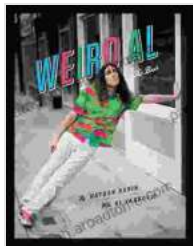


Weird Al: The Nathan Rabin

Weird Al Yankovic is one of the most beloved and successful comedy musicians of all time. In this hilarious and insightful biography, Nathan Rabin explores the life and career of the accordion-wielding musical parodist. From his early days as a struggling musician to his rise to stardom, Rabin tells the story of Weird Al's unique brand of humor and his enduring appeal.



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The Early Years

Alfred Matthew Yankovic was born on October 23, 1959, in Lynwood, California. His parents, Nick and Mary Yankovic, were both of Serbian descent. Al grew up in a musical household, and he began playing the accordion at the age of seven. He was a natural performer, and he soon began writing his own songs. In high school, Al formed a band called the Polkaholics, and he began performing at local clubs and parties.

After graduating from high school, Al attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. He studied architecture, but he soon realized that his true passion was music. In 1979, Al dropped out of college and moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in music.

The Rise to Stardom

Al's big break came in 1980, when he sent a demo tape to Dr. Demento, a Los Angeles radio DJ who specialized in playing comedy music. Dr. Demento loved Al's music, and he began playing it on his show. Soon, Al's music was being played on radio stations all over the country. In 1981, Al released his debut album, "Weird Al Yankovic." The album was a critical and commercial success, and it spawned the hit single "My Bologna."

Al followed up his debut album with a string of successful albums, including "My Bologna" (1983), "Eat It" (1984), "Dare to Be Stupid" (1985), and "Polka Party!" (1986). Al's music was often parodies of popular songs, but he also wrote original songs that were just as funny and catchy. Al's unique brand of humor appealed to both children and adults, and he quickly became one of the most popular comedians in the world.

The Later Years

In the 1990s, Al continued to release successful albums, including "Off the Deep End" (1992), "Alapalooza" (1993), and "Bad Hair Day" (1996). He also starred in several films, including "UHF" (1989) and "Weird Al Yankovic: The Movie" (1989). In 2006, Al was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame for his song "My Bologna."

Al continues to tour and release new music today. He is one of the most successful and beloved comedy musicians of all time. His unique brand of

humor and his enduring appeal have made him a pop culture icon.

Weird Al Yankovic is a true American original. He is a gifted musician, a talented comedian, and a beloved entertainer. His music has brought joy to millions of people around the world. Weird Al Yankovic is a national treasure, and his legacy will continue to entertain and inspire for generations to come.

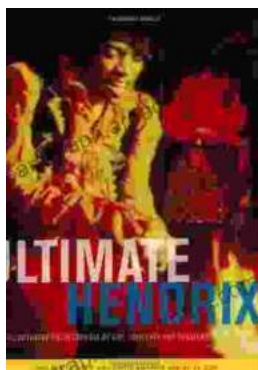
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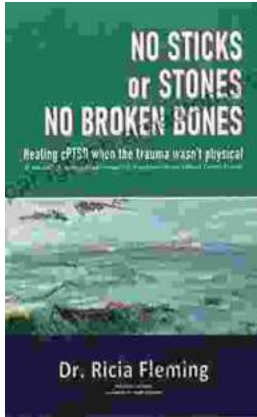
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