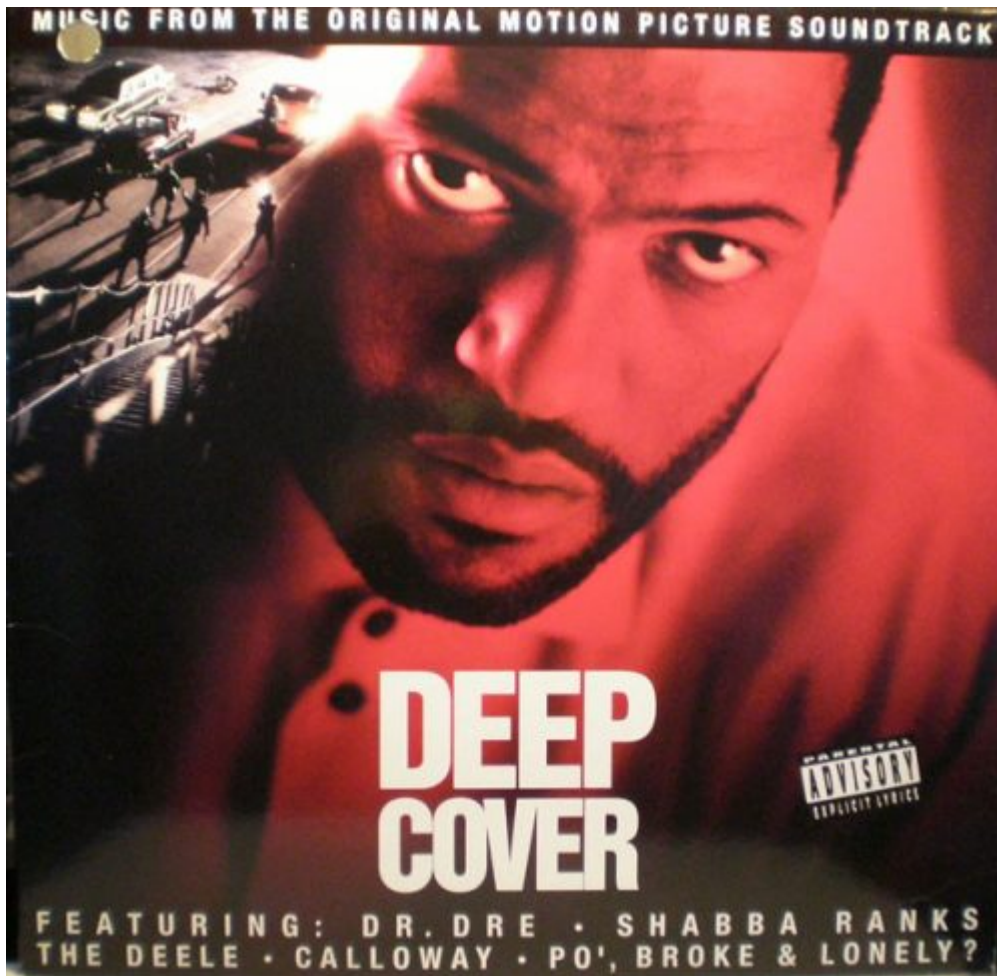


Throwback: Shabba Ranks - Mr. Loverman





Shabba Ranks' recording of "Champion Lover" with Deborah Glasgow appeared on her eponymous 1989 full-length debut and his 1990 album *Rappin' With The Ladies*. Ranks re-recorded the song as "Mr. Loverman" with Chevelle Franklyn and it was released as a single in 1991. The following year the song appeared on the *Deep Cover* soundtrack and *Ranks' Rough & Ready Vol. 1* and *X-tra Naked* albums. Ranks' commanding patois and Franklyn's dreamy vocals against the sexy reggae beat set a mood. The Jamaican dancehall artist became known in the United States because of "Mr. Loverman" which is now acknowledged as one of the best songs of the '90s. The success of *X-tra Naked* included a win at the 1993 Grammys for Best Reggae Album

making Ranks the first from the dancehall world to take home the award. In 2013, A\$AP Ferg released the song "Shabba" and Ranks had an appearance in the video and he was featured on the remix with Busta Rhymes and Migos.Â