

# Thug Lovin' Thug: The Notorious Life and Legacy of Tupac Shakur



**Thug Lovin' (Thug Series Book 4)** by Wahida Clark

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Tupac Shakur, also known as 2Pac, was an American rapper, songwriter, actor, and poet. He is considered by many to be one of the most influential figures in hip hop history, and his music continues to be celebrated and studied today.

## Early Life

Tupac Amaru Shakur was born on June 16, 1971, in East Harlem, New York City. His mother, Afeni Shakur, was a member of the Black Panther Party, and his father, Billy Garland, was a Black Panther activist who was killed before Tupac was born. Tupac's stepfather, Mutulu Shakur, was also a Black Panther activist who was later convicted of robbery and murder.

Tupac's family moved to Baltimore, Maryland, when he was a child. He attended the Baltimore School for the Arts, where he studied drama and poetry. Tupac also began rapping at a young age, and he quickly gained recognition for his skills.

## Music Career

In 1991, Tupac signed a recording contract with Interscope Records. He released his debut album, 2Pacalypse Now, in 1991. The album was a

critical and commercial success, and it helped to establish Tupac as one of the most popular rappers in the world.

Tupac released a string of successful albums throughout the 1990s, including *Strictly 4 My N.I.G.G.A.Z.* (1993), *Me Against the World* (1995), and *All Eyez on Me* (1996). His music was known for its raw and emotional lyrics, which often addressed social and political issues.

## **Acting Career**

In addition to his music career, Tupac also had a successful acting career. He appeared in several films, including *Juice* (1992), *Poetic Justice* (1993), and *Gridlock'd* (1997).

Tupac's acting skills were praised by critics, and he was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in *Juice*.

## **Death**

Tupac was shot and killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on September 13, 1996. He was 25 years old.

The circumstances surrounding Tupac's death are still shrouded in mystery. There have been many theories about who killed him, but no one has been convicted of the crime.

## **Legacy**

Tupac Shakur's music and legacy continue to live on today. He is one of the most popular and influential rappers in history, and his music continues to be celebrated by fans around the world.

Tupac's music has been praised for its raw and emotional lyrics, which often addressed social and political issues. He was a powerful voice for the voiceless, and his music continues to inspire people around the world.

Tupac Shakur was a complex and controversial figure, but he was also a brilliant and talented artist. His music and legacy will continue to inspire and influence people for generations to come.

## Recommended Reading

- Tupac Resurrection by Michael Eric Dyson
- Holler If You Hear Me by Tupac Shakur
- Life Lessons from Tupac Shakur by Jeanne Theoharis



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