

# The Legacy of Michael Jackson: A Comprehensive Exploration of His Life, Music, and Impact



## The Book On Michael Jackson by Edward Scott

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Michael Jackson was an American singer, songwriter, dancer, and philanthropist. Dubbed the "King of Pop", he is regarded as one of the most influential entertainers of all time. Over a four-decade career, his contributions to music, dance, and fashion, along with his publicized personal life, made him a global figure in popular culture. Jackson is the best-selling music artist of all time, with estimated sales of over 350 million records worldwide. His music videos are credited with breaking racial barriers and transforming the medium into an art form. He is also known for his elaborate stage shows and innovative use of video technology.

## Early Life and Career

Michael Joseph Jackson was born on August 29, 1958, in Gary, Indiana. He was the seventh of nine children in a working-class family. His father,

Joseph, was a steel mill worker, and his mother, Katherine, was a Jehovah's Witness. Jackson began singing and dancing at a young age, and by the age of five, he had joined his brothers in the Jackson 5, a family group formed by his father. The group was a huge success, and Michael quickly became the lead singer and primary songwriter.

In the early 1970s, Jackson began his solo career. He released his debut album, "Got to Be There," in 1971, and it was followed by a series of successful albums, including "Ben" (1972), "Music & Me" (1973), and "Forever, Michael" (1975). In 1979, he released the album "Off the Wall," which was a critical and commercial success. The album featured the hit singles "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" and "Rock with You," and it helped to establish Jackson as a global superstar.

### **Thriller: The Biggest-Selling Album of All Time**

In 1982, Jackson released "Thriller," which became the best-selling album of all time. The album featured the hit singles "Beat It," "Billie Jean," and "Thriller," and it won a record-breaking eight Grammy Awards. The album's success was due in part to its innovative music videos, which were directed by John Landis. The video for "Thriller" is one of the most iconic music videos of all time, and it helped to popularize the use of zombies and other horror elements in music videos.

### **The 1980s: Continued Success and Controversy**

In the 1980s, Jackson continued to release successful albums, including "Bad" (1987) and "Dangerous" (1991). He also starred in several films, including "The Wiz" (1978) and "Moonwalker" (1988). However, Jackson's personal life also became increasingly controversial. In 1993, he was

accused of child sexual abuse, and he was acquitted in 2005. Jackson's health also declined in the 1990s, and he was hospitalized several times.

## **The 2000s: A Comeback and a Tragic End**

In the 2000s, Jackson attempted a comeback with the release of the album "Invincible" (2001). However, the album was not a commercial success, and Jackson's health continued to deteriorate. In 2009, he was preparing for a series of comeback concerts when he died from an overdose of propofol.

## **Legacy**

Michael Jackson was one of the most influential entertainers of all time. His music, dance, and fashion had a profound impact on popular culture. He was a pioneer in the use of music videos and helped to break racial barriers in the music industry. Jackson's legacy is complex and controversial, but there is no doubt that he was one of the most iconic figures in entertainment history.

Michael Jackson was a true icon of the 20th century. His music, dance, and fashion had a profound impact on popular culture, and he continues to be one of the most influential entertainers of all time. His legacy is complex and controversial, but there is no doubt that he was a true pioneer. Jackson's music and artistry will continue to inspire and entertain generations to come.

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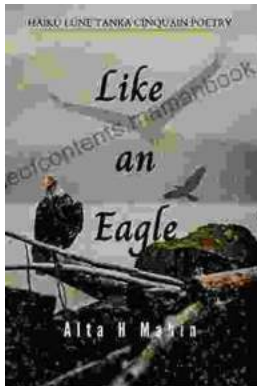
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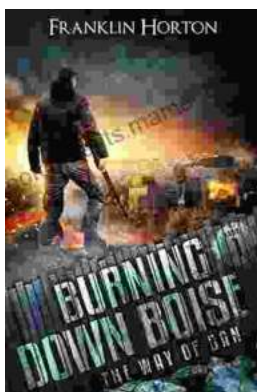


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