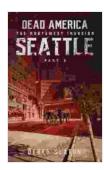
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In a city known for its grunge music and coffee culture, there is a darker, more sinister side to Seattle's musical history. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Seattle was a hotbed of hardcore punk music, a genre characterized by its aggressive sound, politically charged lyrics, and DIY ethos. One of the most influential bands of this era was Dead Kennedys, who emerged from the Seattle scene and went on to become one of the most important and controversial punk bands of all time.



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Dead Kennedys were formed in 1978 by Jello Biafra (vocals), East Bay Ray (guitar), Klaus Flouride (bass), and 6025 (drums). The band's name was a reference to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and their music was full of political satire and social commentary. Dead Kennedys

were not afraid to tackle taboo subjects, and their songs often dealt with topics such as nuclear war, government surveillance, and police brutality.

Dead Kennedys' music was as confrontational as their lyrics. The band's sound was characterized by Biafra's venomous vocals, Ray's slashing guitar work, and Flouride and 6025's tight rhythm section. Dead Kennedys were one of the first punk bands to incorporate elements of other genres into their music, such as reggae, dub, and funk. This eclectic mix of styles gave Dead Kennedys a unique sound that set them apart from their peers.

Dead Kennedys quickly gained a reputation for their incendiary live shows. The band was known for their stage antics, which often included Biafra wearing a dress or a gas mask. Dead Kennedys' shows were also often met with violence from both the audience and the police. In 1980, the band was arrested and charged with obscenity after a performance in Los Angeles. The charges were eventually dropped, but the incident further cemented Dead Kennedys' reputation as a dangerous and subversive band.

Despite the controversy surrounding them, Dead Kennedys were one of the most popular punk bands of the early 1980s. The band's albums, such as "Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables" and "Plastic Surgery Disasters," were critical and commercial successes. Dead Kennedys also toured extensively, playing to sold-out crowds all over the world.

However, Dead Kennedys' success was short-lived. In 1986, the band broke up after Biafra was sued by his former bandmates over royalties. Biafra went on to form a new band, Lard, while the other members of Dead Kennedys continued to play under the name DK.

Despite their short career, Dead Kennedys left a lasting legacy on the punk rock scene. The band's music is still celebrated today for its originality, its political message, and its raw energy. Dead Kennedys are considered to be one of the most important and influential punk bands of all time, and their music continues to inspire and challenge listeners to this day.

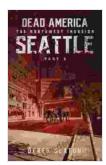
#### The Northwest Invasion

Dead Kennedys were not the only great punk band to emerge from Seattle in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The city was home to a thriving punk scene that also included bands such as The Fartz, The U-Men, and The Accüsed. These bands were part of a larger movement known as the "Northwest Invasion," which saw punk bands from the Pacific Northwest region of the United States gain national and international attention.

The Northwest Invasion was characterized by its aggressive sound, its political lyrics, and its DIY ethos. Many of the bands involved in the movement were influenced by Dead Kennedys, and they shared a similar commitment to social and political activism.

The Northwest Invasion helped to put Seattle on the map as a major center for punk rock. The city's punk scene was a vibrant and creative force that produced some of the most important and influential punk bands of all time.

Dead Kennedys and the other bands of the Northwest Invasion played a major role in shaping the sound and direction of punk rock. Their music was a powerful force for social and political change, and it continues to inspire and challenge listeners to this day.



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