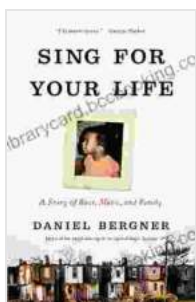


Unveiling the Rhythm and Roots: "Story of Race Music and Family"

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Rock and roll as a unifying force, bringing people together.

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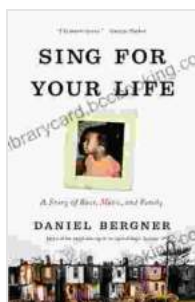
Throughout the book, Dr. Mahon weaves a compelling narrative about the role of family in her own musical journey and in the lives of many of the artists she profiles. She explores how family dynamics, both positive and negative, have shaped the creative expression of musicians and their ability to overcome adversity.



A Call to Action: Music as a Catalyst for Social Transformation:

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"Story of Race Music and Family" is a thought-provoking and deeply personal work that invites readers to reflect on the profound impact of music on our lives, our relationships, and our society as a whole. It is an essential read for anyone interested in the history of popular music, race relations in America, or the power of storytelling to illuminate the human experience.



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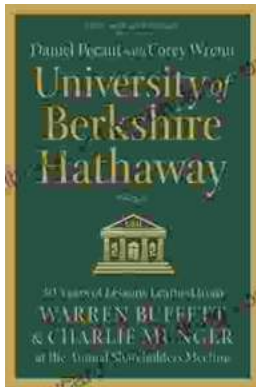
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