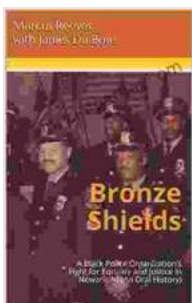


# Black Police Organization Fight For Equality And Justice In Newark NJ: An Oral History

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The Black Police Organization was founded in Newark, New Jersey in 1968 by a group of African American police officers who were fed up with the racism and discrimination they faced on the job. The founders of the BPO included:

- **Ishmael Simmons**, a patrolman who had been with the Newark Police Department for 10 years
- **William Perry**, a detective who had been with the department for 15 years
- **Ernest Taylor**, a sergeant who had been with the department for 20 years

Simmons, Perry, and Taylor were all active in the civil rights movement, and they were determined to fight for equality and justice within the police department. The three men recruited other black police officers to join them, and the BPO was born.

The BPO's mission was to fight for equality and justice for all police officers, regardless of race. The organization's goals included:

- To increase the number of black police officers in the Newark Police Department
- To end discrimination against black police officers
- To improve relations between the police and the community

The BPO pursued its goals through a variety of tactics, including:

- Lobbying for changes in police policy
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The Black Police Organization is a testament to the power of activism and the importance of fighting for what you believe in. The BPO's founders were not afraid to stand up for what they believed in, and they made a lasting impact on their city.

The BPO's legacy is one of equality, justice, and community. The organization's work has helped to make Newark a better place for all of its residents.

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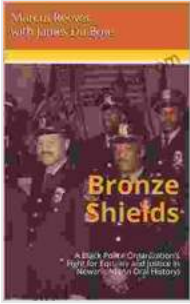
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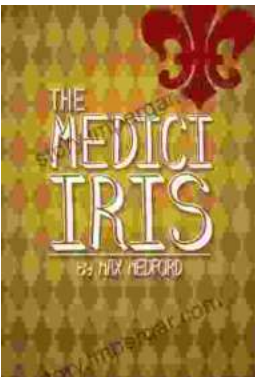
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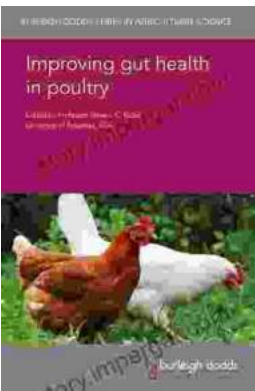


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