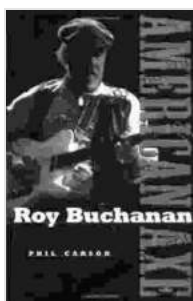


# Roy Buchanan: American Axe

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Roy Buchanan was one of the most influential and enigmatic guitarists of all time. His unique blend of blues, rock, and jazz made him a legend among musicians and fans alike. But behind the scenes, Buchanan was a troubled man, battling addiction and personal demons that ultimately led to his untimely death at the age of 48.



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Carson begins by tracing Buchanan's early years in rural Arkansas. Buchanan was a child prodigy, and by the age of 15 he was playing professionally. He soon moved to Memphis, where he became a fixture on the city's thriving blues scene. In the early 1960s, Buchanan signed with Verve Records and released his debut album, *Roy Buchanan*. The album

was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to establish Buchanan as one of the leading guitarists of his generation.

But Buchanan's career was plagued by personal problems. He struggled with addiction to alcohol and drugs, and he was often difficult to work with. In the late 1960s, Buchanan's career began to decline. He was dropped from Verve Records, and his personal life spiraled out of control. In 1977, Buchanan was found dead in his motel room in Fairfax, Virginia. He was just 48 years old.

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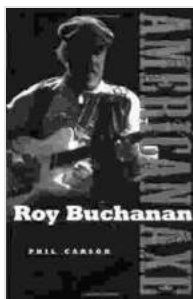
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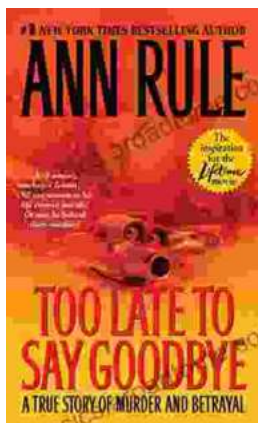
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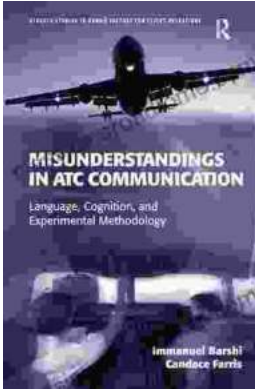
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