

# Ska: An Oral History by Heather Augustyn

Ska is a genre of music that originated in Jamaica in the 1960s. It is characterized by its fast tempo, upbeat rhythms, and often witty or political lyrics. Ska has had a major influence on other genres of music, including rocksteady, reggae, and punk rock.

In her book *Ska: An Oral History*, Heather Augustyn tells the story of ska from its roots in Jamaica to its global popularity today. Augustyn interviewed dozens of musicians, producers, and fans to create a comprehensive and engaging history of this vibrant genre.



## **Ska: An Oral History** by Heather Augustyn

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*Ska: An Oral History* is an essential read for anyone interested in the history of ska music. It is a well-written, informative, and entertaining book that will appeal to fans of ska and music history alike.

## **The Origins of Ska**

Ska emerged from the ska subculture that developed in Jamaica in the 1950s. Ska music is influenced by a variety of musical genres, including traditional Jamaican music, jazz, and rhythm and blues. Ska is characterized by its fast tempo, upbeat rhythms, and often witty or political lyrics.

Ska became popular in Jamaica in the early 1960s with the success of songs by artists such as the Skatalites, Desmond Dekker, and the Maytals. Ska quickly spread to other parts of the world, including the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada.

### **The Second Wave of Ska**

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, there was a revival of interest in ska music, known as the second wave of ska. This revival was led by bands such as the Specials and Madness in the UK and the Toasters in the US. The second wave of ska was characterized by a harder, more punk-influenced sound than the original ska.

Ska has continued to be popular in the years since the second wave. In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in ska, with new bands emerging and older bands enjoying renewed popularity.

### **The Impact of Ska**

Ska has had a major impact on other genres of music, including rocksteady, reggae, and punk rock. Ska has also been used in film and television soundtracks, and it has been sampled by hip-hop artists. Ska is a vibrant and influential genre of music that continues to be enjoyed by people around the world.

Ska is one of the most popular and influential genres of music in history. It is a genre that has something to offer everyone, from its infectious rhythms to its witty lyrics. Ska is a genre that is here to stay.



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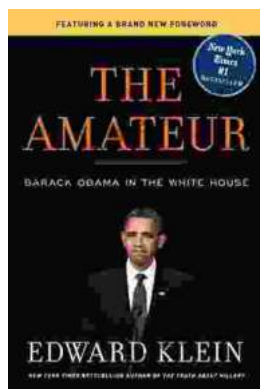
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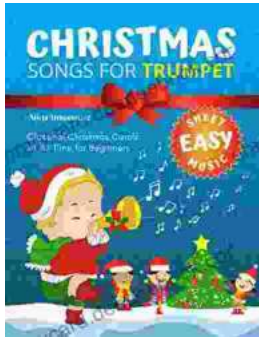
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