

Coltrane: The Story of Sound

By Ben Ratliff

John Coltrane was one of the most important and influential jazz musicians of the 20th century. His groundbreaking work on the saxophone and his innovative approach to composition and improvisation pushed the boundaries of jazz and left a lasting legacy on the music world.



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In *Coltrane: The Story of Sound*, acclaimed music critic Ben Ratliff paints a vivid portrait of the life and work of this legendary figure. The book draws on extensive research, including interviews with Coltrane's family, friends, and fellow musicians, to provide a deeply personal and nuanced account of the artist's journey.

Ratliff explores the many facets of Coltrane's artistry, from his early influences to his groundbreaking work with the Miles Davis Quintet to his later experimental period. He delves into Coltrane's unique sound, his technical innovations, and his spiritual and philosophical influences.

The book also traces the personal and social context of Coltrane's life, from his childhood in North Carolina to his struggles with addiction and his eventual triumph over adversity. Ratliff paints a complex and compassionate portrait of a man who was both a musical genius and a deeply flawed human being.

Coltrane: The Story of Sound is a must-read for anyone interested in jazz music, American history, or the life of a true artistic innovator. It is a beautifully written and deeply insightful work that will appeal to both scholars and general readers alike.

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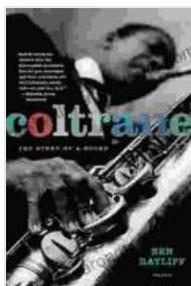
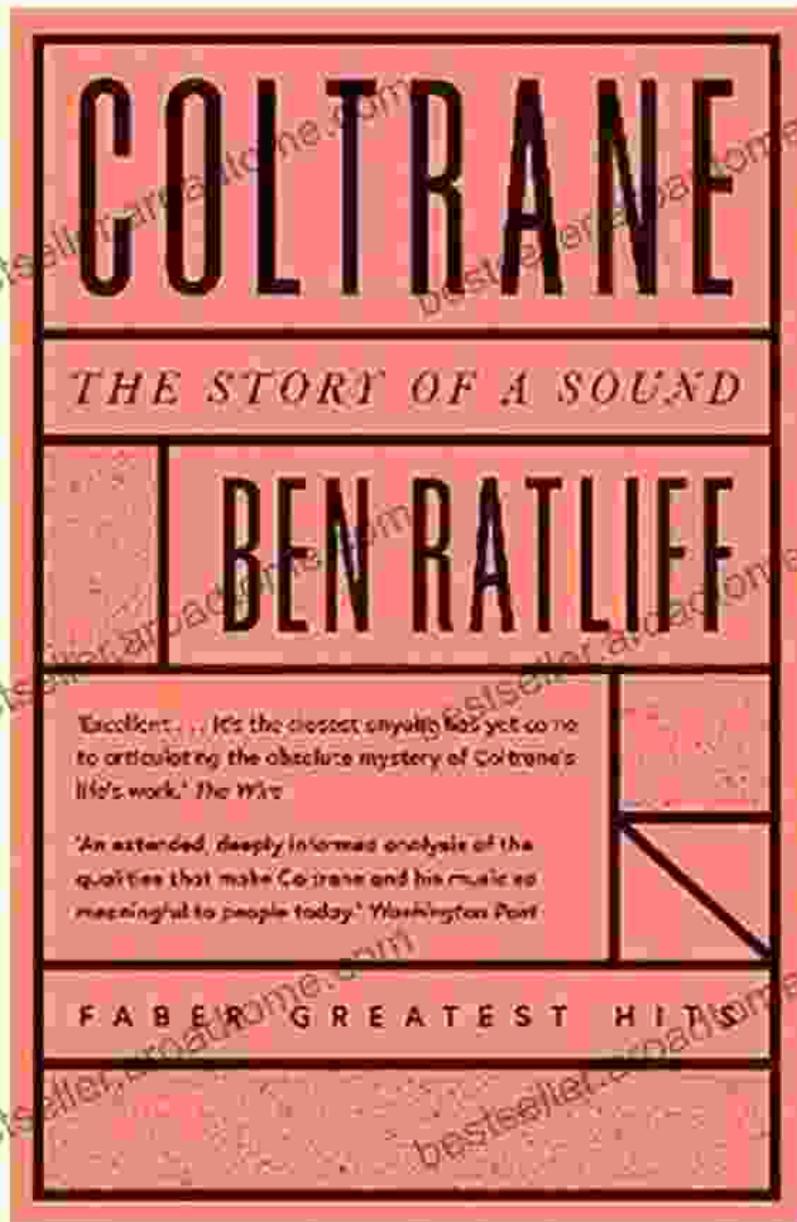
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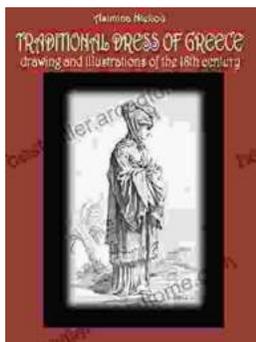
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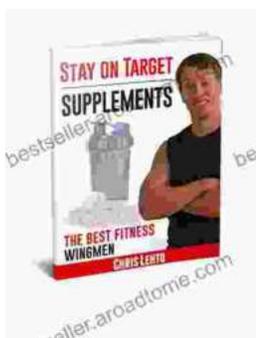
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