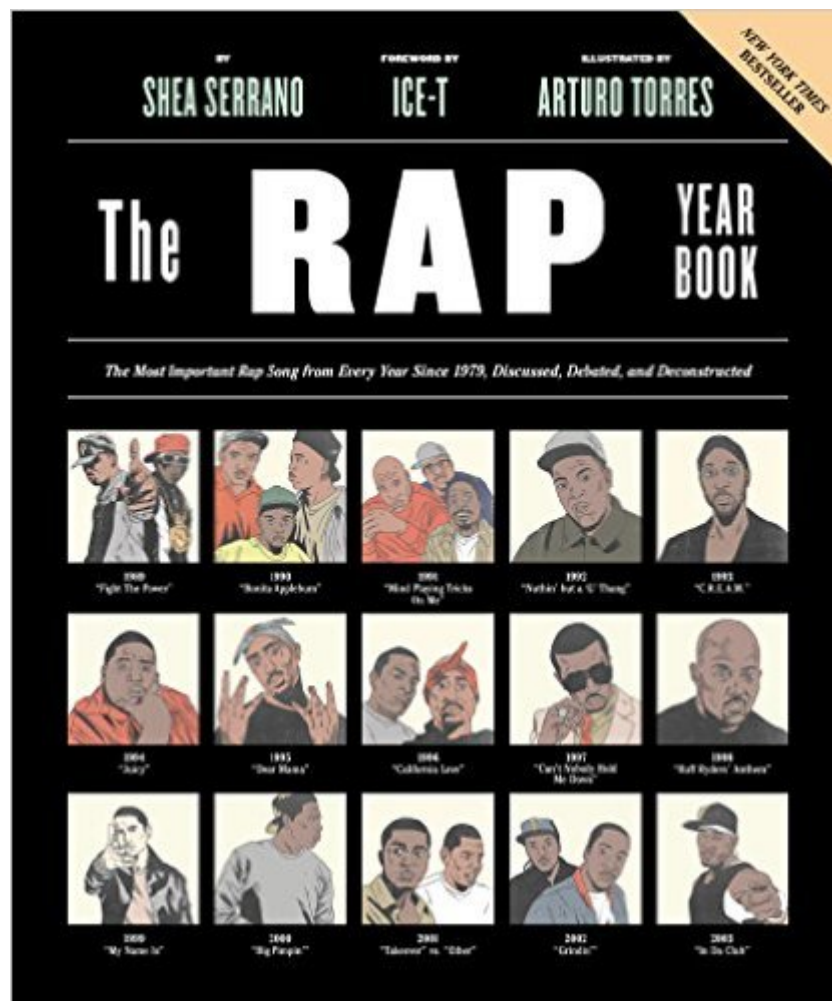


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The Rap Year Book: The Most Important Rap Song From Every Year Since 1979, Discussed, Debated, And Deconstructed



Synopsis

****New York Times Best Seller****Â ****Washington Post Best Seller*****Arts and Entertainment iBooks Best Seller*****Pitchfork Book Club selection**** Here's what The Rap Year BookÂ does: It takes readers from 1979, widely regarded as the moment rap became recognized as part of the cultural and musical landscape, and comes right up to the present, with Shea Serrano hilariously discussing, debating, and deconstructing the most important rap song year by year. Serrano also examines the most important moments that surround the history and culture of rap music--from artists' backgrounds to issues of race, the rise of hip-hop, and the struggles among its major players--both personal and professional. Covering East Coast and West Coast, famous rapper feuds, chart toppers, and show stoppers,Â The Rap Year BookÂ is an in-depth look at the most influential genre of music to come out of the last generation.Â Â Complete with infographics, lyric maps, uproarious and informative footnotes, portraits of the artists, and short essays by other prominent music writers,Â The Rap Year BookÂ is both a narrative and illustrated guide to the most iconic and influential rap songs ever created. It's like the gold tank from Master P's "Make 'Em Say Uhh!" video, except it's a book. It's like Kanye's verse on "Put On," except it's a book. It's like the face Biggie made when he was on the boat with Puffy in "Hypnotize," except it's a book.Â

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Customer Reviews

Don't trust a man who gives this less than 5 stars. He's probably the police.

Books about rap ranked:1. The Rap Yearbook....FOH all other rap books

TLDR: Funny and entertaining. Simple choice to pick up for you or a friend with its low price point. I have had this pre-ordered for months, and after a long wait it is everything I wanted and more. First off, this is an insane amount of entertainment for the price. It is filled with witty comments and real historical context. It has more than 200 pages of content that everyone can enjoy. Even Floyd Mayweather can have fun because the illustrations by Arturo Torres are incredible. See page 158 for an incredible version of 50 Cent as The Thing or Lil Wayne as a goblin on page 188. Shea's writing style is an easy read and is an entertaining "controlled chaos" with the use of footnotes to bring laughs is right out of the Bill Simmons playbook. It reads like a well-informed humorous and persuasive rant. Can't wait for Serrano's next project.

A) If you don't buy this book, you can't be trusted in a crisis. B) If you don't buy this book, you're probably the police. C) If you don't buy this book, Shea won't be able to buy clothing for Boys A and B. D) If you don't buy this book, Younger Jeezy loses. E) If you don't buy this book, Shea's dad will never respect him. F) If you don't buy this book, Harry wins. FOH, Harry.

that's a little something called quality writing

Full disclosure I didn't actually order this book from . I got it as a gift. Basically, I had to attend this dinner party with my girlfriend where I was about to meet a group of people I'd never met before. It was important to me to make a good first impression and not be this boring dude with nothing interesting to say. The night before I could barely sleep. When I finally did get to sleep I had the strangest dream. The ghost of Big Pun came out of my closet and into my bedroom. I was like oh my god...you're really him. Big Moon Dog, Big Punisher, Pun...Pun was like "yeah yeah kid and a bunch of other dopey nicknames, forget about that stuff, we don't have much time. I'm here because you're in some kind of a pickle, right? Some big dinner party, and you got nothing to say? Here's what I want you to do, go in there, and talk about hip hop." I said, hey Pun, look man, I don't know the first thing about hip-hop. I'm a real pale blond kid from the suburbs. The Big Pun looked at me and he said something I'll never forget. He said, "Everyone gets a chance to do something great. Most people never take that chance, either they're too scared, or they don't recognize it when it spits on their shoes. Remember when you followed Shea Serrano on twitter the other day? Someone's telling you something kid, if I were you, I'd listen." Then as he headed back towards my closet, he went over to my desk and picked up six rulers. He said, "six rulers...I don't know why, but

can I take these?" I told him sure thing, and thanks for the advice. He told me, " Remember kid, there's heroes, and there's legends. Heroes, get remembered, but legends never die." And then he was gone. I woke up the next morning and this book was under my pillow. I spent the whole day reading it. And I crushed that dinner party. They're talking about making it a weekly thing.

5 stars. I did it for Younger Jeezy. #FOHharry

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