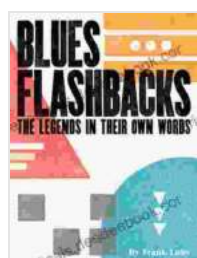


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The blues is a genre of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States in the late 19th century. It is characterized by its use of the blues scale, its focus on the themes of love, loss, and hardship, and its often improvised lyrics.

The blues has had a profound influence on American music, and has been adapted and adopted by musicians of all races and backgrounds. Some of the most iconic blues musicians of all time include B.B. King, Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Howlin' Wolf, and Robert Johnson.

In this article, we take a look back at some of these blues legends, and hear from them in their own words about their lives, their music, and the blues.

B.B. King

B.B. King was born in Itta Bena, Mississippi, in 1925. He began playing guitar at an early age, and by the time he was a teenager, he was playing professionally. King moved to Chicago in the 1950s, and quickly became one of the most popular blues musicians in the city.

King was known for his distinctive guitar style, which was influenced by both the Delta blues and the Chicago blues. He was also known for his powerful vocals, which were often filled with emotion.

In his autobiography, King wrote: "The blues is a feeling. It's a way of life. It's a way of expressing yourself. The blues is a universal language. It can be understood by anyone, regardless of their background or culture."

Muddy Waters

Muddy Waters was born in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, in 1915. He began playing guitar at an early age, and by the time he was a teenager, he was playing professionally. Waters moved to Chicago in the 1940s, and quickly became one of the most popular blues musicians in the city.

Waters was known for his powerful vocals and his distinctive guitar style, which was influenced by the Delta blues. He was also known for his songwriting, which often dealt with the themes of love, loss, and hardship.

In an interview, Waters said: "The blues is a part of me. It's in my blood. I can't imagine my life without the blues."

John Lee Hooker

John Lee Hooker was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, in 1917. He began playing guitar at an early age, and by the time he was a teenager, he was playing professionally. Hooker moved to Detroit in the 1940s, and quickly became one of the most popular blues musicians in the city.

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Howlin' Wolf

Howlin' Wolf was born in West Point, Mississippi, in 1910. He began playing guitar at an early age, and by the time he was a teenager, he was playing professionally. Wolf moved to Chicago in the 1950s, and quickly became one of the most popular blues musicians in the city.

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Robert Johnson

Robert Johnson was born in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in 1911. He began playing guitar at an early age, and by the time he was a teenager, he was playing professionally. Johnson was a master of the Delta blues, and his songs are still considered some of the most important blues songs ever written.

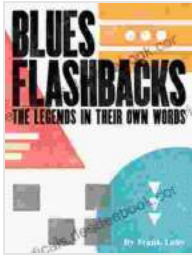
Johnson died in 1938 at the age of 27, but his music continues to influence blues musicians around the world.

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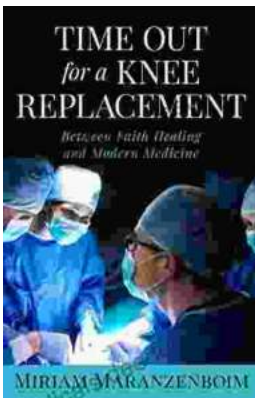
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