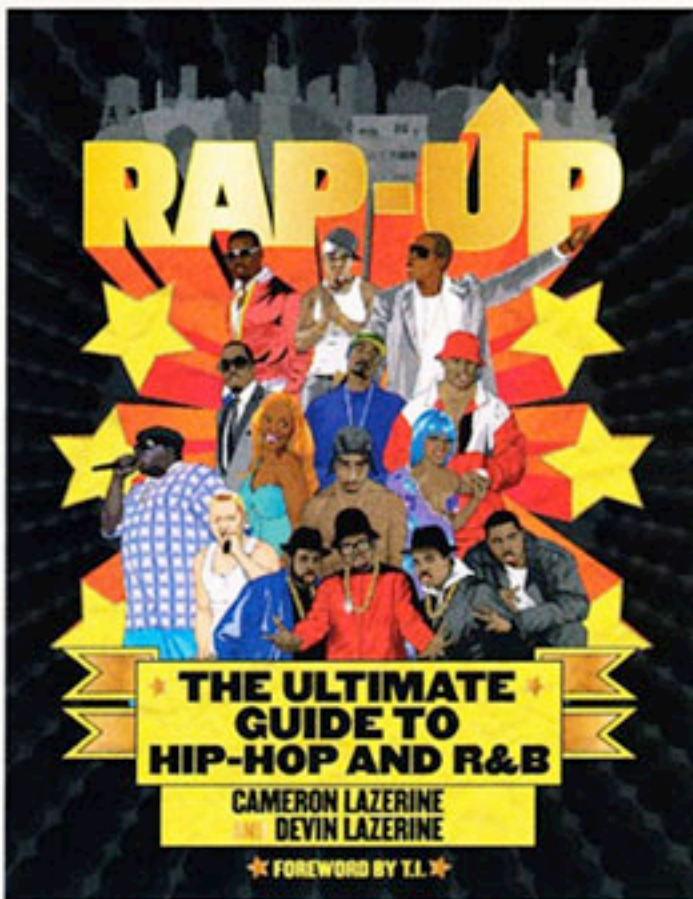


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# IT'S A RAP



TOO SMART TO BE DESCRIBED AS “HIP-HOP FOR DUMMIES,” *RAP-UP: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO HIP-HOP AND R&B* IS A CONCISE BUT COMPREHENSIVE RECAP OF HIP-HOP CULTURE FROM ITS 1970S ORIGINS ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK TO THE PRESENT. *Rap-Up*, which was written with enthusiasm and authority by Los Angeles-based brothers Cameron and Devin Lazerine, founders of

the hip-hop magazine *Rap-Up*, follows a loosely chronological format, beginning with '80s solo rappers like LL Cool J, Biz Markie and Big Daddy Kane. It's crammed with facts, thorough coverage of male and female stars, and generally free of conspicuous omissions (unless you're a Sir Mix-A-Lot fan). *The Ultimate Guide to Hip-Hop and R&B* is a great place for hip-hop neophytes to learn the ropes, and for veterans to revisit their heroes.