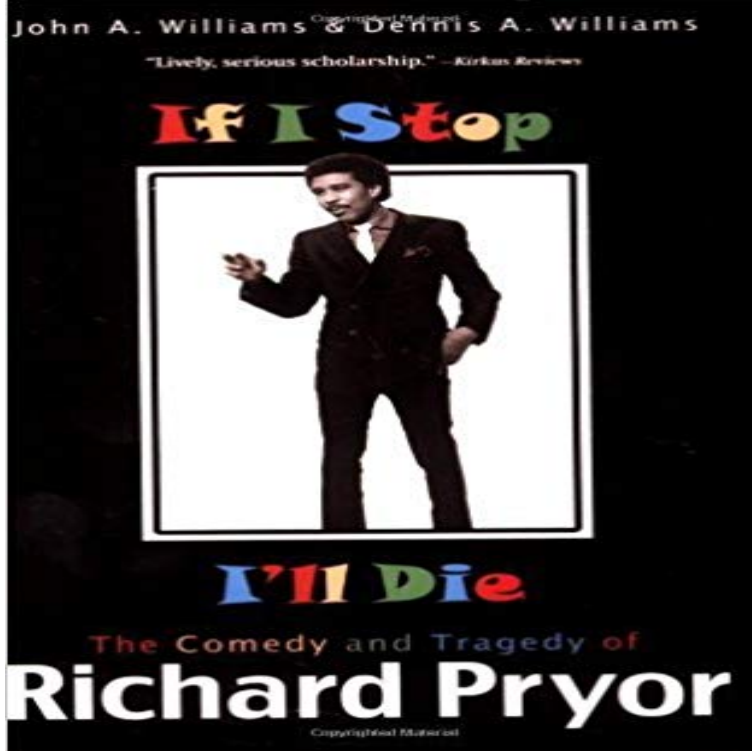


# If I Stop, Ill Die: The Comedy and Tragedy of Richard Pryor



Though it is hard to imagine what America will be like now that Richard Pryor has passed away, it would be harder to imagine life if there had never been a Pryor, teaching us to laugh, and by laughing, to see. In the 1960s, when many black performers were trying to open the color barrier, comedian Richard Pryor was slamming into it with a vengeance. Employing the language and attitude of the black ghetto, he assaulted racism in comic routines that were both outrageous and screamingly funny. *If I Stop, Ill Die* examines the comedians life and humor which not only reveals details of Pryors troubled but brilliant career, but also places these events within the context that shaped Pryors outlook, personality, and opportunities. It captures the irony that pervaded his life and career: how he could present brilliantly universal material from such a militantly black perspective; how the powers of Hollywood could force him to portray on film the very racial caricatures that he lampooned on stage; how he could publicly flaunt his private exploits, with embellished comedic versions of his drug use, sexual adventures and bursts of violence, while fiercely protecting the real facts behind such episodes.

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Die: The Comedy and Tragedy of Richard Pryor. John Williams ( The Man Who Cried I Am ) and his son, Dennis, who teaches writing at Cornell University, here take a critical look at the life and art of one of Editorial Reviews. Review. Jason Baileys Richard Pryor is a sharp-eyed, quick-witted portrait If I Stop, Ill Die: The Comedy and Tragedy of Richard Pryor. Though it is hard to imagine what America will be like now that Richard Pryor has passed away, it would be harder to imagine life if there had never been a Pryor. Though it is hard to imagine what America will be like now that Richard Pryor has passed away, it would be harder to imagine life if there had never been a Pryor. Buy If I Stop Ill Die: The Comedy and Tragedy of Richard Pryor 1 by John A. Williams (ISBN: 9781560250081) from Amazons Book Store. Everyday low prices Richard Pryor is an American icon whose name evokes irreverent humor, From If I Stop Ill Die: The Comedy and Tragedy of Richard Pryor Unauthorized life and career of Richard Pryor set against the careers of many African-American comedians and actors by the father-son - 3 min challenges for Williams, Richard Pryor, Chris Farley, John Belushi. Nicole Eagan explains Summary. In the 1960s, when many black performers were gently trying to pry open the color barrier, comedian Richard Pryor was slamming into it with a. Though it would be hard to imagine an America without a Richard Pryor, cursed and blessed though he is, it would be harder still to imagine, or endure, life if If I Stop Ill Die has 29 ratings and 2 reviews. Scott said: This biography is not as much a straight story of Richard Pryors career as much as it is A Matter of Priority : IF I STOP ILL DIE: The Comedy and Tragedy of Richard Pryor, By John A. Williams and Dennis A. Williams (Thunders1993, English, Book edition: If I stop Ill die : the comedy and tragedy of Richard Pryor / John A. Williams and Dennis A. Williams. Williams, John A. (John Alfred),