

The Rockin' Rebel

Introduction

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The Rolling Stones are known for their distinctive sound, which is characterized by Keith Richards's crunchy guitar riffs, Mick Jagger's charismatic vocals, and Charlie Watts's steady drumming. The band has also been known for their controversial lyrics and their rebellious attitude.

Over the years, the Rolling Stones have undergone several lineup changes, but the core of the band has remained the same. Mick Jagger and Keith Richards have been the band's leaders since its inception, and they have been responsible for writing many of the band's most famous songs. Charlie Watts has been the band's drummer since 1963, and he has provided the band with a solid foundation. Ronnie Wood has been a member of the band since 1975, and he has added his own unique style to the band's sound.

The Rolling Stones have had a profound impact on music and culture. Their music has inspired generations of musicians, and their style has been imitated by countless bands. The Rolling Stones are also known for their philanthropy, and they have donated millions of dollars to various charities.

This book is a comprehensive look at the Rolling Stones. It covers the band's history, music, and impact

on culture. The book also includes interviews with the band members and their associates.

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In this book, you will learn about:

- The Rolling Stones' early years and influences
- The band's rise to fame in the 1960s
- The band's drug problems and legal troubles in the 1970s
- The band's comeback in the 1980s and 1990s
- The band's legacy and impact on music and culture

This book is packed with information and insights about the Rolling Stones. It is the perfect book for fans of the band and for anyone who wants to learn more about one of the most important and influential bands in rock and roll history.

Chapter 1: The Early Years

Keith Richards' Childhood

Keith Richards was born in Dartford, Kent, England, on December 18, 1943. His father, Bert, was a factory worker, and his mother, Doris, was a teacher. Keith had one older brother, Bernard.

The Richards family lived in a small house in a working-class neighborhood. Keith's parents were both music lovers, and they often played records by jazz and blues artists. Keith was particularly drawn to the blues, and he began playing guitar at a young age.

Keith's parents were supportive of his interest in music, but they also wanted him to get a good education. Keith attended Dartford Grammar School, but he was not a very good student. He was more interested in playing guitar than in studying.

When Keith was 15 years old, his parents divorced. Keith's mother moved to London with Bernard, while

Keith stayed with his father in Dartford. Keith was devastated by his parents' divorce, and he began to rebel against his father.

Keith started skipping school and hanging out with a group of friends who were also interested in music. Keith and his friends formed a band called the Rolling Stones, and they began playing gigs at local clubs.

Keith's father was furious when he found out that Keith was playing in a band. He forbade Keith from playing music, but Keith ignored him. Keith continued to play with the Rolling Stones, and he eventually became one of the most famous guitarists in the world.

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The Rolling Stones Are Formed

The Rolling Stones were formed in London in 1962 by Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Brian Jones, Ian Stewart, and Charlie Watts. The band's name was inspired by a Muddy Waters song called "Rollin' Stone."

The Rolling Stones quickly became one of the most popular bands in the UK, and they soon began to tour internationally. In 1964, they released their debut album, which featured the hit singles "Not Fade Away" and "It's All Over Now."

The Rolling Stones' music was heavily influenced by American blues and R&B, but they also incorporated elements of rock and roll and pop. The band's sound was unique and distinctive, and it quickly caught on with audiences around the world.

The Rolling Stones were also known for their rebellious attitude and their wild lifestyle. They were often in

trouble with the authorities, and they were frequently accused of drug use and other misdeeds. However, their bad boy image only seemed to make them more popular with their fans.

By the mid-1960s, the Rolling Stones were one of the biggest bands in the world. They had released several hit albums and singles, and they had toured extensively. The band was also beginning to make a name for themselves in the United States.

In 1967, the Rolling Stones released their album "Their Satanic Majesties Request." The album was a departure from the band's previous sound, and it featured more psychedelic and experimental elements. The album was not as well-received as the band's previous releases, but it still sold well and helped to solidify the Rolling Stones' status as one of the most important bands of the era.

The Rolling Stones continued to release hit albums and singles throughout the 1970s and 1980s. They also

toured extensively, and they became one of the most popular live bands in the world.

The Rolling Stones are one of the most successful and influential bands in rock and roll history. They have sold over 200 million records worldwide, and they have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The band continues to tour and record today, and they remain one of the most popular bands in the world.

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Early Influences

The Rolling Stones were influenced by a wide range of musical genres, including blues, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, and country. Their early sound was heavily influenced by the blues, and they often covered songs by Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, and other blues artists. The band also drew inspiration from American rock and roll artists such as Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, and Little Richard.

The Rolling Stones' early influences can be heard in their early albums, such as "The Rolling Stones" (1964) and "12 x 5" (1964). These albums feature songs with simple, catchy melodies and lyrics that often dealt with themes of love, loss, and rebellion. The band's early sound was also characterized by Keith Richards's distinctive guitar playing, which was often influenced by the blues.

As the Rolling Stones' career progressed, they began to experiment with different musical styles. On their album "Aftermath" (1966), the band incorporated elements of folk rock and psychedelic rock into their sound. The album was a critical and commercial success, and it helped the Rolling Stones to establish themselves as one of the most popular bands in the world.

The Rolling Stones continued to experiment with different musical styles throughout their career. They released a number of classic albums in the 1960s and 1970s, including "Beggars Banquet" (1968), "Let It Bleed" (1969), and "Sticky Fingers" (1971). These albums featured a wide range of musical influences, from blues to rock to country.

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