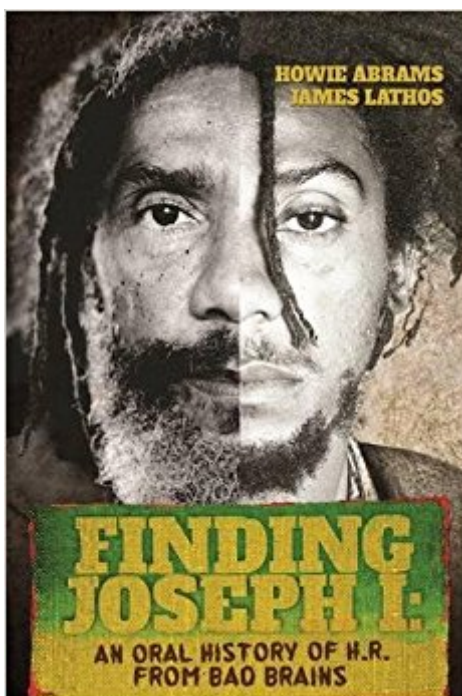


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# Finding Joseph I: An Oral History Of H.R. From Bad Brains



## Synopsis

"From their modest beginnings, the band's rise to prominence within the underground scene is meticulously documented. . . . By collecting stories and experiences from pretty much anyone who has ever been in close contact or shared a stage with H.R. the reader really gets the impression that no stone was left unturned as the main events in his life and career all unfold chronologically."

•Classic Rock Revisited•At his peak, H.R. was the greatest living front man in the history of rock &™nâ™™ roll. No one came even close&#151;NO ONE&#151;& I mean that 100%. It was simply awe-inspiring; you had to see it IN PERSON to believe and understand it&#133;. But H.R. is a complex person&#151;there are many, many stories about him, some of which I have been told by people close to him over the years, and some from strangers. There is a mythology built up around Bad Brains and this man in particular; a word-of-mouth portrait of a shaman, trickster, humanitarian, shyster, and just flat-out crazy person (crazy as in mentally ill, not the good kind). This just-released book, by Howie Abrams and James Lathos, is an unflinching oral history of H.R., his involvement with Bad Brains, and his struggles... I highly recommend it.â •&#151;D. Randall Blythe, Lamb of God, via InstagramThe first fully authorized biography of one of rock&™s most enigmatic singers is a thoroughly uncensored rollercoaster ride through a riotous, tumultuous and utterly singular life and career. This gripping oral history features H.R. himself and the people who know him best, including Ian MacKaye, Questlove and members of Sublime and the Deftones.The spiritual leader of Bad Brains was one of the most iconic and legendary front men in punk rock and hardcore. Paul &#147;H.R.â • Hudson launched his unique, ferocious vocal assault and dynamic physical showmanship with love and Rasta in his heart, along with a hopefulness seldom found in punk.His journey has been riddled with unprecedented volatility: drugs, violence, disappearances and a debilitating mental illness. The disorder was so powerful&#151;and the suffering so severe&#151;that itâ™s difficult to fathom how he even survived. How could one so tremendously troubled produce such an incredible body of work and have made such an impact?Finding Joseph I Â features interviews with H.R.â™s family, bandmates past and present, friends, and those he has influenced and inspired. Interviewees include members of Bad Brains, Guns Nâ™™ Roses, Black Flag, Living Colour, 311, Fishbone, the Wailers, Cro-Mags, Dead Prez, Murphyâ™s Law, P.O.D., Michael Franti & Spearhead and many more. Packed with many rare and never-before-seen images, Finding Joseph I is the definitive account of the punk rock icon.Howie Abrams co-authored The Merciless Book of Metal Lists and Misfit Summer Camp: 20 Years on the Road with the Vans Warped Tour.James Lathos is a director. His documentary debut is Finding Joseph I: The Story of Paul "H.R." Hudson.

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Howie Abrams is a former music business executive turned author from New York City. He co-authored The Merciless Book of Metal Lists with Sacha Jenkins and Misfit Summer Camp: 20 Years on the Road with the Vans Warped Tour with Kevin Lyman. Howie currently contributes to Noisey as well as Mass Appeal, and he co-hosts a weekly radio show on East Village Radio called Merciless with rapper ILL BILL. Bad Brains is his all-time favorite band! James Lathos is a director, cinematographer, editor, and published writer living in Florida. He makes his documentary debut with Finding Joseph I: The Story of Paul "H.R." Hudson.

I've been waiting my whole life to read a book on H.R. Good stuff man! Thoroughly enjoyed reading it, and now looking forward to the documentary!

I've always been fascinated by H.R. Really enjoyed the book. I feel like it portrayed him in an honest way regarding his battle with mental illness, drugs, and homelessness. Looking forward to the

movie.

Too great of a book to read about a great person.

If you are a fan of the Bad Brains and want to know more about HR from the people who have spent the most time with him, read this.

An enjoyable well researched labor of love is how i would describe this book. Hope the film will be sold too. If you are a fan of HR's music with Bad Brains and others, and wonder about HR's roads travelled, this is for you.

I bought this book for my partner and he absolutely loved it. He couldn't put it down!! He read it every free moment he had. For him to make the time to read it considering we just had a baby says it all. Great book!

Descent book. Would have liked to have Dr.Know & Darryl's input as well. Still it's the Bad Brains.

This open my eyes to a whole different wordl as I only knew the music but now it all makes sense.

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