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Curtis Mayfield was born on June 3, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois. He was raised in a poor neighborhood by his mother and stepfather, and he began singing in church at a young age. In 1958, at the age of 16, he joined a vocal group called The Impressions, which he would lead for the next decade.

The Impressions initially sang doo-wop, but they soon began to develop their own unique sound, which was influenced by gospel, rhythm and blues, and soul. Their first hit single, "For Your Precious Love," was released in 1961 and became a number one hit on the Billboard R&B chart. The Impressions went on to record a number of other hit songs, including "Gypsy Woman," "Keep on Pushing," and "It's All Right."

Solo Career

In 1970, Mayfield left The Impressions to pursue a solo career. He released his debut solo album, Curtis, in 1970, which was a critical and commercial success. The album featured the hit singles "Move On Up" and "Superfly."

Superfly was the title track of Mayfield's soundtrack to the blaxploitation film of the same name. The soundtrack was a huge success, and it helped to make Mayfield one of the most popular soul artists of the 1970s.

Mayfield continued to release successful albums throughout the 1970s, including Back to the World (1972),Got to Find a Way (1974),and There's No Place Like America Today (1975). He also wrote and produced songs for other artists, including Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight & the Pips, and The Staple Singers.

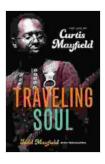
Later Career and Legacy

In 1983, Mayfield was paralyzed in a lighting accident. He continued to make music, but his career was never the same. He released a number of albums in the 1980s and 1990s, but they did not achieve the same level of success as his earlier work.

Mayfield died on December 26, 1999, at the age of 57. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999, and he received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

Curtis Mayfield was one of the most influential soul artists of all time. His music was a reflection of his own life and experiences, and it spoke to the struggles and aspirations of African Americans. He was a gifted songwriter and producer, and his music continues to inspire and uplift people around the world.

Curtis Mayfield was a true musical pioneer who left an indelible mark on the soul music genre. His music was a powerful voice for change, and it continues to inspire and uplift people around the world. He was a true legend, and his legacy will continue to live on for generations to come.



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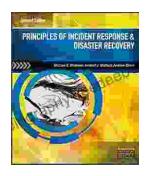
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