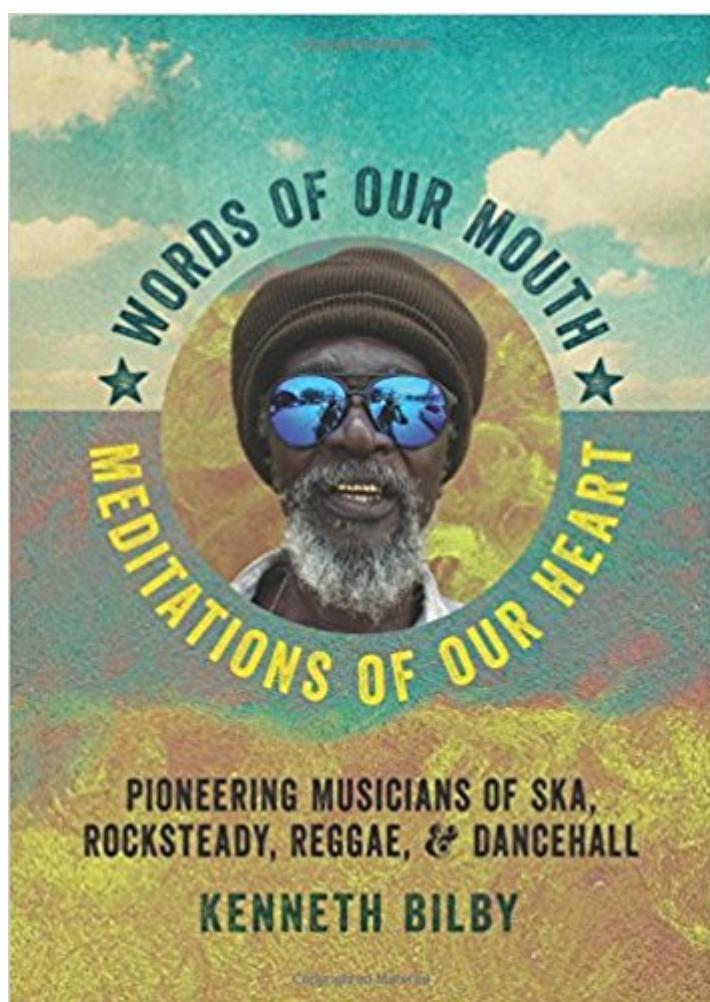


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rocksteady, roots, and up through early dancehall, I found this an interesting book. There's nothing remotely academic here, just some personal thoughts from a number of musicians--some you may recognize--others you may not. The author, Kenneth Bilby, is an ethnomusicologist and there's a slight feel of that kind of approach--but that's a good thing.

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