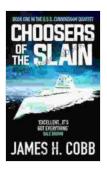
# Choosers of the Slain: The U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet





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The U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet was an American jazz group active in the 1960s and 1970s. The group was led by trumpeter Lee Morgan and saxophonist John Gilmore, and also featured pianist Bobby Hutcherson, bassist Ed Blackwell, and drummer Marion Brown. The group's music was characterized by its use of modal improvisation and its exploration of African and Eastern influences.

The U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet was formed in 1964, shortly after Lee Morgan and John Gilmore had left the Miles Davis Quintet. The group's name was inspired by the title of a poem by Langston Hughes, which was itself inspired by the ancient African tradition of choosing the best warriors to fight in battle.

The U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet's music was a departure from the hard bop style that was popular at the time. The group's modal improvisations were often based on scales and rhythms from African and Eastern music. The group also experimented with free jazz and other avant-garde techniques.

The U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet released four albums:

\* The U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet (1964) \* Live at the Village Vanguard (1965) \* The Gig (1966) \* The Trip (1967)

The group's music was well-received by critics, but it never achieved commercial success. The group disbanded in 1968, shortly after the release of The Trip.

Despite its short lifespan, the U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet was an important group in the development of jazz. The group's music helped to bridge the

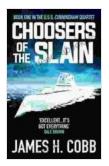
gap between hard bop and free jazz, and it also helped to introduce African and Eastern influences into jazz.

Here are some of the key tracks from the U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet's discography:

\* "The Gig" (from The Gig) \* "The Trip" (from The Trip) \* "Live at the Village Vanguard" (from Live at the Village Vanguard) \* "U.S.S. Cunningham" (from The U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet)

These tracks are all essential listening for fans of jazz, and they provide a good overview of the group's unique sound.

The U.S.S. Cunningham Quintet was a groundbreaking group that played a significant role in the development of jazz. The group's music is still relevant today, and it continues to inspire musicians around the world.



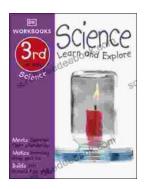
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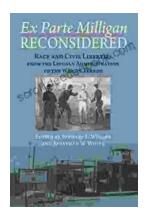
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