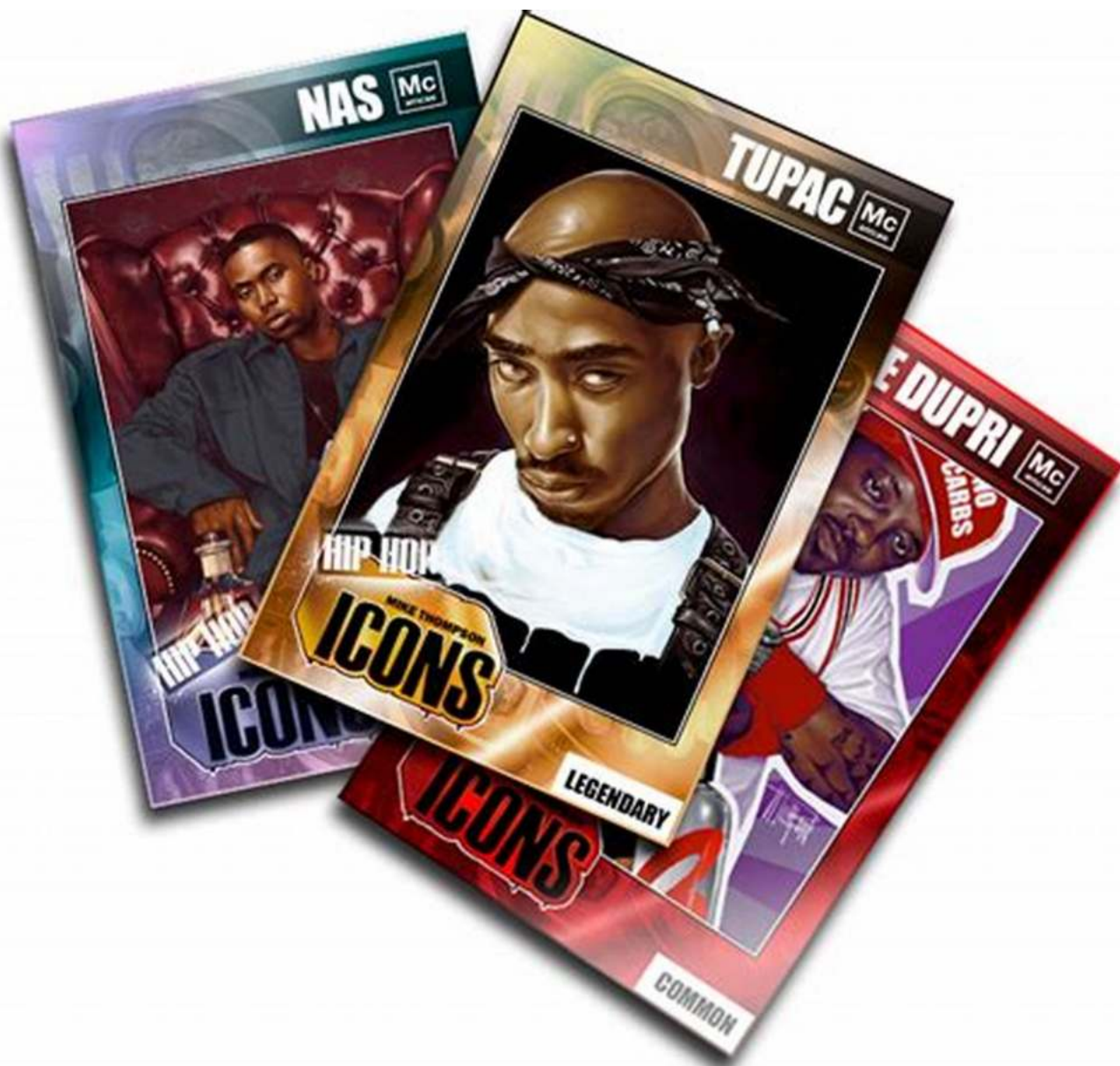


An Oral History Of Bayou City Hip Hop: Exploring Houston's Rich Musical Legacy



Houston, Texas, a vibrant city known for its diverse culture and distinctive Southern flair, is a hotbed of musical creativity. From country to blues, jazz to rock, and everything in between, the sounds of Houston have influenced and

shaped the American music landscape. But one genre that has truly made its mark on the city's musical heritage is Bayou City hip hop.

The Birth of a Movement

Bayou City hip hop originated in the 1980s, birthed from the streets and neighborhoods of Houston. Inspired by the rhythm and poetry of East Coast rap, Houston-based artists began crafting their own unique style that incorporated elements of their Southern roots. The movement gained momentum over the years, and soon the world took notice of the Bayou City's hip hop scene.



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Exploring Houston's Hip Hop Icons

As we delve into the rich history of Bayou City hip hop, it is essential to acknowledge the trailblazers and innovators who played a key role in shaping the genre.

Scarface: The Godfather of Houston Rap

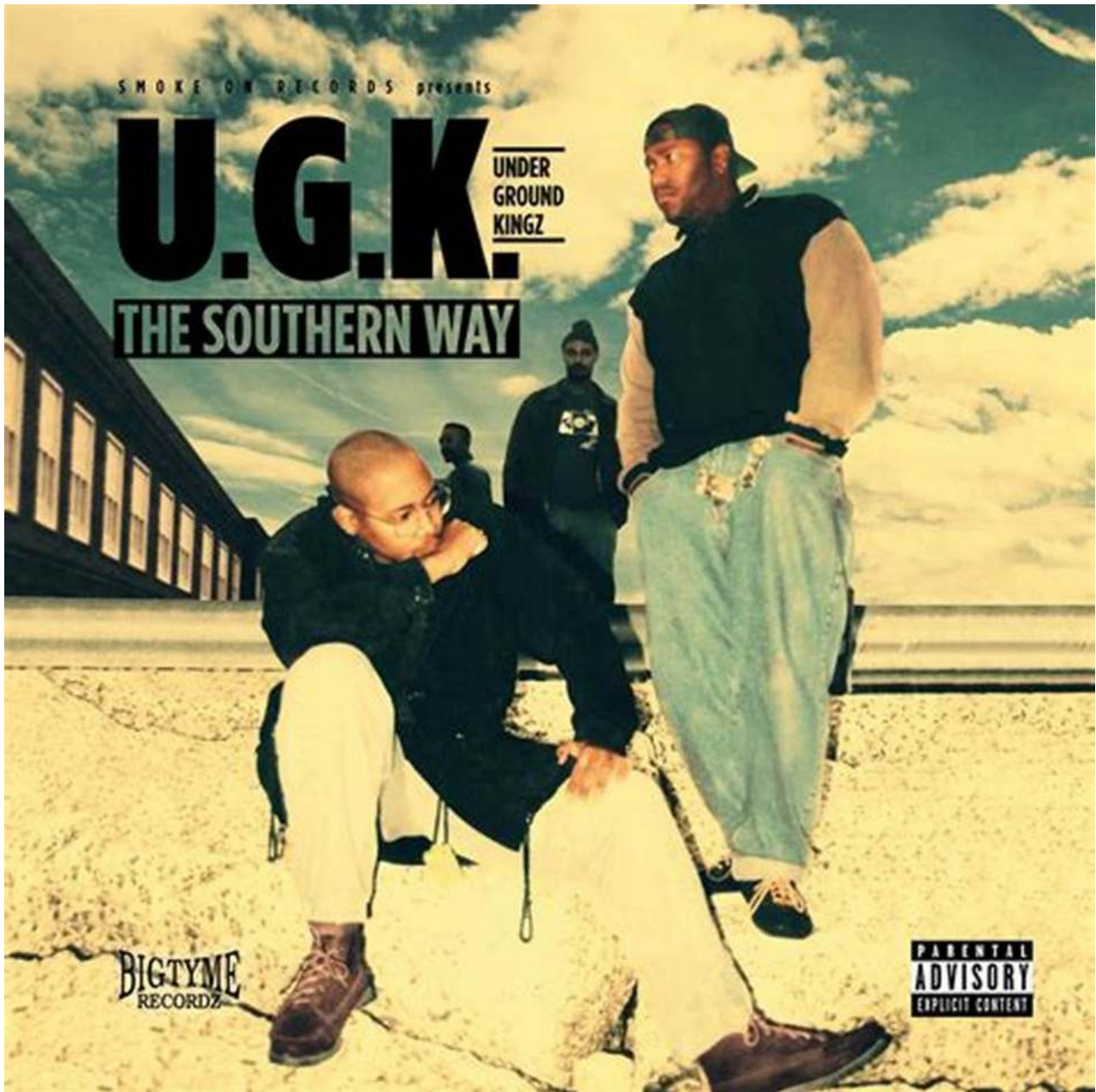
Brad Terrence Jordan, better known as Scarface, is widely regarded as the Godfather of Houston rap. With his gritty storytelling and powerful delivery,

Scarface set the standard for subsequent generations of Houston hip hop artists. His impact on the genre cannot be overstated, and his influence can still be heard in the verses of today's rising stars.



UGK: Pioneering the Southern Sound

UGK (Underground Kingz) is a legendary duo consisting of Chad "Pimp C" Butler and Bernard "Bun B" Freeman. Known for their unique blend of Southern funk, soul, and rap, UGK paved the way for future generations of Southern hip hop artists. Their groundbreaking contributions to the genre are still widely recognized and celebrated.



Geto Boys: Bold and Fearless

The Geto Boys, with members such as Scarface, Willie D, and Bushwick Bill, were known for their provocative and controversial lyrics that tackled social issues and shed light on the realities of urban life. Their fearlessness in addressing taboo topics made them a force to be reckoned with, and their impact on Houston hip hop cannot be ignored.



The Evolution of Bayou City Hip Hop

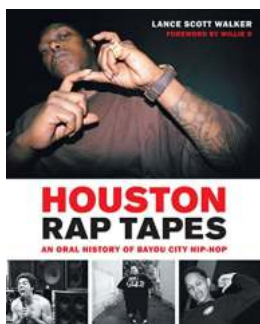
As the years went by, Bayou City hip hop continued to evolve and diversify. Artists like DJ Screw and his chopped and screwed style became synonymous with Houston hip hop. The subgenre gained popularity not only in Houston but also across the nation, leaving an indelible mark on the rap industry.

The Legacy Lives On

Today, the influence of Bayou City hip hop can be felt in the music of countless artists who have emerged from Houston and beyond. From the melodic flows of Travis Scott to the soulful lyricism of Megan Thee Stallion, the legacy of Bayou City hip hop lives on in the next generation of talents.

The oral history of Bayou City hip hop is a testament to the creativity, resilience, and cultural impact of Houston's music scene. From Scarface and UGK to the Geto Boys and DJ Screw, the city has produced iconic artists who have carved their names in music history. As we continue to celebrate and appreciate the contributions of these legends, it is evident that the Bayou City's hip hop legacy will endure for generations to come.

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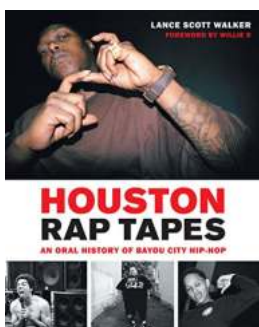
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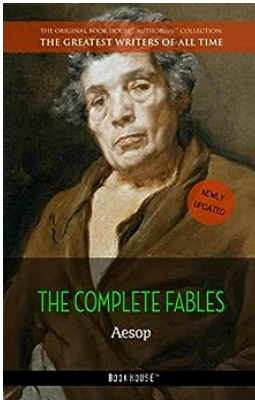
Walker and photographer Peter Beste spent a decade documenting Houston’s scene, interviewing and photographing the people—rappers, DJs, producers, promoters, record label owners—and places that give rap music from the Bayou City its distinctive character. Their collaboration produced the books *Houston Rap* and *Houston Rap Tapes*.

This second edition of *Houston Rap Tapes* amplifies the city’s hip-hop history through new interviews with Scarface, Slim Thug, Lez Moné, B L A C K I E, Lil’ Keke, and Sire Jukebox of the original Ghetto Boys. Walker groups the interviews into sections that track the different eras and movements in Houston rap, with new photographs and album art that reveal the evolution of the scene from the 1970s to today’s hip-hop generation. The interviews range from the specifics of making music to the passions, regrets, memories, and hopes that give it life. While offering a view from some of Houston’s most marginalized areas, these intimate conversations lay out universal struggles and feelings. As Willie D of Geto Boys writes in the foreword, “Houston Rap Tapes flows more like a bunch of fellows who haven’t seen each other for ages, hanging out on the block reminiscing, rather than a calculated literary guide to Houston’s history.”



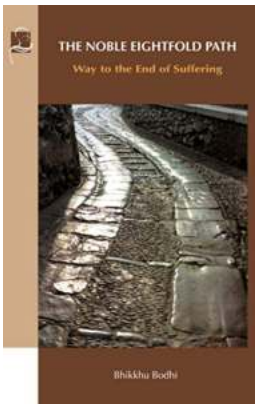
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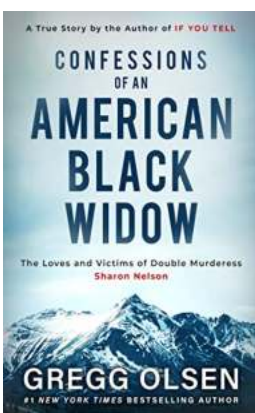
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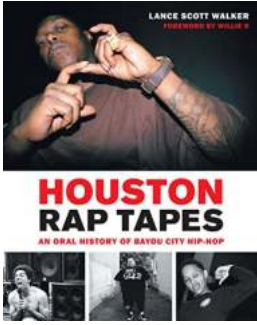
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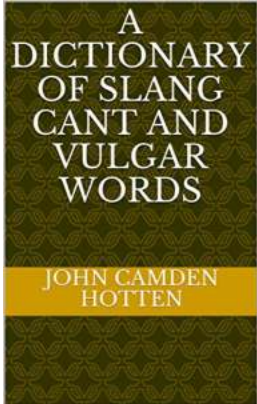
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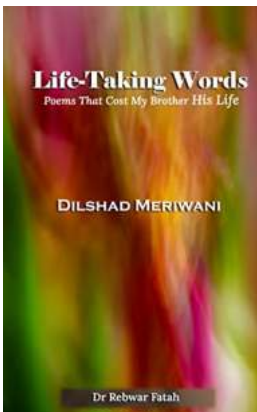
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