The Name That Means Music To Millions



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Millions by Alain-Philippe Durand

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John Lennon was one of the most influential musicians of all time. As a member of The Beatles, he helped to change the face of popular music. His songs are still beloved by millions around the world. But behind the public persona was a complex and troubled man.

The Name That Means Music To Millions is a biography of John Lennon that explores his life from his childhood in Liverpool to his assassination in New York City. The book draws on interviews with Lennon's friends, family, and colleagues, as well as his own writings and recordings. It offers a fascinating and nuanced portrait of a man who was both a genius and a flawed human being.

Early Life

John Lennon was born in Liverpool, England, on October 9, 1940. His father, Alfred Lennon, was a merchant seaman. His mother, Julia Lennon,

was a homemaker. Lennon's parents divorced when he was five years old, and he was raised by his mother and her second husband, John Dykins.

Lennon was a bright and curious child. He loved to read and write, and he showed an early talent for music. He began playing the guitar at the age of 11, and he soon started writing his own songs.

The Beatles

In 1957, Lennon met Paul McCartney at a church social. The two boys bonded over their shared love of music, and they soon formed a band called The Quarrymen. In 1960, The Quarrymen changed their name to The Beatles, and they began playing at local clubs in Liverpool.

The Beatles quickly gained a following, and in 1962 they signed a record deal with EMI. Their first single, "Love Me Do," was released in October 1962, and it became a hit in the United Kingdom. In 1964, The Beatles released their first album, *Please Please Me*, which topped the charts in the UK and the US.

The Beatles went on to become one of the most successful bands in history. They released a string of hit albums and singles, including "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" (1967), "The White Album" (1968), and "Abbey Road" (1969). The Beatles broke up in 1970, but their music continues to be enjoyed by millions around the world.

Solo Career

After The Beatles broke up, Lennon embarked on a solo career. He released his first solo album, *John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band*, in 1970. The album was a critical and commercial success, and it featured some of

Lennon's most personal and introspective songs, such as "Mother" and "God."

Lennon continued to release successful solo albums throughout the 1970s, including *Imagine* (1971), *Mind Games* (1973), and *Double Fantasy* (1980). He also became involved in political activism, and he and his wife, Yoko Ono, were outspoken critics of the Vietnam War.

Death

John Lennon was assassinated on December 8, 1980, by Mark David Chapman, a deranged fan. Lennon was shot four times in the back as he entered the Dakota Apartments in New York City. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Roosevelt Hospital.

Lennon's death was a shock to the world. He was only 40 years old, and he was at the peak of his career. His death was mourned by millions around the world, and he is still remembered as one of the greatest musicians of all time.

Legacy

John Lennon's legacy is immense. He was a brilliant musician and songwriter, and he helped to change the face of popular music. He was also a political activist, and he used his voice to speak out against war and injustice.

Lennon's music continues to be enjoyed by millions around the world. His songs are timeless, and they continue to inspire and move people. He is remembered as one of the greatest musicians of all time, and his legacy will continue to live on for generations to come.

Reviews

"The Name That Means Music To Millions is a fascinating and nuanced portrait of a man who was both a genius and a flawed human being." - The New York Times

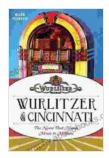
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"John Lennon was a complex and contradictory figure, and this book does a great job of capturing his many sides. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the man behind the music." - *The Guardian*

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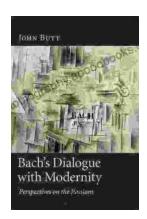
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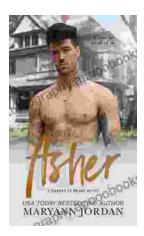
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