

Billie Holiday: Singer, Black Americans of Achievement Hardcover

Billie Holiday, one of the most influential jazz singers of all time, had a life and career that was both tragic and triumphant. Born in Philadelphia in 1915, she began singing in speakeasies as a teenager and quickly rose to stardom. Her unique vocal style, which was characterized by its emotional intensity and improvisational brilliance, made her one of the most popular singers of her era.



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Holiday's career was also marked by personal struggles. She was addicted to drugs and alcohol for much of her life, and she was frequently arrested for drug possession. She also had several failed marriages and relationships. In 1959, she died of cirrhosis of the liver at the age of 44.

Despite her personal demons, Holiday's music continues to inspire and influence singers and musicians around the world. Her recordings are considered classics of jazz, and she is often credited with helping to

popularize the genre. She was also a pioneer for African-American women in music, and her success helped to pave the way for other black singers.

This biography of Billie Holiday explores her life and career in detail.

The book includes rare photographs and interviews with those who knew her best. It is a fascinating and moving portrait of one of the most important and influential figures in American music.

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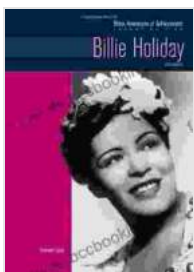
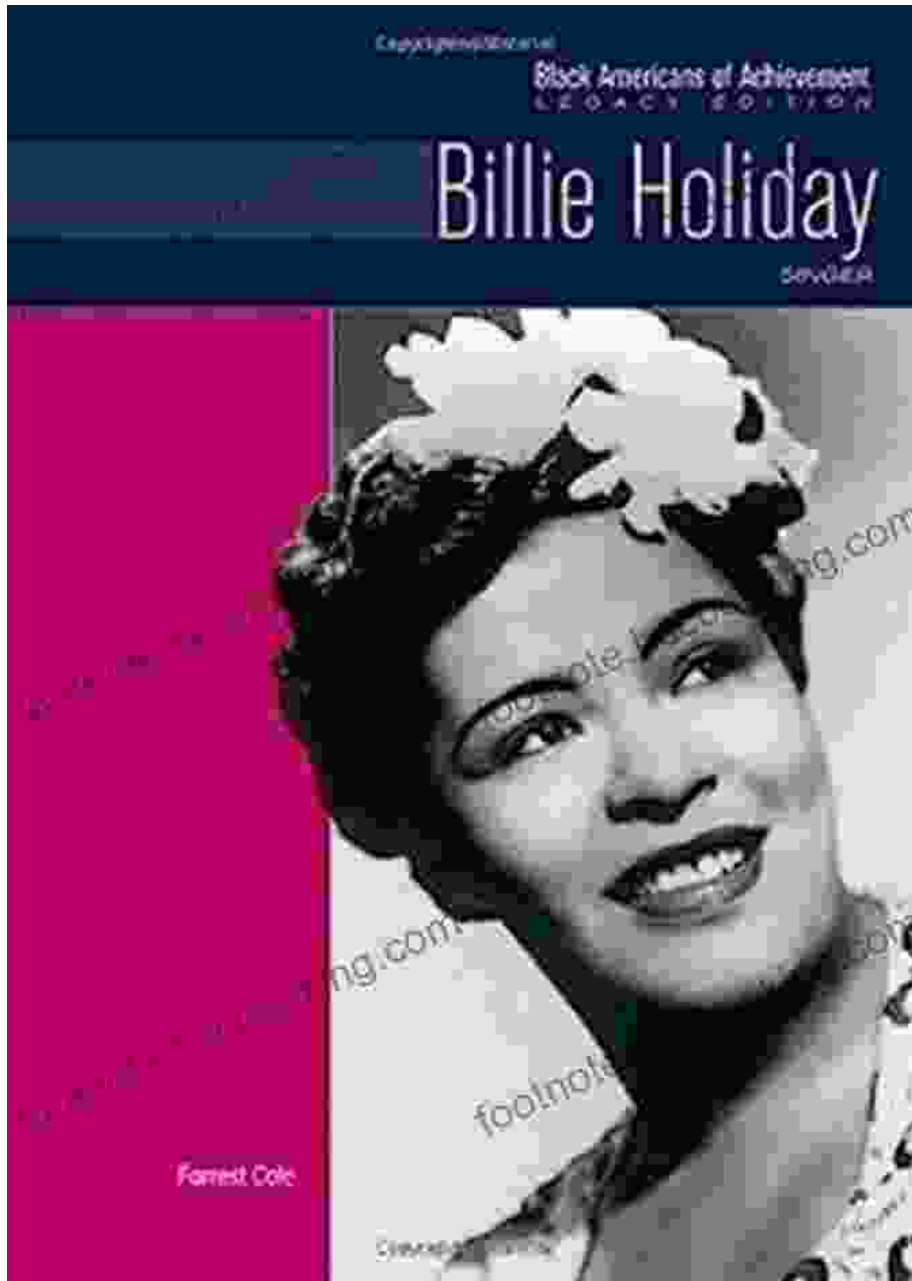
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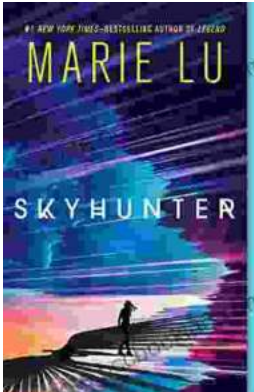
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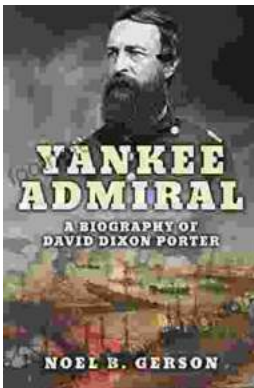
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