

Look at Me: The Story of XXXTentacion, a Tortured Soul and Complex Artist



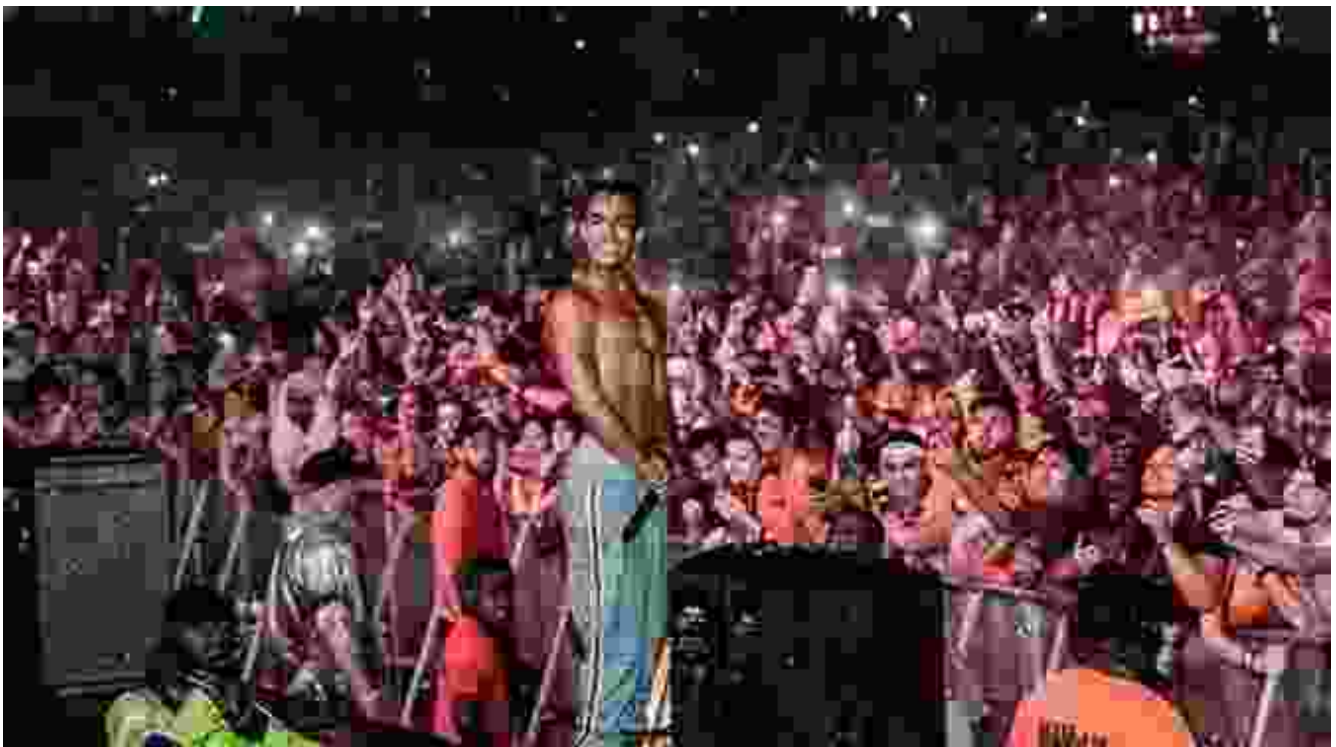
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Jahseh Dwayne Ricardo Onfroy, better known by his stage name XXXTentacion, was a controversial and influential rapper, singer, songwriter, and musician. His career was marked by both immense success and personal struggles, and his untimely death in 2018 left a lasting impact on the music industry and beyond.

Early Life and Influences

XXXTentacion was born on January 23, 1998, in Plantation, Florida. His early life was marked by poverty, violence, and instability. He was raised primarily by his grandmother after his mother was incarcerated and his father was absent. As a teenager, he attended Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where he was a troubled student and often got into fights.

XXXTentacion's early musical influences included heavy metal, rap, and emo music. He began writing and recording his own songs at a young age, and he quickly developed a distinct and aggressive style that would later become his signature sound.

Musical Career

In 2013, XXXTentacion began posting his music on SoundCloud, a popular online music platform. His early tracks, such as "Look at Me" and "King of the Dead," quickly gained attention for their raw and emotional intensity. By 2017, he had released his debut mixtape, "Revenge," which was a critical and commercial success.

XXXTentacion's music was often characterized by its dark and introspective lyrics, which dealt with themes of depression, anxiety, and suicide. He also

rapped about his experiences with violence and poverty, and his songs often resonated with listeners who felt alienated and alone.

XXXTentacion's career was also marked by controversy. In 2016, he was arrested and charged with armed robbery and home invasion. He was later convicted and sentenced to six years in prison, but he was released on probation in 2017.

Despite the controversy, XXXTentacion's music continued to grow in popularity. In 2017, he released his debut studio album, "17," which debuted at number two on the Billboard 200 chart. The album was a commercial success, and it spawned the hit singles "Jocelyn Flores" and "Sad!"

In 2018, XXXTentacion released his second studio album, "?," which debuted at number one on the Billboard 200 chart. The album was another commercial success, and it featured the hit singles "Moonlight" and "Changes."

Personal Struggles

Throughout his career, XXXTentacion struggled with mental health issues, including depression and anxiety. He also had a history of violence, and he was involved in several altercations, including a highly publicized incident in which he was accused of domestic violence against his girlfriend.

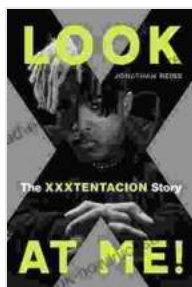
In March 2018, XXXTentacion was arrested and charged with witness tampering in connection with the domestic violence case. He was released on bail, but he was shot and killed in a drive-by shooting in Deerfield Beach, Florida, on June 18, 2018.

Legacy

XXXTentacion's death shocked the music world and his fans around the globe. He was just 20 years old at the time of his death, and he had already achieved immense success and left a lasting impact on the music industry.

XXXTentacion's music continues to be streamed and listened to by millions of people around the world. His legacy is complex and multifaceted, but he is remembered as a talented artist who spoke to the struggles and emotions of a generation.

In the years since his death, XXXTentacion's music has been used to raise awareness about mental health issues and domestic violence. His story is a reminder that even those who seem to have it all can struggle with inner demons, and that it is important to reach out for help when needed.



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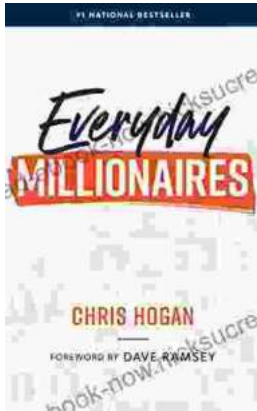
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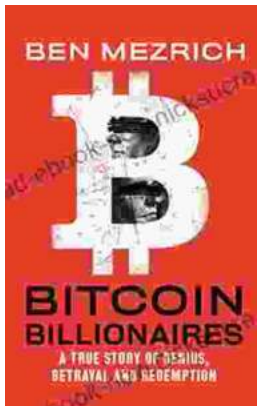
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