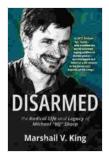
### The Radical Life and Legacy of Michael Mj Sharp



Disarmed: The Radical Life and Legacy of Michael "MJ"

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Michael Mj Sharp was a radical activist and musician who dedicated his life to fighting for social justice. He was a leading figure in the civil rights movement and the anti-Vietnam War movement, and his music and activism continue to inspire people today.

Sharp was born in 1943 in New York City. He grew up in a poor family and was exposed to the harsh realities of racism and poverty from a young age. Sharp's experiences shaped his political views and led him to become an activist.

In the early 1960s, Sharp joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), a leading organization in the civil rights movement. Sharp worked with SNCC to organize voter registration drives, protests,

and other forms of civil disobedience. He was also a talented musician, and he used his music to spread the message of the civil rights movement.

In 1964, Sharp was arrested and beaten by police while participating in a protest in Mississippi. The incident was captured on film and broadcast on television, and it helped to galvanize support for the civil rights movement. Sharp's arrest and beating also led him to become more involved in the anti-Vietnam War movement.

In the late 1960s, Sharp became a member of the Black Panther Party, a militant organization that advocated for black self-defense. Sharp worked with the Black Panthers to provide food and medical care to poor communities, and he also helped to organize protests against the Vietnam War.

In 1971, Sharp was killed by police during a protest in New York City. He was 27 years old. Sharp's death was a tragic loss for the civil rights movement and the anti-Vietnam War movement, but his legacy continues to inspire people today.

#### **Sharp's Music**

Sharp was a talented musician who used his music to spread the message of social justice. His music was often angry and passionate, but it was also full of hope and inspiration. Sharp's songs were about the struggles of the poor, the racism of the Jim Crow South, and the horrors of the Vietnam War.

Sharp's music was popular among activists and protesters, and it was also praised by critics. In 1964, Sharp released his debut album, "The Michael

Sharp Album." The album was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to make Sharp a leading voice in the civil rights movement.

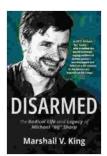
Sharp continued to release music throughout his life, and his last album, "Sharp's Flats," was released in 1971. Sharp's music continues to be an inspiration to activists and musicians today.

#### **Sharp's Legacy**

Sharp was a radical activist and musician who dedicated his life to fighting for social justice. He was a leading figure in the civil rights movement and the anti-Vietnam War movement, and his music and activism continue to inspire people today.

Sharp's legacy is one of hope and inspiration. He showed that one person can make a difference in the world, and he inspired others to fight for what they believe in.

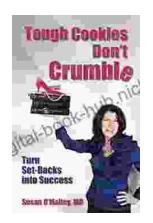
We can all learn from Sharp's example and work to build a more just and equitable world.



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