

Brian May: The Definitive Biography

Brian May is one of the greatest guitarists of all time and a key member of the legendary rock band Queen. His distinctive sound and style have helped to create some of the most iconic rock songs ever written, including "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We Will Rock You," and "We Are the Champions."

This definitive biography tells the story of May's life and career, from his early days as a struggling musician to his worldwide fame and success. It is a fascinating and inspiring tale of talent, hard work, and dedication.



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Early Life and Musical Beginnings

Brian May was born in Hampton, Middlesex, England, on July 19, 1947. He was the eldest of four children, and his father was an electrical engineer. May's interest in music began at a young age, and he started playing guitar at the age of seven.

May attended Hampton Grammar School, where he met future Queen bandmate Roger Taylor. The two of them formed a band called Smile, which played covers of popular songs and began writing their own material.

Queen

In 1971, Smile was joined by vocalist Freddie Mercury and bassist John Deacon. The four musicians quickly gelled, and Queen was born. The band's self-titled debut album was released in 1973, and it was followed by a string of successful albums, including "Queen II" (1974), "Sheer Heart Attack" (1974), and "A Night at the Opera" (1975).

Queen became one of the most popular rock bands in the world, and their songs were played on radio stations around the globe. May was a key part of the band's success, and his guitar playing was essential to their sound.

Solo Career

In addition to his work with Queen, May has also had a successful solo career. He has released several solo albums, including "Star Fleet Project" (1983), "Back to the Light" (1992), and "Another World" (1998).

May has also collaborated with a wide range of artists, including Paul McCartney, David Bowie, and Elton John. He has also written and performed the theme music for several films, including "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen" (1988) and "Superman Returns" (2006).

Personal Life

May has been married twice. He was first married to Chrissie Mullen from 1974 to 1988. The couple had three children together. May married Anita Dobson in 2000.

May is a passionate advocate for animal rights, and he is a patron of the animal welfare charity Save Me.

Legacy

Brian May is one of the most influential guitarists in rock history. His distinctive sound and style have inspired generations of musicians, and his songs have been enjoyed by millions of people around the world.

May is a true legend of rock music, and his legacy will continue to inspire and entertain for years to come.

Discography

* **Queen** (1973) * **Queen II** (1974) * **Sheer Heart Attack** (1974) * **A Night at the Opera** (1975) * **A Day at the Races** (1976) * **News of the World** (1977) * **Jazz** (1978) * **The Game** (1980) * **Flash Gordon** (1980) * **Hot Space** (1982) * **The Works** (1984) * **A Kind of Magic** (1986) * **The Miracle** (1989) * **Innuendo** (1991) * **Made in Heaven** (1995)

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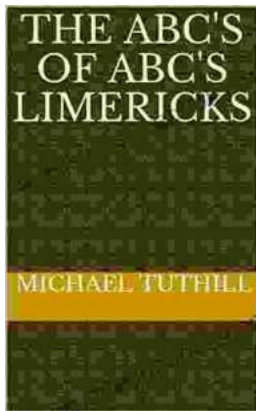
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