# **Geto Boys: A Comprehensive Guide to the Iconic Hip-Hop Group**

The Geto Boys are an American hip-hop group formed in Houston, Texas, in 1987. The group is known for its hardcore lyrics and aggressive sound. The Geto Boys have been praised for their realism and raw emotion, but also criticized for their violence and misogyny.



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#### **History**

The Geto Boys were formed by rapper Bushwick Bill, rapper and producer Scarface, and rapper Willie D. The group's name is a play on the term "ghetto boys", which was used to describe young men from poor neighborhoods in Houston. The Geto Boys' early music was heavily influenced by the city's street culture and the group's own experiences with poverty and violence.

The Geto Boys' debut album, *Making Trouble*, was released in 1988. The album was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to establish the group as one of the leading voices in hip-hop. The Geto Boys' follow-up album, *Grip It! On That Other Level*, was even more successful, and it spawned the hit single "Mind Playing Tricks on Me".

The Geto Boys continued to release successful albums throughout the early 1990s. However, the group's career was derailed in 1995 when Bushwick Bill was shot in the eye by a crack dealer. Bill survived the shooting, but he lost the use of his eye. The Geto Boys broke up shortly after, but they reunited in 2005.

#### **Members**

Scarface: Brad Jordan

• Willie D: William Dennis

Bushwick Bill: Richard Shaw

DJ Ready Red: James Smith

Big Mike: Michael Francis

K-9: Billy Bradford

• Trae tha Truth: Frazier Thompson III

#### Music

The Geto Boys' music is characterized by its hardcore lyrics and aggressive sound. The group's songs often deal with themes of violence, poverty, and racism. The Geto Boys have been praised for their realism and raw emotion, but also criticized for their violence and misogyny.

Some of the Geto Boys' most popular songs include "Mind Playing Tricks on Me", "Damn It Feels Good to Be a Gangsta", "My Mind's Playing Tricks on Me", "Six Feet Deep", "Crooked Officer", and "Gangsta of Love".

#### **Impact**

The Geto Boys have been one of the most influential hip-hop groups of all time. The group's hardcore lyrics and aggressive sound have helped to define the genre. The Geto Boys have also been praised for their realism and raw emotion. The group's music has helped to raise awareness of the problems facing young people in poor neighborhoods.

#### Legacy

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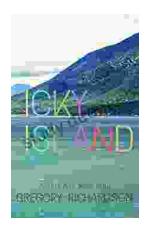


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