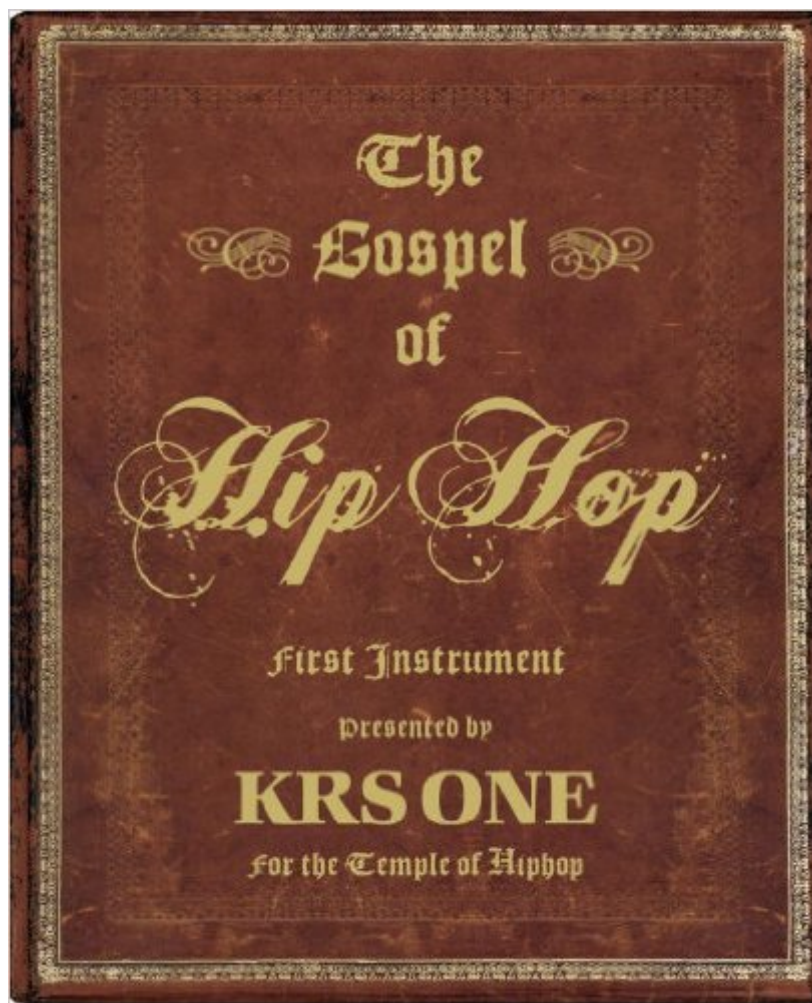


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The Gospel Of Hip Hop: The First Instrument



Synopsis

The Gospel of Hip Hop: First Instrument, the first book from the I Am Hip Hop, is the philosophical masterwork of KRS ONE. Set in the format of the Christian Bible, this 800-plus-page opus is a life-guide manual for members of Hip Hop Kulture that combines classic philosophy with faith and practical knowledge for a fascinating, in-depth exploration of Hip Hop as a life path. Known as "The Teacha," KRS ONE developed his unique outlook as a homeless teen in Brooklyn, New York, engaging his philosophy of self-creation to become one of the most respected emcees in Hip Hop history. Respected as Hip Hop's true steward, KRS ONE painstakingly details the development of the culture and the ways in which we, as "Hiphoppas," can and should preserve its future. "The Teacha" also discusses the origination of Hip Hop Kulture and relays specific instances in history wherein one can discover the same spirit and ideas that are at the core of Hip Hop's current manifestation. He explains Hip Hop down to the actual meaning and linguistic history of the words "hip" and "hop" and describes the ways in which "Hiphoppas" can change their current circumstances to create a future that incorporates Health, Love, Awareness, and Wealth (H-LAW). Committed to fervently promoting self-reliance, dedicated study, peace, unity, and truth, The "Teacha" has drawn both criticism and worship from within and from outside of Hip Hop Kulture. In this beautifully written, inspiring book, KRS ONE shines the light of truth, from his own empirical research over a 14-year period, into the fascinating world of Hip Hop.

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Customer Reviews

What's good? I'm Will Hawkins Jr. Founder of the Hip Hop Therapeutics in Houston. This book is a must read for any musician, persons interested in self help, or those light travelers who want a better understanding of the link between Hip Hop culture and the protection that it affords the human race.

Glad that this finally arrived after week or two. So looking forward to diving deep into this reading. It arrived in great condition in a padded envelope. This 830 page piece of knowledge is well put together. It's from PowerHouse Books which I have found to always be great quality. A must read for all Hiphoppas! I had the pleasure of meeting KRS-One at a speaking engagement about Hiphop & the state of the culture. People will say that this is a play on The Bible. And it is. It teaches us about love of the people and love of the culture and allows us to use our eyes to understand the world we live in & why Hiphop is important to Hiphoppas. KRS-One is a brilliant individual and a very humble dude. Think of this as a Hiphop study guide to ready along side of your spiritual readings. You can be Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Spiritual or whatever - if you love Hiphop culture and understand it is more than "rap-music", you'll find this a great read.

This book gave me a different look on what Hip Hop is and how it changed us all over the earth. It is the break between to world for me that presented in Rapp and the REAL of Hip Hop and its founders.~

HIPHOP is another important part of American musical and cultural history. It began an artistic and economic tsunami that spread across the Globe. This HIPHOP philosophy that began in African American community of the Bronx, NY not only has been CO-OPTED in a deadly and demeaning way by various groups, but still goes on in it's intended form spreading positive artistic and harmonious life philosophy for all the human race to participate. HIPHOP perhaps more than other forms of music needs to be certain it's true origins and meanings are clear stated, exposed, and never forgotten. HIPHOP is the spirit of the human tribe. HIPHOP is leads us away from self-destruction. So if your moved by the beat and not the words you ain't listening to HIPHOP. If you want to destroy some woman's blank, take a life, blasphemy all divine creation and place Green fiat toilet paper above it, you are not HIPHOP. KRSONE and others who spread the world about HIPHOP are godsend as they lay it all out so we can know where it all began from the distant echo of the first BOOM BOP.

Spent the past 4 months with this book. The Gospel of Hip Hop is a crucial text. KRS-One covers world history, race, ethnicity, "GOD", individual spirituality & self creation. The Teacha speaks for the preservation & cultivation of the Hip-Hop Nation while illustrating and defining elements & psychology of this now global culture. Take your understanding beyond "rap music folklore" start with this "first instrument" PEACE LOVE UNITY & HAVING FUN

There is no doubt that a lot of hip hop fans won't know what to make of this book at first. It is not a music book. It is a spiritual book. It's nearest brethren are probably The RZA's The Tao of Wu and The 50th Law by 50 Cent and Robert Greene. It has an evangelical tone. It repeatedly mentions God. It also has its fire and brimstone moments. But underlying it all is KRS-One's passion and desire to raise awareness and make change - and surely that is a good thing. The other music artist I would compare KRS-One to is jazz's Sun Ra who advocated an philosophy involving Egypt and the cosmos that many branded as nutty was also about empowerment and has gained respect over the years. Yes at certain points KRS-One displays ego - but hey compared to the likes of Kanye West it's pretty mild. I think if you approach this book with an open mind - just like you would The Secret or A Course in Miracles - you'll get a lot from it.

I mean really how could anyone refute the idea expressed within this classic book. KRS is lightyears ahead of all of these supposed emcees.. Incredible vision on Hip hop and the power of the Kulture of Hip hop.

The god of hip hop putting his gospel down in written form for the masses to overstand. "Hip hop is not something we do. Hip hop is something we live." The book is great. I believe that KRS ONE was put here on earth to save the enslaved minds of millions. Like other spiritual philosophers, he probably want get his just do until long after his human form will be reborn. Get the book and take it to the head !

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