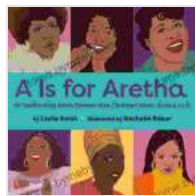


# Is For Aretha: History Forever

Aretha Franklin was one of the most iconic and influential singers of all time. Her voice was a powerful force that could move people to tears, dance, and everything in between. In this book, we celebrate Aretha's life and legacy, from her humble beginnings in Detroit to her rise to stardom. We'll explore her music, her activism, and her personal life, and we'll hear from the people who knew her best.



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## The Early Years

Aretha Franklin was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 25, 1942. Her father, Clarence LaVaughn Franklin, was a Baptist minister, and her mother, Barbara Siggers Franklin, was a gospel singer. Aretha began singing in church at a young age, and she quickly developed a powerful voice.

In 1950, Aretha's family moved to Detroit, Michigan. There, she began singing in the choir at New Bethel Baptist Church, where her father was the

pastor. Aretha also began performing in local talent shows, and she quickly gained a following.

## **The Rise to Stardom**

In 1960, Aretha signed a recording contract with Columbia Records. Her first album, *Aretha: With The Ray Bryant Combo*, was released in 1961. The album was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to launch Aretha's career.

Over the next few years, Aretha released a string of hit songs, including "Respect," "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," and "Chain of Fools." These songs helped to make Aretha one of the most popular singers in the world.

## **The Queen of Soul**

In 1968, Aretha was crowned the "Queen of Soul" by music critic Dave Marsh. This title was a reflection of Aretha's incredible talent and her influence on the music world.

Aretha continued to release hit songs throughout the 1970s and 1980s. She also became an active supporter of the civil rights movement. In 1972, she sang "Amazing Grace" at the funeral of Martin Luther King Jr.

## **The Later Years**

In the 1990s, Aretha's career began to decline. She struggled with health problems, and she was arrested for possession of marijuana. However, she continued to perform and record music.

In 2005, Aretha was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush. This award is the highest civilian honor in the United States.

Aretha Franklin died on August 16, 2018, at the age of 76. She is remembered as one of the greatest singers of all time. Her music continues to inspire people around the world.

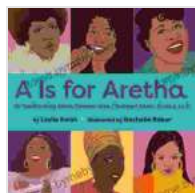
## Is For Aretha

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In this book, you'll learn about:

\* Aretha's childhood and early career \* Her rise to stardom \* Her music, her activism, and her personal life \* The people who knew her best

Is For Aretha is a beautiful and inspiring book that will make you appreciate Aretha Franklin's genius even more.



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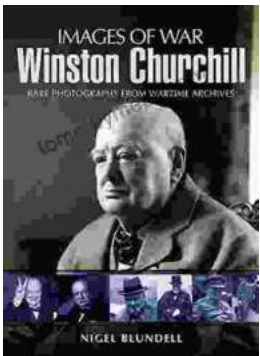
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