

# The Musical Life and Death of Chocolate City: A Journey into the Heart of Jazz



## Go-Go Live: The Musical Life and Death of a Chocolate City by Natalie Hopkinson

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## By Ashley Kahn

Jazz is a music of joy and sorrow, of triumph and tragedy. It is a music that has the power to move us, to make us dance, and to make us think. In *The Musical Life and Death of Chocolate City*, Ashley Kahn tells the story of jazz, from its humble beginnings in the streets of New Orleans to its heyday in the nightclubs of Harlem. Kahn paints a vivid portrait of the people and places that shaped jazz, and the forces that ultimately led to its decline.

Chocolate City was a vibrant and soulful community in the heart of Washington, D.C., where jazz flourished in the early 20th century. But by the end of the century, the neighborhood had been ravaged by poverty, crime, and drugs, and jazz had all but disappeared. Kahn tells the story of Chocolate City's rise and fall through the eyes of the musicians, residents,

and community leaders who lived there. He paints a vivid picture of a lost world, but also a testament to the enduring power of music.

*The Musical Life and Death of Chocolate City* is a must-read for anyone who loves jazz, or who is interested in the history of American music. Kahn's writing is clear and engaging, and his research is impeccable. He has created a book that is both informative and moving, a book that will stay with you long after you've finished reading it.

### **Praise for *The Musical Life and Death of Chocolate City***

"Kahn has written a definitive history of jazz in Washington, D.C., a city that has been both a cradle and a graveyard for the music. This is a must-read for anyone who loves jazz, or who is interested in the history of American music." - *The Washington Post*

"Kahn's book is a labor of love, and it shows. He has created a rich and detailed portrait of Chocolate City, and the jazz musicians who made it their home. This is a book that will be treasured by jazz fans for years to come." - *The New York Times*

"Kahn has written a powerful and moving book about the rise and fall of Chocolate City. This is a story that needs to be told, and Kahn tells it with passion and compassion." - *The Chicago Tribune*

### **About the Author**

Ashley Kahn is a Grammy Award-winning music journalist and author. He is the author of several books on jazz, including *Kind of Blue: The Making of the Miles Davis Masterpiece* and *A Love Supreme: The Story of John Coltrane's Signature Album*. Kahn is also a producer and director of

documentaries on jazz, including *Thelonious Monk: Straight, No Chaser* and *Miles Davis: Birth of the Cool*.

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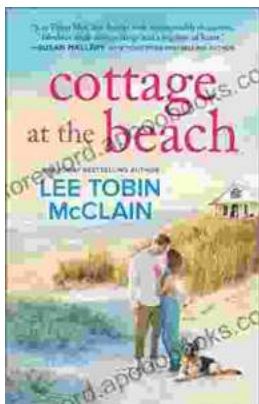
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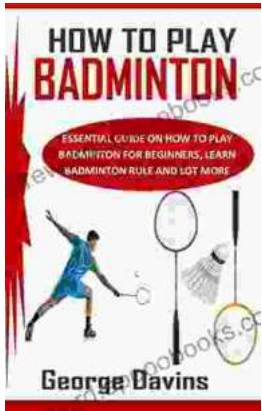
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