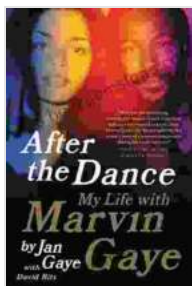


After the Dance: My Life with Marvin Gaye



Marvin Gaye was one of the most gifted and influential singers of all time. His music was a blend of soul, R&B, and funk, and his lyrics were often deeply personal and moving. Gaye's career spanned three decades, and he released some of the most iconic songs in music history, including "What's Going On," "Let's Get It On," and "Sexual Healing."

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Marvin Gaye's Early Life

Marvin Gaye was born in Washington, D.C., on April 2, 1939. He was the son of Marvin Gay Sr., a minister, and Alberta Gay, a domestic worker. Gaye began singing in church at an early age, and by the time he was a teenager, he was performing in local talent shows.

In 1959, Gaye signed a contract with Motown Records. He released his first single, "Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide," in 1961. The song was a modest hit, but it helped to establish Gaye as a rising star.

Marvin Gaye's Motown Years

During the 1960s, Marvin Gaye became one of the most popular singers in the world. He released a string of hit songs, including "Stubborn Kind of Fellow," "Ain't That Peculiar," and "I Heard It Through the Grapevine." Gaye also became known for his socially conscious lyrics, which he used to address issues such as poverty, racism, and war.

In 1971, Gaye released his album *What's Going On*. The album was a critical and commercial success, and it is considered one of the greatest albums of all time. *What's Going On* was a departure from Gaye's previous work, as it featured more political and personal lyrics. The album's title track became a global hit, and it remains one of Gaye's most iconic songs.

Marvin Gaye's Later Years

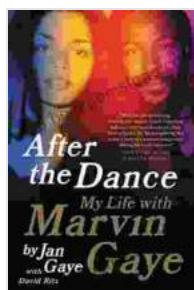
In the 1970s, Marvin Gaye's career began to decline. He struggled with drug addiction and mental illness, and he had several financial problems. Gaye also had a tumultuous personal life, and he was married and divorced several times.

In 1984, Marvin Gaye was shot and killed by his father. He was 44 years old. Gaye's death was a tragedy, and it cut short the career of one of the most gifted singers of all time.

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