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TUPAC SHAKUR

TIMELINE

1971

Tupac Amaru Shakur is born on June 16.

1984

Tupac performs at a presidential campaign event for Jesse Jackson.

1986

Tupac begins attending the Byham School for the Arts.

1989

Tupac meets poet Laureate Nikki Giovanni, who becomes his manager for his rap career.

1990

Tupac tours worldwide with Digital Underground as a ringleader and hype man.

1991

Digital Underground releases their debut album, which features Tupac rapping in "Same Song."

1991

In October, Tupac is harassed, beaten, and arrested by Oakland police officers.

1991

Tupac's first solo album, *2Pacalypse Now*, is released by Interscope Records in November.

1992

Boyz n the Trap, the first movie in which Tupac has a major role, is released in January.

1992

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.

1993

Tupac speaks about his philosophy of thug life at the InstraBuck Expo.

1993

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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