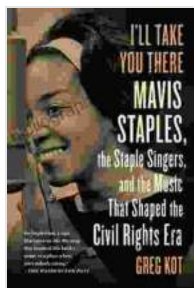


# Mavis Staples: The Staple Singers and the March Up Freedom Highway



**I'll Take You There: Mavis Staples, the Staple Singers, and the March up Freedom's Highway** by Greg Kot

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Mavis Staples is a living legend. As the lead singer of the Staple Singers, she has used her voice to fight for justice and equality for over six decades. Her powerful vocals and soaring melodies have inspired generations of activists and musicians, and her story is a testament to the power of music and the indomitable spirit of the human soul.

In her new memoir, *The Staple Singers and the March Up Freedom Highway*, Mavis shares her inspiring story in her own words. From her early days singing in her father's church to her iconic performances with the Staple Singers, Mavis has witnessed firsthand the transformative power of music. She has sung for presidents and popes, and she has marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her story is a powerful reminder of the importance of standing up for what you believe in, and it is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

Mavis's story begins in the small town of Clarksdale, Mississippi. She was born into a musical family, and she began singing in her father's church at the age of five. Her father, Roebuck "Pops" Staples, was a sharecropper and a Baptist minister, and he instilled in Mavis a deep love of music and a strong commitment to social justice. "My father taught me that music is a gift from God," Mavis says. "And that we should use it to make the world a better place."

In 1950, Mavis and her family moved to Chicago, where they joined the burgeoning gospel music scene. The Staple Singers quickly became one of the most popular gospel groups in the country, and they soon began to use their music to speak out against racism and injustice. In 1963, they released their iconic song "Freedom Highway," which became an anthem of the civil rights movement. Mavis's powerful vocals and soaring melodies helped to inspire a generation of activists, and her story is a testament to the power of music to change the world.

*The Staple Singers and the March Up Freedom Highway* is a powerful and inspiring memoir that tells the story of one of the most important voices in American music. Mavis Staples's story is a testament to the power of music and the indomitable spirit of the human soul. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to learn more about the civil rights movement and the role that music played in it.

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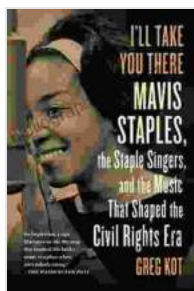
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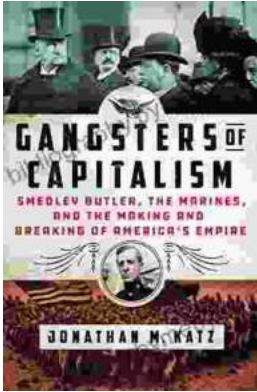


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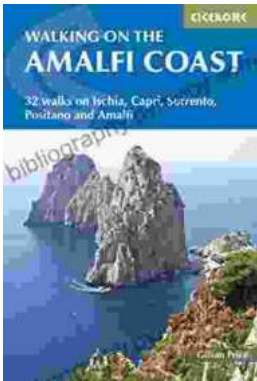
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