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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

With its smooth, soulful tunes and groovy dance moves, *Soul Train* launched the careers of countless African American artists and set lasting trends in music, dance, and fashion for more than three decades. To create this unparalleled tribute to the show, Questlove, the brilliant frontman for the Roots, has pored through more than 1,100 episodes of the show and been given exclusive access to its archives to present hundreds of never-before-seen photographs and the riveting, unfiltered story of how Don Cornelius revolutionized black entertainment.

In this incredible volume, Questlove takes you on a journey from the show's conception and first episode in 1971 to Don's final episode as host in 1993. You will learn how all-star performers such as Ike and Tina Turner, Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Whitney Houston, David Bowie, Aretha Franklin, LL Cool J, Lenny Kravitz, the Beastie Boys, and Mariah Carey, to name a few, got their start, and get an up-close look at the show's most memorable dancers, and the moves and fashion they popularized.

Soul Train was the longest-running syndicated program in television history. It was beloved by generations of youth, like Questlove, who eagerly awaited every episode, and young music lovers are still discovering it today. It's taken more than forty years for the awesome legacy of *Soul Train* to be celebrated in a proper way, and this book does just that.

About the Author

Drummer, DJ, and producer Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson is the unmistakable heartbeat of the four-time Grammy Award-winning hip-hop group the Roots. He is the musical director for *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, where his beloved Roots crew serves as the house band. He has produced top musicians from Eminem to Jay-Z and recently published his autobiography *Mo' Meta Blues*.

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