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LIVES CUT SHORT **TUPAC SHAKUR**

TIMELINE

1971	1984	1986	1989	1990	1991
Tupac Amaru Shakur is born on June 16.	Tupac performs at a presidential campaign event for Jesse Jackson.	Tupac begins attending the Baltimore School for the Arts.	Tupac meets poet Boris Yovanovitch, who becomes his manager for his rap career.	Tupac tours worldwide with Digital Underground as a rhymer and hype man.	Digital Underground releases the single "D.O.P.A.M.", which features Tupac rapping in "Same Song."
1991	1991	1992	1992	1993	1993
In October, Tupac is arrested, beaten, and arrested by Oakland police officers.	Tupac's first solo album, <i>2Pacalypse Now</i> , is released by Interscope Records in November.	<i>Juice</i> , the first movie in which Tupac has a major role, is released in January.	The violence of Tupac's music is used as a defense for Ronald Ray Howard, who shot and killed a Texas state trooper in April.	Tupac speaks about his philosophy of thug life at the Red and Black Expo.	Tupac is arrested for shooting at two off-duty police officers in Atlanta, Georgia, in October.

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Synopsis

This legendary rapper was gunned down in Las Vegas in 1996, but not before having multi-platinum releases and a promising acting career. A prime example of the line rappers walk between street credibility and their art, Tupac pushed the East-West rap feud both as a real fight and as a tool to influence media coverage of his career. Tupac's raps were part traditional social protest and part gritty descriptions of street life in urban neighborhoods. This book includes details of his life, career, and like the other Essential Lives Cut Short books, covers the controversies surrounding his life and death. Lives Cut Short is a series in Essential Library, an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

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