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Digital Religion

Jesse Jackson is a modern day highway robber, says veteran investigative reporter Kenneth R. Timmerman, who uses cries of racism to steal from individuals, corporations, and government, to give to himself. Until now, however, no one has been brave enough to say it and diligent enough to prove it. But Ken Timmerman has cracked Jackson's machine, found Jackson cronies willing to break ranks, and uncovered a sordid tale of greed, ambition, and corruption from a self-proclaimed minister who has no qualms about poisoning American race relations for personal gain.

Life Ruins

Edited by two recognized scholars of African-American religion and culture, this reader, the first of its kind, provides the essential texts for an important and emerging field of study – religion and hip hop. Until now, the discipline of religious studies lacked a consistent and coherent text that highlights the developing work at the intersections of hip hop, religion and theology. Moving beyond an institutional understanding of religion and offering a multidimensional assortment of essays, this new volume charts new ground by bringing together voices who, to this point, have been a disparate and scattered few. Comprehensively organized with the foundational and most influential works that continue to provide a base for current scholarship, The Hip Hop and Religion Reader frames the lively and expanding conversation on hip hop's influence on the academic study of religion.

Joseph Andrews

Real Frank Zappa Book

As a boy in Brooklyn's Red Hook projects, James McBride knew his mother was different. But when he asked about it, she'd simply say 'I'm light-skinned.' Later he wondered if he was different too, and asked his mother if he was black or white. 'You're a human being,' she snapped. 'Educate yourself or you'll be a nobody!' And when James asked what colour God was, she said 'God is the colour of water.' As an adult, McBride finally persuaded his mother to tell her story - the story of a rabbi's daughter, born in Poland and raised in the South, who fled to Harlem, married a black man, founded a Baptist church, and put twelve children through college.

The Books in My Life

This is my chance, then, to cast myself in the hero's role. I've been a humble author and bookseller for all these years. (Allow me my hyperbole—at least I'm much humbled.) I don't run into tall buildings to save women and children while others flee. (My knees have never been so strong, but it bears asking, do the women need the saving anymore?) My eyes are not good enough to fly jet planes or hit a fast ball. I sell old books and the few that are new that are worth the time, and write novels I cannot sell. And though the writing has been much ignored, it is a witness to what I do and what I've done—that is, for sixty-eight years I have done pretty much what suited me. And here, at last, is a chance to do what is arguably better if not best. The argument is not settled. That I have waited until now, when I have so little left to lose, may be some mitigation of your judgment of all this, I understand. Or that the overwhelming risk of failure at this point makes any effort too romantically futile (and possibly planned that way). That I should have done more to prevent what has finally come to pass might cast me into the lower ranks of Dante's hell, but at least I won't be letting a good collapse of Western Civilization go waste. There is a story here to be written, and if it transpires that there is no one left to read it, so be it. That is at least consistent with all else that I do. (The whine you hear is not self pity, but the wind in the gears.) I sally forth. My armor is the truth. I have a worthy truck for my steed. My companion is well, we'll work that out.

The Hip Hop and Religion Reader

WINNER OF THE THURBER PRIZE The compelling, inspiring, (often comic) coming-of-age story of Trevor Noah, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed. One of the comedy world's brightest new voices, Trevor Noah is a light-footed but sharp-minded observer of the absurdities of politics, race and identity, sharing jokes and insights drawn from the wealth of experience acquired in his relatively young life. As host of the US hit show The Daily Show with Trevor Noah, he provides viewers around the globe with their nightly dose of biting satire, but here Noah turns his focus inward, giving readers a deeply personal, heartfelt and humorous look at the world that shaped him. Noah was born a

crime, son of a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother, at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the first years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, take him away. A collection of eighteen personal stories, *Born a Crime* tells the story of a mischievous young boy growing into a restless young man as he struggles to find his place in a world where he was never supposed to exist. *Born a Crime* is equally the story of that young man's fearless, rebellious and fervently religious mother - a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence and abuse that ultimately threatens her own life. Whether subsisting on caterpillars for dinner during hard times, being thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping, or just trying to survive the life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Noah illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit and an unflinching honesty. His stories weave together to form a personal portrait of an unlikely childhood in a dangerous time, as moving and unforgettable as the very best memoirs and as funny as Noah's own hilarious stand-up. *Born a Crime* is a must read.

II Decameron

Recounts the life and career of the inventive and controversial rock musician, and includes information on his philosophies on art, his opinions on the music industry, and his thoughts on raising children.

Last One Over the Wall

Presents the contemporary classic depicting the struggles of a U.S. airman attempting to survive the lunacy and depravity of a World War II base

Under the Volcano

First English realistic novel depicts misadventures of Joseph and his old tutor, Parson Adams, and their travels — along the way exposing, through their own innocence and honesty, the hypocrisy and affectation of others.

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Eisner and Alonso invited a cross-section of the famous and not-so-famous to provide a photo that captures their self-defined height of fashion. Results range from the hilarious to the sublime, from the ultra chic to the un-cool, but always intimate and original. 241 photos, 150 in color.

Tambourines to Glory

Last One over the Wall is an analytical and autobiographical account of Jerome G. Miller's tenure as head of the Massachusetts juvenile justice system, during which he undertook one of the most daring and drastic steps in recent juvenile justice history -- he closed reformatories and returned offenders to community supervision and treatment by private schools and youth agencies. Filled with insights into juvenile and adult behavior in prison and outside, Miller's account provides a rare opportunity to view our juvenile justice system as a whole, including all the politics, economics, and social biases that come with it. In a new preface for this edition, the author reflects on his decision of seven years ago and the lessons learned from it.

Manchild in the Promised Land

Some writers attempt to conceal the literary influences which have shaped their thinking - but not Henry Miller. In The Books in My Life he shares the thrills of discovery that many kinds of books have brought to a keenly curious and questioning mind. Some of Miller's favorite writers are the giants whom most of us revere - authors such as Dostoevsky, Boccaccio, Walt Whitman, James Joyce, Thomas Mann, Lao-Tse. To them he brings fresh and penetrating insights. But many are lesser-known figures: Krishnamurti, the prophet-sage; the French contemporaries Blaise Cendrars and Jean Giono; Richard Jeffries, who wrote The Story of My Heart ; the Welshman John Cowper Powys; and scores of others. The Books in My Life contains some fine autobiographical chapters, too. Miller describes his boyhood in Brooklyn, when he devoured the historical stories of G. A. Henty and the romances of Rider Haggard. He tells of the men and women whom he regards as living books": Lou Jacobs, W. E. B. DuBois, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and others. He offers his reminiscences of the New York Theatre in the early 1900's - including plays such as Alias Jimmy Valentine and Nellie, the Beautiful Cloak Model . And finally, in Miller's best vein of humor, he provides a satiric chapter on bathroom reading. In an appendix, Miller lists the hundred books that have influenced him most. "

Genesis

Thirteen short stories filled with memorable characters of Thomas's youth

Better Angel

Better Angel, a novel by Forman Brown, was originally published in 1933 using the pseudonym Richard Meeker. It was republished as Torment in 1951, maintaining the pseudonym. In 1987, Alyson Publications reprinted Better Angel under the

assumption the author was no longer living. After being notified about the publication from a friend, Forman went to A Different Light bookstore to purchase a copy. "It's a very good book, well written," the person at the shop told Forman, "I think you'll like it." "I hope so," responded Forman, "I wrote it!" Forman was subsequently put in touch with the publishers and in 1990, nearly 60 years after first being published, *Better Angel* was released with Forman listed as the author instead of a pseudonym. Of the unexpected turn of events, Forman would comment, "I think the most rewarding thing that has happened to me has been the rediscovery of *Better Angel*, and the realization that its message of hope-or the possibility of hope-is still pertinent and as warming as it proved 60 years ago."

Eastern Standard Tribe

Digital Religion offers a critical and systematic survey of the study of religion and new media. It covers religious engagement with a wide range of new media forms and highlights examples of new media engagement in all five of the major world religions. From cell phones and video games to blogs and Second Life, the book: provides a detailed review of major topics includes a series of case studies to illustrate and elucidate the thematic explorations considers the theoretical, ethical and theological issues raised. Drawing together the work of experts from key disciplinary perspectives, Digital Religion is invaluable for students wanting to develop a deeper understanding of the field.

From Pimp Stick to Pulpit-- It's Magic

The author traces his rise from street activist to influential advocate while sharing behind-the-scenes accounts of major events from the past decade and discussing the evolution of his views on such issues as immigration and gay rights.

A Short History of the United States

The book of Genesis contains some of the most beautiful and well-known stories in the Bible: the garden, the flood, the tower of Babel, and the lives of the patriarchs. But these are more than just good stories. They lay the groundwork for God's relationship with humanity and for his plan for our salvation, making Genesis foundational to understanding everything else that happens in the Bible. Genesis reveals much about human nature and the nature of God. From the actions of the first man and woman, we see where our rebellious, sinful nature originates. And through the whole book we see the hand of a sovereign God who is loving and merciful, but also just and holy. Time and again in Genesis, God showers his grace upon undeserving humanity, giving us our first tastes of God's enduring faithfulness that shines throughout the entire Bible. R. Kent Hughes, respected pastor and author of many other commentaries in the Preaching the Word series, takes readers back to the beginning of the Bible and moves through Genesis with careful exegesis. He explores the superbly crafted

structure of the book as well as the weighty themes it contains. For those who preach, teach, and study God's Word, this exceptionally detailed work will reveal much about the beginnings of God's great story. Part of the Preaching the Word series.

Portrait of the Artist as a Young Dog

You are an idiot. Don't get defensive! It's not your fault. For decades your teachers, authority figures and textbooks have been lying to you. You do not have five senses. Your tongue doesn't have neatly segregated taste-bud zones. You don't know what the pyramids really looked like. You're even pooping wrong - Jesus, you're a wreck! But it's going to be okay. Because we're here to help. Packed with more sexy facts than the Encyclopedia Pornographica, the Cracked De-Textbook will teach you about the true stars of history, why you picture everything from Velociraptors to Ancient Rome incorrectly, and finally, at long last - how to pop a proper squat. This book was built from the ground up to systematically seek out, dismantle and destroy the many untruths that years of misguided education have left festering inside of you, and leave you a smarter person whether you like it or not. The De-Textbook is a merciless, brutal learning machine. It can't be bargained with. It can't be reasoned with. It doesn't feel pity, or remorse, or fear. And it absolutely will not stop, ever, until you are informed.

My Husband's Mistress 2

Today's Christian experience is not what it used to be. So much has changed. One visit to a Sunday morning service and you will know that this is not the church you grew up with. Churn and frustration are at an all-time high as many have voted with their feet and no longer attend worship service. CHURCH - her thirst to be accepted by the world and possess what it has to offer has negatively impacted her preaching and influence on society. Silent, she has no response to the moral decay of our time, yet she takes in more money than most will earn in two life-times. Product pitches from the pulpit and product tables in the lobby are normal and a guaranteed scriptural reference to paying Tithes is inevitable. Laboring over souls on the altar is a thing of the past as many ministries look for ways to be more profitable. Being about My Fathers Business has taken on a whole new meaning as the North American Church struggles to hold to the code of Divine Ethics that was once delivered to the saints by those who once valued the concept of no compromise. You have questions? Sunday Morning Stickup has Biblically based answers concerning the subject of tithes. Click here if you are an author or if you are interested in becoming a published author. <http://outskirtspress.com/agent.php?key=182750>

Manchild in the Promised Land

Packed with new examples and material, this second edition provides a fully up-to-date exploration of the genesis, dynamics, and demise of moral panics and their impacts on the societies in which they take place. Packed with updated and recent examples including terrorism, the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Towers, school shootings, flagburning, and the early-2000s resurgence of the "sexslave" scare. Includes a new chapter on the media, currently regarded as a major component of the moral panic. Devotes a chapter to addressing criticisms of the first edition as well as the moral panics concept itself. Written by long-established experts in the field. Designed to fit both self-contained courses on moral panics and wider courses on deviance.

Bullshit Jobs

One of the twentieth century's great undisputed masterpieces, Malcolm Lowry's *Under the Volcano* includes an introduction by Michael Schmidt in Penguin Modern Classics. It is the fiesta 'Day of the Dead' in the small Mexican town of Quauhnahuac. In the shadow of the volcano, ragged children beg coins to buy skulls made of chocolate, ugly pariah dogs roam the streets and Geoffrey Firmin - ex-consul, ex-husband, an alcoholic and a ruined man - is living out the last day of his life. Drowning himself in mescal while his former wife and half-brother look on, powerless to help him, the consul has become an enduring tragic figure. As the day wears on, it becomes apparent that Geoffrey must die. It is his only escape from a world he cannot understand. His story, the image of one man's agonised journey towards Calvary, became a prophetic book for a whole generation. Malcolm Lowry (1909-1957) was born and died in England. Between school and studying English at St Catherine's College, Cambridge he spent five months at sea as a deckhand, an experience which gave him the material for his first novel, *Ultramarine* (1933). After marrying in Paris, he moved to New York where he completed *In Ballast to the White* (1936). *Under The Volcano* was begun in Hollywood, coloured by a short stay in the Mexico that it describes, and eventually finished in Dollarton, British Columbia. If you enjoyed *Under the Volcano*, you might like F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Beautiful and the Damned*, also available in Penguin Classics. 'A Faustian masterpiece' Anthony Burgess

Religion in Hip Hop

Their Eyes Were Watching God is a 1937 novel by African-American writer Zora Neale Hurston. It is considered a classic of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, and it is likely Hurston's best known work.

On Liberty

'Will suck you in from the first page' Stephen Booth, author of *Fall Down Dead* This is Broadchurch meets *The Missing* - hard-hitting, pacy and with modern social issues at its heart. In a small northern town, girls are disappearing. You won't see it in

the papers and the police aren't taking any notice, but the clues are there if you know where to look. Becca sees that something is wrong, but she's been labelled 'difficult' thanks to her troubled past. So when a girl is so savagely beaten she can't be identified, and Becca claims she knows who she is, no one will believe her. With the police refusing to listen, Becca digs for evidence that will prove what she is saying. But her search for justice will put herself and those closest to her in danger - and once she finds the truth, will anyone even listen? WHY READERS LOVE LIFE RUINS . . . 'A powerful, thought-provoking story, which perfectly evokes the bleak Yorkshire landscape . . . a vital read for any crime fan' Kate Rhodes, author of *Ruin Beach* 'One crime thriller that mustn't be missed' Amazon reader 'Life Ruins has all the elements I love in a novel - complex characters, an insidious underlying menace, and haunting landscapes. This dark story will suck you in from the first page' Stephen Booth, author of *Fall Down Dead* 'Poignant about the lives of people who struggle against grief, loneliness, abuse or hardship in their lives . . . A terrifically good read' Amazon reader 'Explores real issues, from the perspective of real, damaged people, and told with a real warmth and understanding. Danuta Kot raises the bar for all crime writers' Michael Jecks, author of *Pilgrim's War* 'A real belter of a book. There isn't a minute to catch your breath. Tension, suspense, mystery, it's almost supernatural. Highly recommended' Amazon reader

An Ottoman Traveller

Whoreson Jones is the son of a beautiful black prostitute and an unknown white john. As a child, he's looked after by his neighbourhood's imposing matriarch, Big Mama, while his mother works the streets. At the age of 12, his street education begins when a man named Fast Black schools him in trickology. By 13, Whoreson is a cardsharp. At the age of 16 his childhood comes to an abrupt end when he becomes a fully-fledged pimp: cold-blooded and ruthless. As he battles to understand his world, he must learn to live up to his mother's words, 'First be a man, then be a pimp'.

The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling

NOW A NEW YORK TIMES, PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY, INDIEBOUND, LOS ANGELES TIMES, WASHINGTON POST, CHRONICLE HERALD, SALISBURY POST, GUELPH MERCURY TRIBUNE, AND BOSTON GLOBE BESTSELLER | NAMED A BEST/MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK OF 2017 BY: The Washington Post • Bustle • Men's Journal • The Chicago Reader • StarTribune • Blavity • The Guardian • NBC New York's Bill's Books • Kirkus • Essence "One of the most frank and searing discussions on race a deeply serious, urgent book, which should take its place in the tradition of Baldwin's *The Fire Next Time* and King's *Why We Can't Wait*." —The New York Times Book Review Toni Morrison hails *Tears We Cannot Stop* as "Elegantly written and powerful in several areas: moving personal recollections; profound cultural analysis; and guidance for moral redemption. A work to relish." Stephen King says: "Here's a sermon that's as fierce as it is lucid If you're black, you'll feel a spark of recognition in every paragraph. If you're white, Dyson tells you what you need to know—what this white man

needed to know, at least. This is a major achievement. I read it and said amen." Short, emotional, literary, powerful—Tears We Cannot Stop is the book that all Americans who care about the current and long-burning crisis in race relations will want to read. As the country grapples with racist division at a level not seen since the 1960s, one man's voice soars above the rest with conviction and compassion. In his 2016 New York Times op-ed piece "Death in Black and White," Michael Eric Dyson moved a nation. Now he continues to speak out in Tears We Cannot Stop—a provocative and deeply personal call for change. Dyson argues that if we are to make real racial progress we must face difficult truths, including being honest about how black grievance has been ignored, dismissed, or discounted. "The time is at hand for reckoning with the past, recognizing the truth of the present, and moving together to redeem the nation for our future. If we don't act now, if you don't address race immediately, there very well may be no future."

A Republic of Books

A selection of writing by the most unknown great traveller.

The De-Textbook

Recognizing that tyranny takes on secular as well as traditional guises, Os Guinness seeks a return to the first principles of religious and political freedom. Harkening back to the "soul liberty" of English Puritan Roger Williams, Guinness argues that a society's greatest bulwark against abuse lies in its people's freedom of conscience.

Tears We Cannot Stop

A notorious Chicago pimp--leading a lifestyle of unimaginable wealth-- recalls with brutal candor his rise from ghetto to celebrity as leader of Chicago's Magic World Christian.

Catch-22

Sunday Morning Stickup

Art, a member of the Eastern Standard Tribe--a secret society bound together by their sleep schedule and communicating via encrypted instant messaging--is incarcerated thanks to his friends and family, masquerading as consultants.

Shakedown

Traces the author's experiences as a first-generation African American raised in the Northern ghettos of Harlem in the mid-20th century, an upbringing marked by violence, drugs and devastating urban disadvantages.

Walk with Me

From bestselling writer David Graeber—"a master of opening up thought and stimulating debate" (Slate)—a powerful argument against the rise of meaningless, unfulfilling jobs...and their consequences. Does your job make a meaningful contribution to the world? In the spring of 2013, David Graeber asked this question in a playful, provocative essay titled "On the Phenomenon of Bullshit Jobs." It went viral. After one million online views in seventeen different languages, people all over the world are still debating the answer. There are hordes of people—HR consultants, communication coordinators, telemarketing researchers, corporate lawyers—whose jobs are useless, and, tragically, they know it. These people are caught in bullshit jobs. Graeber explores one of society's most vexing and deeply felt concerns, indicting among other villains a particular strain of finance capitalism that betrays ideals shared by thinkers ranging from Keynes to Lincoln. "Clever and charismatic" (The New Yorker), *Bullshit Jobs* gives individuals, corporations, and societies permission to undergo a shift in values, placing creative and caring work at the center of our culture. This book is for everyone who wants to turn their vocation back into an avocation and "a thought-provoking examination of our working lives" (Financial Times).

Born A Crime

Watch the drama unfold with this trio as more secrets are revealed and lives are torn apart, all in the name of love. How will it end? Will Destiny finally get her man, or will her husband's mistress end up on top? Destiny Clarke is out to claim what's rightfully hers--Hassan Clarke and his money. Sick and tired of lies and betrayal, Destiny decides to take matters in her own hands by creating havoc in the lives of the people who've done her wrong. Engulfed in his deceitful ways, Hassan is oblivious to the fact that his life and his freedom are up for grabs. Friends become enemies, and in the end, he has no one to call on but himself. Imani Gibson is too naive to realize that some things are not worth fighting for--in this case, another woman's husband. She soon realizes that games are for children, and not everyone is playing with a full deck.

Whoreson

Laura Reed and Essie Belle Johnson, two attractive Harlem tenement women with time on their hands and no jobs, decide to start their own gospel church on a street corner. Laura wishes to make money; Essie honestly desires to help people.

"Money! I sure wish I had some. Say, Essie, why don't you and me start a church like Mother Bradley's? We ain't doing nothing else useful, and it would beat Home Relief. You sing good. I'll preach. We'll both take up collection and split it." "What denomination we gonna' be?" asked Essie, amused at the idea. "Start our own denomination, then we won't be beholding to nobody else." Laura and Essie are successful beyond their fondest dreams. They are joined by Birdie Lee, the little old lady trap drummer who can work the congregation to a feverish pitch, and by Deacon Grow-For-Day, impassioned confessor. In no time they have moved to a converted theater with a thousand seats and their names in lights on the marquee. Then, to tempt Laura, the serpent appears in the form of Big-Eyed Buddy, handsome front man for a numbers ring with designs on the temple, and the serenity of this Garden of Eden is shaken until Sister Essie and Birdie Lee return it to the Rock of Comfort. The author says, "Tambourines to Glory is an urban folk tale set against a background of colorful independent, unorthodox churches which have sprung up all over Harlem in the last decade. It is in no sense an attack on organized religion, or on cults as such, but is a fictional exposé of certain ways in which religion is misused in large city communities today by various types of unscrupulous leaders who might be called 'gospel racketeers,' preying upon the gullibility of simple people."--Dust jacket.

Moral Panics

Here I was making bad choices in men again. What was missing from my childhood that I kept searching to find? I guess I hadn't learned from my past relationships Brian came into my life in such dismay and even though I wasn't attracted to him at first, I imagined the possibilities of what could be. Brian had just been released from prison and for some odd reason, I thought that I could make a relationship with him work. My heart of gold often led to irrational thinking and so I let Brian into my world. Nothing could have prepared me for the gruesome, diabolical, lustful fiasco that I would be forced to endure. The same man I feared was the same man that I sought protection from. My greatest lesson learned in all of this was that sometimes the only way out is through.

Charges Dismissed

A Book in the Home Series When Eli Block steps into his parents' living room and sees his childhood crush sitting on the couch, he starts a shameless campaign to seduce the young rabbi. Unfortunately, Seth Cohen barely remembers Eli and he resolutely shuts down all his advances. As a tenuous and then binding friendship forms between the two men, Eli must find a way to move past his unrequited love while still keeping his best friend in his life. Not an easy feat when the same person occupies both roles. Professional, proper Seth is shocked by Eli's brashness, overt sexuality, and easy defiance of societal norms. But he's also drawn to the happy, funny, light-filled man. As their friendship deepens over the years, Seth watches Eli mature into a man he admires and respects. But when Seth finds himself longing for what Eli had so easily offered, he

has to decide whether he's willing to veer from his safe life-plan to build a future with Eli.

The Global Public Square

Manchild in the Promised Land is indeed one of the most remarkable autobiographies of our time. This thinly fictionalized account of Claude Brown's childhood as a hardened, streetwise criminal trying to survive the toughest streets of Harlem has been heralded as the definitive account of everyday life for the first generation of African Americans raised in the Northern ghettos of the 1940s and 1950s. When the book was first published in 1965, it was praised for its realistic portrayal of Harlem -- the children, young people, hardworking parents; the hustlers, drug dealers, prostitutes, and numbers runners; the police; the violence, sex, and humor. The book continues to resonate generations later, not only because of its fierce and dignified anger, not only because the struggles of urban youth are as deeply felt today as they were in Brown's time, but also because the book is affirmative and inspiring. Here is the story about the one who "made it," the boy who kept landing on his feet and became a man.

The Color of Water

Height of Fashion

In A Short History of the United States, National Book Award winner Robert V. Remini offers a much-needed, concise history of our country. This accessible and lively volume contains the essential facts about the discovery, settlement, growth, and development of the American nation and its institutions, including the arrival and migration of Native Americans, the founding of a republic under the Constitution, the emergence of the United States as a world power, the outbreak of terrorism here and abroad, the Obama presidency, and everything in between.

The Rejected Stone

Now a global and transnational phenomenon, hip hop culture continues to affect and be affected by the institutional, cultural, religious, social, economic and political landscape of American society and beyond. Over the past two decades, numerous disciplines have taken up hip hop culture for its intellectual weight and contributions to the cultural life and self-understanding of the United States. More recently, the academic study of religion has given hip hop culture closer and more critical attention, yet this conversation is often limited to discussions of hip hop and traditional understandings of religion and a methodological hyper-focus on lyrical and textual analyses. Religion in Hip Hop: Mapping the Terrain provides an

important step in advancing and mapping this new field of Religion and Hip Hop Studies. The volume features 14 original contributions representative of this new terrain within three sections representing major thematic issues over the past two decades. The Preface is written by one of the most prolific and founding scholars of this area of study, Michael Eric Dyson, and the inclusion of and collaboration with Bernard 'Bun B' Freeman fosters a perspective internal to Hip Hop and encourages conversation between artists and academics.

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