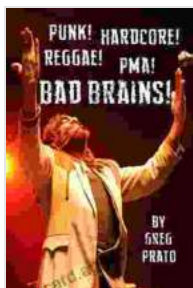


# Punk, Hardcore, Reggae, PMA: The Bad Brains Story

The Bad Brains are an American punk rock band formed in Washington, D.C. in 1977. They are widely regarded as one of the pioneers of hardcore punk and reggae fusion. Their music is characterized by its fast tempos, aggressive lyrics, and socially conscious themes.



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## Formation and early years

The Bad Brains were formed in 1977 by vocalist H.R. (born Paul Hudson), guitarist Dr. Know (born Gary Miller), bassist Darryl Jenifer, and drummer Earl Hudson (H.R.'s brother). The band's early sound was heavily influenced by punk rock bands such as the Sex Pistols and the Ramones. However, they also incorporated elements of reggae into their music, making them one of the first bands to fuse the two genres.

The Bad Brains quickly gained a reputation for their energetic live shows and their outspoken lyrics, which often dealt with social and political issues. Their debut album, "Bad Brains," was released in 1982 and was a critical and commercial success. The album featured the singles "Banned in D.C." and "Pay to Cum," which became anthems for the hardcore punk scene.

### **Commercial success and decline**

The Bad Brains continued to release successful albums throughout the 1980s, including "Rock for Light" (1983), "I Against I" (1986), and "Quickness" (1989). They toured extensively and built up a large following around the world. However, the band's success was marred by drug abuse and internal conflicts.

In 1994, H.R. left the Bad Brains to pursue a solo career. The remaining members continued to perform and record as the Bad Brains, but they never regained the same level of success they had in the 1980s.

### **Reformation and later years**

H.R. rejoined the Bad Brains in 2001, and the band has been touring and recording sporadically since then. They released their latest album, "Into the Future," in 2012.

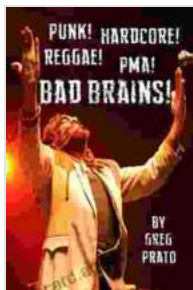
The Bad Brains are one of the most important and influential punk rock bands of all time. Their music has inspired countless other bands and their message of PMA (Positive Mental Attitude) continues to resonate with fans around the world.

### **Legacy**

The Bad Brains have been cited as an influence by a wide range of bands, including Metallica, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Rage Against the Machine. Their music has also been featured in numerous films and television shows.

In 2017, the Bad Brains were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. They are the first hardcore punk band to receive this honor.

The Bad Brains are a unique and important band that has made a significant contribution to the history of punk rock. Their music is a powerful blend of punk, hardcore, and reggae, and their message of PMA continues to inspire fans around the world.



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