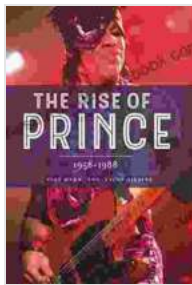


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Early Life and Influences

Prince was born Prince Rogers Nelson on June 7, 1958, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His father was a jazz musician, and his mother was a singer. Prince began playing piano at the age of seven and soon began writing his own songs. He was influenced by a wide range of music, including funk, soul, rock, and jazz.

Early Career

In 1976, Prince signed a record deal with Warner Bros. Records. His debut album, "For You," was released in 1978 and was a critical and commercial success. Prince followed up with a string of hit albums, including "Prince" (1979), "Dirty Mind" (1980), and "1999" (1982). These albums showcased Prince's eclectic musical style and his willingness to experiment with different genres.

Purple Rain

Prince's breakthrough came in 1984 with the release of his album "Purple Rain." The album was a commercial and critical smash, and its title track became one of the biggest hits of all time. The album also spawned the film "Purple Rain," which starred Prince and was a critical and commercial success.

Superstardom

After the success of "Purple Rain," Prince became a global superstar. He released a string of hit albums, including "Sign o' the Times" (1987), "Lovesexy" (1988), and "Batman" (1989). Prince was also known for his flamboyant stage persona and his prolific output. He released over 30 albums during his career, and he wrote and produced songs for a wide range of artists.

Influence

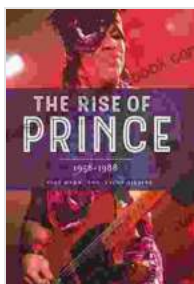
Prince was one of the most influential musicians of all time. His music inspired a generation of artists, and his legacy continues to shape the music of today. Prince was a true original, and his music will continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.

Timeline of Prince's Rise to Fame

- 1958: Prince is born in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1976: Prince signs a record deal with Warner Bros. Records.
- 1978: Prince releases his debut album, "For You."
- 1979: Prince releases his self-titled second album, which includes the hit singles "I Wanna Be Your Lover" and "Why You Wanna Treat Me So Bad?"
- 1980: Prince releases the album "Dirty Mind," which is notable for its explicit lyrics and sexual themes.
- 1982: Prince releases the album "1999," which includes the hit singles "1999" and "Little Red Corvette."
- 1984: Prince releases the album "Purple Rain," which is a commercial and critical success. The album's title track becomes one of the biggest hits of all time.
- 1985: Prince releases the film "Purple Rain," which is a critical and commercial success.
- 1986: Prince releases the album "Sign o' the Times," which is considered by many to be his masterpiece.
- 1987: Prince releases the album "Lovesexy," which is a departure from his previous work and explores themes of spirituality and love.
- 1989: Prince releases the album "Batman," which is the soundtrack to the film of the same name.
- 1993: Prince changes his name to a symbol and releases the album "The Love Symbol Album."

- 2004: Prince is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
- 2016: Prince dies at the age of 57 from an accidental overdose of fentanyl.

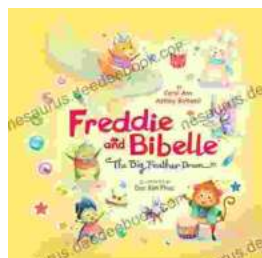
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