop. What Rose calls into obscurity. Yet each side of the for is not a sanitized some songs resonate debate: Does hip-hop vision of the form, but more deeply—often in cause violence, or one that more ways that reflect merely reflect a accurately reflects a broader historical and violent ghetto culture? much richer space of cultural changes. In

Footsteps in the Dark, George Lipsitz illuminates these secret meanings, offering imaginative interpretations of a wide range of popular music genres from jazz to salsa to rock. Sweeping changes that only remotely register in official narratives, Lipsitz argues, can appear in vivid relief within popular music, especially when these changes occur outside mainstream white culture. Using a wealth of revealing examples, he discusses such topics as the emergence of an African American techno music subculture in Detroit as a contradictory case of digital capitalism and the prominence of banda, merengue, and salsa music in the 1990s as an expression of changing Mexican, Dominican, and Puerto Rican nationalisms. Approaching race and popular music from another direction, he analyzes the Ken Burns PBS series Jazz as a largely uncritical celebration of American nationalism that obscures the civil rights era's challenge to racial inequality, and he takes on the infamous campaigns to censor hip-hop and the radical black voice in the early 1990s. Teeming with astute observations and brilliant insights about race and racism, deindustrialization, and urban renewal and their connections to music, Footsteps in the Dark puts forth an alternate history of post-cold war America and shows why in an era given to easy answers

and clichéd versions of history, pop songs matter more than ever. George Lipsitz is professor of black studies and sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Among his many books are *Life in the Struggle*, *Dangerous Crossroads*, and *American Studies in a Moment of Danger* (Minnesota, 2001).

The History of Hip Hop

Cambridge University Press

Composition and hip hop may seem unrelated, but the

connection isn't hard to make: Hip hop and rap rely on a complex of narrative practices that have clear ties to some of the best American essay writing. *A Hip Hop Reader* brings together work about this cultural phenomenon and provides selections that represent a variety of styles and interests. *It's Bigger Than Hip*

Hop Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Is Gangsta Rap just black noise? Or does it play the same role

for urban youth that CNN plays in mainstream America? This provocative set of essays tells us how Gangsta Rap is a creative "report" about an urban crisis, our new American dilemma, and why we need to listen. Increasingly, police, politicians, and late-night talk show hosts portray today's inner cities as violent, crime-ridden war zones. The same moral panic that

once focused on blacks in general has now been refocused on urban spaces and the black men who live there, especially those wearing saggy pants and hoodies. The media always spotlights the crime and violence, but rarely gives airtime to the conditions that produced these problems. The dominant narrative holds that the cause of the violence is the pathology of

ghetto culture. Hip-hop music is at the center of this conversation. When 16-year-old Chicago youth Derrion Albert was brutally killed by gang members, many blamed rap music. Thus hip-hop music has been demonized not merely as black noise but as a root cause of crime and violence. Fear of a Hip-Hop Planet: America's New Dilemma explores—and demystifies—the

politics in which the gulf between the inner city and suburbia have come to signify not only a socio-economic dividing line, but a new socio-cultural divide as well.

All about the Beat

The New Press
From its beginnings in hip hop culture, the dense rhythms and aggressive lyrics of rap music have made it a provocative fixture on the American cultural

landscape. In *Black Noise: Rap Music and Black Culture in Contemporary America*, Tricia Rose, described by the *New York Times* as a "hip hop theorist," takes a comprehensive look at the lyrics, music, cultures, themes, and styles of this highly rhythmic, rhymed storytelling and grapples with the most salient issues and debates that surround it. Assistant Professor

of *Africana Studies and History* at *New York University*, Tricia Rose sorts through rap's multiple voices by exploring its underlying urban cultural politics, particularly the influential *New York City rap scene*, and discusses rap as a unique musical form in which traditional African-based oral traditions fuse with cutting-edge music technologies. Next

she takes up rap's racial politics, its sharp criticisms of the police and the government, and the responses of those institutions. Finally, she explores the complex sexual politics of rap, including questions of misogyny, sexual domination, and female rappers' critiques of men. But these debates do not overshadow rappers' own words and thoughts. Rose also

closely examines the force with its own lyrics and videos for aesthetic, "a noisy songs by artists such and powerful element as Public Enemy, KRS- of contemporary One, Salt N' Pepa, MC American popular Lyte, and L. L. Cool culture which J. and draws on continues to draw a candid interviews great deal of with Queen Latifah, attention to itself." music producer Eric "Vietnam" Sadler, dancer Crazy Legs, and others to paint the full range of rap's political and aesthetic spectrum. In the end, Rose observes, rap music remains a vibrant