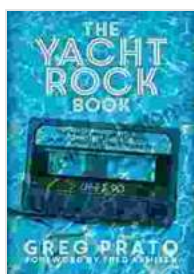


The Oral History of the Soft, Smooth Sounds of the 70s and 80s

A Journey Through the Golden Era of Soul, R&B, and Jazz

Step into the velvet-lined world of the 70s and 80s, where the airwaves hummed with the soft, smooth sounds of soul, R&B, and jazz. This oral history captures the stories behind the iconic artists, producers, and songs that defined an era.

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The artists themselves take center stage, recounting their personal journeys and the inspirations that fueled their music. Patti LaBelle, Anita Baker, and George Benson offer intimate glimpses into their creative process, revealing the emotions and experiences that poured into their unforgettable songs.

Beyond the chart-topping singles, this oral history delves into the rich tapestry of subgenres that colored the era. From the lush orchestrations of Earth, Wind & Fire to the infectious rhythms of disco, we explore the diverse musical expressions that made the 70s and 80s such a vibrant and eclectic period.

This book is not simply a nostalgic trip down memory lane; it's a celebration of the enduring power of music. The soft, smooth sounds of the 70s and 80s continue to resonate with audiences today, offering solace, inspiration, and a timeless soundtrack to our lives.

Join us on this extraordinary journey through the golden era of music. The Oral History of the Soft, Smooth Sounds of the 70s and 80s is a must-read for anyone who cherishes the transformative power of these iconic melodies.

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Author's Note

As a child of the 70s and 80s, I grew up immersed in the soft, smooth sounds of soul, R&B, and jazz. These melodies provided the soundtrack to my childhood, shaping my musical tastes and inspiring me to pursue a career in music journalism.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of interviewing many of the icons of this era. Their stories have always fascinated me, and I've long dreamed of compiling them into a comprehensive oral history.

This book is the culmination of that dream. It is my hope that these stories will inspire and entertain readers, and that they will help to preserve the legacy of this extraordinary era in music history.

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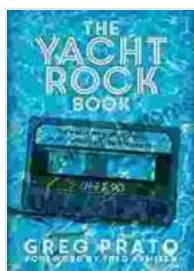
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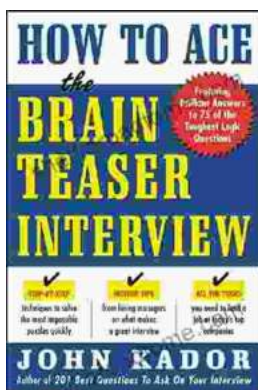
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