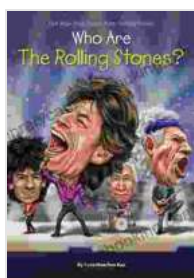


The Rolling Stones: A Band of Brothers Who Changed Music Forever

The Rolling Stones are one of the most iconic and influential rock bands of all time. They have been making music for over 50 years, and their songs have been covered by countless artists. In this article, we will take a look at the history of the Rolling Stones, their music, and their impact on popular culture.

The Early Years

The Rolling Stones were formed in London in 1962. The original lineup consisted of Mick Jagger (vocals), Keith Richards (guitar), Brian Jones (guitar), Charlie Watts (drums), and Bill Wyman (bass). The band's early sound was heavily influenced by blues and rhythm and blues, and they quickly gained a following on the London club scene.



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In 1963, the Rolling Stones signed a recording contract with Decca Records. Their debut single, "Come On," was released in June of that year. The song was a hit, and it helped to establish the Rolling Stones as one of the leading bands of the British Invasion.

The 1960s

The Rolling Stones' career took off in the 1960s. They released a string of hit singles, including "Satisfaction," "Get Off My Cloud," and "Paint It Black." The band also released several successful albums, including *Aftermath* (1966), *Beggars Banquet* (1968), and *Let It Bleed* (1969).

The Rolling Stones' music was often controversial, but it was also incredibly popular. The band's songs were about sex, drugs, and rock and roll, and they appealed to a generation of young people who were looking for something different. The Rolling Stones were also known for their wild stage shows, which often featured Jagger dancing and strutting around the stage.

The 1970s

The Rolling Stones continued to release successful albums and singles in the 1970s. They also toured extensively, and they played to sold-out crowds all over the world. However, the band also began to experience some problems.

In 1971, Brian Jones was found dead in his swimming pool. The official cause of death was drowning, but there were many rumors that he had been murdered. Jones' death had a profound impact on the Rolling Stones. He was a talented musician and a key member of the band, and his loss was a major blow.

The Rolling Stones also struggled with drug addiction in the 1970s. Keith Richards was addicted to heroin, and Mick Jagger was addicted to cocaine. The band's drug use led to several arrests and canceled concerts.

The 1980s and 1990s

The Rolling Stones cleaned up their act in the 1980s and 1990s. They released several more successful albums, including *Tattoo You* (1981), *Steel Wheels* (1989), and *Voodoo Lounge* (1994). The band also toured extensively, and they continued to play to sold-out crowds.

In 1989, the Rolling Stones were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The band was recognized for their significant contributions to rock music, and they were hailed as one of the greatest bands of all time.

The 21st Century

The Rolling Stones are still going strong in the 21st century. They have released two more studio albums, *A Bigger Bang* (2005) and *Blue & Lonesome* (2016). The band has also toured extensively, and they continue to play to sold-out crowds.

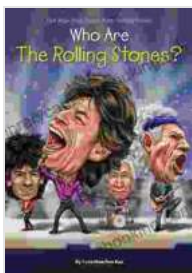
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Legacy

The Rolling Stones have had a profound impact on popular culture. Their music has been praised by critics and fans alike, and it has inspired

generations of musicians. The Rolling Stones are also known for their iconic style, which has been imitated by countless other bands.

The Rolling Stones are one of the most important and influential bands in rock history. Their music has stood the test of time, and it continues to be enjoyed by fans all over the world. The Rolling Stones are a true rock and roll band, and they will continue to be remembered for generations to come.



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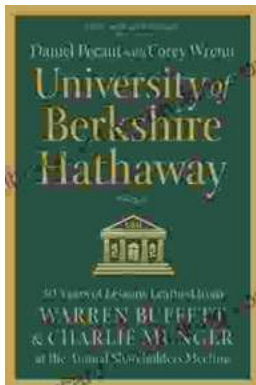
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