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Examines the remarkable life of J. K. Rowling, including her family

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background, childhood, education, and work as the world-famous author of the Harry Potter series.

From bestselling biographer Sean Smith comes the fascinating and tumultuous true story behind Sir Tom Jones, the nation's treasure, sage of The Voice and living music legend.

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Jennifer Aniston is the girl next door - witty, charming, with a smile that lights up the room. Men want to be with her and women identify with her. She was, she admits, more of a professional waitress than an actress before she auditioned for a new sitcom, Friends. The show ran for ten years and was a

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huge international success. Suddenly Jennifer was famous, her life transformed. At the height of her TV fame Jennifer fell in love with Brad Pitt. They married in 2000, becoming Hollywood's golden couple. After four years, however, her life was turned upside down when she and Brad split

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and her obvious despair was there for the world to see. If anything, the new vulnerable Jennifer is even more popular than the old vivacious Rachel version when she had the most copied hairstyle in the world. Based on in-depth new research, Jennifer examines how she is fighting back and

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reveals the true woman behind the Rachel Green facade. It is an affectionate portrait of a much loved star.

Everyone loves Harry Potter. Now kids can learn about Harry's creator! In 1995, on a four-hour-delayed train from Manchester to London, J. K.

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Rowling conceived of the idea of a boy wizard named Harry Potter. Upon arriving in London, she began immediately writing the first book in the saga. Rowling's true-life, rags-to-riches story is as compelling as the world of Hogwarts that she created. This biography details not only

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Rowling's life and her love of literature but the story behind the creation of a modern classic.

The Definitive Biography of Gary Barlow

Victoria Beckham: The Biography
Britney

Spice Girls

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Kim Kardashian

‘ Get the inside scoop on all things Spice! ’ OK! Magazine 'A compelling new book' Daily Express From the moment they burst into our lives, the Spice Girls have inspired millions

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around the world.

When Mark Formby moves to the Irish countryside after his remote and unkind father is injured in a drugs bust and put on furlough from the Irish Gardai, he believes that his life has taken

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an even more unpleasant turn. For a boy whose only close relationship is with his mother, to be in the countryside means making a friend will be even harder. Meanwhile, across the field from the Formby family,

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Seamus Brenson is wary of his new neighbours; he is hiding a dark secret he wishes to remain undiscovered, particularly from the guards. Has John Formby, Mark's father, been stationed to investigate him? Seamus tasks

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his daughter, Alice, to befriend Mark in an attempt to find out more about the Formbys and from that, John's intentions. The teenagers strike up a friendship and Mark is gradually drawn out of his shell, but he knows nothing

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about his father's work. Big decisions need to be made but one wrong move could lead to disaster and impending danger. The mystery unravels at a cracking pace, but who will be the most devastated to learn

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what lies in The Field of Spies?
Since she sashayed down the
corridor in a schoolgirl uniform
singing 'Baby One More Time',
Britney Spears has become the
most talked-about woman in
popular culture. In this

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fascinating unauthorized
biography, the author chronicles
for the first time the amazing
story of how a little southern girl
described by her tutor at Disney
as 'the most innocent person
you'd ever want to meet' grew up

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to become the ultimate tabloid
obsession. Bestselling author
Sean Smith has conducted a
series of exclusive interviews
across America to discover if she
really cheated on Justin
Timberlake, what happened the

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first time she fell in love and what she finds irresistible about husband Kevin Federline. He details her journey from American dream to American nightmare - scarred by her break-up with Timberlake, humiliated

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by his video featuring a Britney look-alike, booed at the London premiere of her first film, *Crossroads*, and deeply upset by her parents' divorce, she hit rock bottom with her notorious 55-hour Las Vegas marriage. But

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she has come back stronger than ever winning a prestigious Grammy award and starring in her own reality TV series.

Speculating on what an uncertain future holds for new mother Mrs Federline, this is a

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thoroughly entertaining and insightful biography of one of the most misunderstood figures in pop.

Meghan Misunderstood is a pioneering book that sets the record straight on the most

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talked about, unfairly vilified and misrepresented woman in the world.

The Ickabog

Game Changers: A Biography of
J. K. Rowling

Gary

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Oh the Glory of It All
Sheeran

Adele touches the hearts of millions of people who love her for her music and share the real and honest emotion she brings to each and every song. In a cynical age,

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she is a phenomenon.

Victoria Beckham is one of the most famous women in the world and an iconic figure for modern women in Britain. She has been a constant source of fascination for the celebrity hungry public since she first claimed our attention as Posh

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Spice in the mid nineties. Since then love and marriage to arguably the most famous man in the country, footballer David Beckham, has increased her wealth and popularity until she now eclipses the other Spice Girls who shared that initial success. But despite her

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star status, critics continue to undermine her, holding open season on her apparent lack of musical talent, constantly scrutinising her body shape, her looks and her hair as well as speculating wildly on the state of her marriage. Now, the UK's leading

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celebrity biographer, Sean Smith, believes it is time to reassess this remarkable woman. New research into her background, her early life and ambitions reveal a fascinating portrait of the girl who transformed herself from an overweight, spotty and bullied teenager into the

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aspirational figure she is today. Victoria is a rare combination of wife, mother, fashion leader and business woman. Smith assesses how she has conquered the low spots of fame including the jealousy, the security threats to her family and her husband's alleged

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infidelity. Fully illustrated it will include accounts of the headline-grabbing Spice Girls Reunion tour. Tulisa Contostavlos is the most remarkable new star in the country today. She was an eleven-year-old schoolgirl when her Uncle Byron offered her £20 to be the singer in a

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new band with son Dappy and his friend Fazer. She held out for £50 and started on a rollercoaster ride to fame that led to her becoming an 'overnight' sensation on The X Factor. Tulisa is the first biography of a girl determined to leave behind a life in which underage sex,

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smoking weed, drinking cider and bullying were the norm. Her love of music and an unswerving desire to make money, buy a house of her own and drive a sports car provided her with the incentive to escape. The UK's leading celebrity biographer, Sean Smith, has

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discovered that behind the tough exterior and dazzling smile is a funny, loyal and sensitive young woman. He has travelled to the leafy streets of fashionable Belsize Park in North West London to uncover the truth about her upbringing, her relationship with her musician

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father, who left home when she was nine, and the mother who abandoned a singing career because of ongoing mental health problems, and whom Tulisa says she loves 'with all my heart.' He tells the story of N-Dubz and their mentor 'Uncle B', who tragically

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died on the threshold of their success. They rose to become one of the most popular bands in the UK without ever capturing a mainstream audience, but their American adventure ended in disappointment. Tulisa describes her failed love affairs, her mercurial

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**relationship with controversial
cousin Dappy, her bond with
sometime boyfriend Fazer and a
cast of characters including
Chipmunk, Tinchy Stryder and Mr
Hudson, who make up the urban
music scene she embraced. The
book relives her X Factor triumph**

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**as mentor to the winners Little Mix,
her feud with fellow judge Kelly
Rowland, her fashion triumphs and
disasters and her brave response to
the online release of a sex tape.
Tulisa is the gripping and
inspirational story of how a lonely
and bullied young girl transformed**

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herself into 'The Female Boss' - a role model for a generation. Bestselling biographer Sean Smith takes on the world's number one reality star, Kim Kardashian West. This is the ultimate insight into the reality behind the woman who has defined fame in our modern culture

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– her childhood, her family, her turbulent love life and the multi-millionaire lifestyle.

Robbie

Jennifer

Tom Jones - The Life

Kylie

Who Is J.K. Rowling?

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'Get the inside scoop on all things Spice!' OK! Magazine 'A compelling new book' Daily Express Intimate and revealing, Spice Girls is the definitive story of the world's most iconic girl group. Through compelling new research and interviews, Sunday

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Times best-selling biographer Sean Smith reveals what life was really like for five fiercely independent and ambitious young women who were propelled to international fame in the 90s with unstoppable momentum. Quickly establishing themselves as the

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biggest success in British pop music since The Beatles, they were adored and admired in equal measure: the Spice Girls made a connection with millions of young women across the globe who were inspired by their enthusiasm for life and their famous

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Girl Power philosophy. The fab five became one of the most successful music acts in history, with more than 85 million record sales world-wide and nine UK number one singles. Throughout the years, their lives have garnered unprecedented levels of

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media interest and fans have keenly followed their ups and downs - the personal conflicts, celebrity break-ups, controversies and parenthood. One thing's for sure: they are never boring. In 2019, the prospect of their reunion tour has led to an outpouring

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of adoration and excitement, proving that the Spice Girls truly are an enduring cultural phenomenon.

Presents a biography of celebrated author, J.K. Rowling, and chronicles her life, personal and professional challenges and achievements, and

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how she rose from poverty to eventually set records in the publishing industry with her Harry Potter series.

'Fascinating and authoritative' The Daily Express Sunday Times bestselling author Sean Smith tells the

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*extraordinary story of a modern
cultural icon: Harry Styles.*

*Originally published as the author's
dissertation (doctoral)--Philipps-
Universiteat Marburg, 2006.*

Adele

Tulisa

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J K Rowling

Conversations with J.K. Rowling

*How the Irish Teach Us to Live, Love
and Die*

Death is a whisper in the Anglo-Saxon world. But on a remote island, off the coast of County

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Mayo, it has a louder voice. The local radio station runs a thrice-daily roll-call of the recently departed. The islanders keep vigil with the corpse and share in the sorrow of the bereaved. The living and the dead are bound together in the oldest rite of humanity. In

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My Father's Wake, Kevin Toolis gives an intimate, eye-witness account of the death and wake of his father, celebrating the spiritual depth of the Irish Wake and asking if we too can find a better way to deal with our mortality, by living and loving in

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the acceptance of death.
The sun shone, the crowds waved
and cheered wildly and billions
watched on TV all around the
world as Kate lovingly kissed
William on the balcony of
Buckingham Palace - not once but
twice! Beautiful and composed,

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Kate smiled throughout a day that had become a wonderful celebration of a young couple's love for one another. The world, it seemed, still believed in their favourite fairytale - any girl could dream of becoming a princess. Kate is the definitive biography of

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the nation's newest princess. Bestselling author Sean Smith has retraced the steps of Kate's journey, from her childhood in rural Berkshire and her unhappy time as a victim of school bullies, to her transformation from a plain girl into the beauty she is today.

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He reveals the true story of how the romance with William blossomed at St Andrews University and how they managed to survive as a couple after the relationship hit the rocks in 2007, becoming stronger with a firm commitment to each other that

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they were for keeps. He examines Kate's time spent as a royal apprentice and her evolving role as an ambassador for British fashion. The story ends in Westminster Abbey where Kate and William married, describing all the glamour and spectacle of

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their big day. Fully illustrated, this is the one book you will want to read about the event of the decade.

'Compelling new biography' Daily Express 'Fascinating stories' Daily Mirror 'A well-researched, entertaining look at Ed Sheeran ...

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Sheeran fans will relish this well-told biography.' Publishers Weekly

J.K. Rowling's rise to superstardom status is the stuff of tabloid legend, how she spent hours in an Edinburgh cafe, nursing a single coffee and a

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glass of water while she wrote the Harry Potter novels. This is the life story of this popular author.

All Down Darkness Wide

Meghan Misunderstood

The Unauthorized Biography

Justin

The Cabinet

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'I couldn't put this book down. Malcolm inspired us to make art out of our boredom and anger. He set us free' Bobby Gillespie, Primal Scream Included in the Guardian 10 best music biographies 'Excellent . . . With this book, Gorman convincingly moves away from the ossified image of McLaren as a great rock'n'roll swindler, a

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morally bankrupt punk Mephistopheles,
and closer towards his art-school roots, his
love of ideas. Tiresome, unpleasant, even
cruel - he was, this book underlines, never
boring' Sunday Times 'Exhaustive . . .
compelling' Observer 'Definitive . . . epic'
The Times 'Gobsmacker of a biography'
Telegraph 'This masterful and painstaking

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biography opens its doorway to an era of fluorescent disenchantment and outlandish possibility' Alan Moore Malcolm McLaren was one of the most culturally significant but misunderstood figures of the modern era. Ten years after his life was cruelly cut short by cancer, *The Life & Times of Malcolm McLaren* sheds fascinating new

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light on the public achievements and private life of this cultural iconoclast and architect of punk, whose championing of street culture movements including hip-hop and Voguing reverberates to this day. With exclusive contributions from friends and intimates and access to private papers and family documents, this biography

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uncovers the true story behind this complicated figure. McLaren first achieved public prominence as a rebellious art student by making the news in 1966 after being arrested for burning the US flag in front of the American Embassy in London. He maintained this incendiary reputation by fast-tracking

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vanguard and left-field ideas to the centre of the media glare, via his creation and stewardship of the Sex Pistols and work with Adam Ant, Boy George and Bow Wow Wow. Meanwhile McLaren's groundbreaking design partnership with Vivienne Westwood and his creation of their visionary series of boutiques in the 1970s

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and early '80s sent shockwaves through the fashion industry. The Life & Times of Malcolm McLaren also essays McLaren's exasperating Hollywood years when he broke bread with the likes of Steven Spielberg though his slate of projects, which included the controversial Heavy Metal Surf Nazis and Wilde West, in

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which Oscar Wilde introduced rock'n'roll to the American mid-west in the 1880s, proved too rich for the play-it-safe film business. With a preface by Alan Moore, who collaborated with McLaren on the unrealised film project Fashion Beast, and an essay by Lou Stoppard casting a twenty-first-century perspective over his

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achievements, The Life & Times Of Malcolm McLaren is the explosive and definitive account of the man dubbed by Melvyn Bragg 'the Diaghilev of punk'. From her birth in Chipping Sodbury near Bristol, England, to the stories about her favorite teachers, to the funny misunderstanding in her first fan letter, the

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life of the author of the Harry Potter books is revealed. Original. 250,000 first printing.

Despite his celebrity profile, the real Robert Peter Williams has remained an enigma. Using exhaustive research and exclusive interviews, the author examines the many stages in Robbie's life and career

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and reveals how he became the superstar he is today.

Having amassed a fortune of over \$100 million and record sales of 40 million, at the age of twenty-two Britney Spears is the world's biggest female star. This is the first biography to chronicle how the little girl with a crucifix in each ear, described

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by her teacher at Disney as 'the sweetest, most wholesome, most innocent person that you'd ever want to meet' has become the ultimate in tabloid fodder. Britney will follow her roller coaster life from her time on the Mickey Mouse Club where she first met Justin Timberlake to the moment she sashayed down the hallway dressed in

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school uniform and shot to fame becoming the all-American pop princess. Somehow it all fell apart - scarred by her break up with Timberlake, roundly booed at the London premiere of her first film, the downward spiral culminated with her infamous 55-hour Las Vegas marriage. The press went crazy over second

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marriage to dancer Kevin Federline, yet her fans remained loyal and she went on to win MTV Europe female of the year 2004 and the 2005 Grammy for best dance record. Speculating on what an uncertain future holds for Mrs Federline-Spears, Britney will be a gossipy and revealing biography of one of the most fascinating

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figures in pop.

My Father's Wake

Harry Styles: The Making of a Modern
Man

The Life & Times of Malcolm McLaren
Cheryl

A Literary Analysis of the Harry Potter
Series

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George is the story of two extraordinary lives – the private man and the public legend.

Cherylis the definitive biography of the nation's favourite star.

From her Newcastle childhood to her stellar success with Girls

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Aloud, as a number one solo artist and on TV with The X Factor, Sean Smith tells the true, roller-coaster story of how a cheeky and feisty girl from a grim, working class area became the iconic figure for modern

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women in Britain today. Cheryl's path to fame and fortune has often been difficult, facing the problems drugs and unemployment have brought to those she loves. Now, her turbulent marriage to footballer

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Ashley Cole is sadly under the spotlight, but, with insight and understanding, Sean Smith reveals the real woman behind the beautiful public face. 'Sean Smith gives a remarkable account of Cheryl's struggle to

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the top...A first-rate biography'
Sunday Express Sean Smith is
the UK's leading celebrity
biographer whose best-selling
books have been translated
throughout the world.

A luminous and haunting memoir

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from the prize-winning poet - a story of love, heartbreak and coming of age, and a fearless exploration of queer identity and trauma. When Seán meets Elias, the two fall headlong into a love story. But as Elias struggles with

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severe depression, the couple comes face-to-face with crisis. Wrestling with this, Seán Hewitt delves deep into his own history, enlisting the ghosts of queer figures and poets before him. From a nineteenth-century

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cemetery in Liverpool to the pine forests of Gothenburg, Hewitt plumbs the darkness in search of solace and hope. All Down Darkness Wide is an unflinching meditation on the burden of living in a world that too often sets

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happiness and queer life at odds, and a tender portrayal of what it's like to be caught in the undertow of a loved one's suffering. By turns devastating and soaring, it is a mesmerising story of heartache and renewal, and a

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work of rare and transcendent beauty.

Top celebrity biographer Sean Smith tells the story of national treasure Gary Barlow, one of the UK's greatest songwriters and musicians. Throughout a stellar

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career, nobody has been more misunderstood than Gary Barlow. When he first found fame, he was perceived as too arrogant. Then, after a spectacular slump and amazing recovery, he adopted a modesty

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that underrates his lifetime achievements. In this book Sean Smith redresses the balance by revealing the real man, the romances that shaped his life and the passion for music that drives him. A singer and virtuoso

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keyboard player who performed in working men's clubs from the age of thirteen, Gary Barlow would go on to achieve phenomenal success as the musical force behind Take That, the most popular boy band of all

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time. Now recognized as one of the greatest songwriters and musicians the UK has ever produced, Gary is among the best-known faces on television, returning as head judge on the X Factor in 2013. Featuring original

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interviews with many people who have never spoken before, Gary is a celebration of a complex and unique talent.

A Biography

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World's Greatest Girl Band
The Field of Spies
Kate

This unofficial biographical study
of J. K. Rowling invites fans and
critics alike to take a close look
at the person behind the

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phenomenon.

J.K. Rowling's success is beyond impressive. Few authors in history have experienced anything like it. There are theme parks that recreate the Potter world, multiple films, rock bands

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named for Potter places and characters, websites dedicated to Potter lore, and Quidditch teams around the world. This high-interest biography details the fascinating life of the creator of the Harry Potter books-J.K.

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Rowling. Developed by Timothy Rasinski and featuring TIME content, this full-color nonfiction book includes essential text features like an index, captions, glossary, and table of contents. The intriguing sidebars, detailed

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images, and in-depth Reader's Guide require students to connect back to the text and promote multiple readings. The Think Link and Dig Deeper! sections develop students' higher-order thinking skills, and the

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Aligned with state standards, this text features complex and rigorous content appropriate for students preparing for college

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and career readiness.

J.K. Rowling's meteoric rise to worldwide superstardom and bestseller status is now the stuff of tabloid legend -- how she would spend hours in a café in Edinburgh, nursing a single

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coffee and a glass of water while she wrote the Harry Potter novel that would bring her fame and fortune. Creator of the most famous and best-loved character in contemporary fiction, J.K. Rowling is also the author of her

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own escape from a depressing existence on the verge of destitution. Sean Smith traces the life story of this phenomenal woman who has brought joy and inspiration to millions of readers around the world. And in a book

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based on exhaustive interviews with many of the people from her past and her present, Smith also traces the origins of the books that are worldwide bestsellers. Bestselling celebrity biographer Sean Smith lifts the lid on one of

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the world's hottest music stars.

The Biography

J.K. Rowling, Extraordinary

Author

J. K. Rowling

Jennifer Aniston

Muggles, Monsters and

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Magicians

“[An] irreverent and remarkably candid memoir about growing up in wealthy eighties San Francisco . . . rollicking, ruthless . . . ultimately generous-hearted.”
—Vogue “A vivid mix of brio, self-

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**awareness and sophistication . .
. writing well is indeed the best
revenge.” —The New York Times
Book Review “A monumental
piece of work.” —Kirkus
Reviews “In the beginning we
were happy. And we were always**

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excessive. So in the beginning we were happy to excess.” With these opening lines Sean Wilsey takes us on an exhilarating tour of life in the strangest, wealthiest, and most grandiose of families. Sean's blond-

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bombshell mother (one of the thinly veiled characters in Armistead Maupin's bestselling Tales of the City) is a 1980s society-page staple, regularly entertaining Black Panthers and movie stars in her marble and

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glass penthouse, "eight hundred feet in the air above San Francisco; an apartment at the top of a building at the top of a hill: full of light, full of voices, full of windows full of water and bridges and hills." His enigmatic

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father uses a jet helicopter to drop Sean off at the video arcade and lectures his son on proper hygiene in public restrooms, "You should wash your hands first, before you use the urinal. Not after. Your penis

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**isn't dirty. But your hands are."
When Sean, "the kind of child
who sings songs to sick
flowers," turns nine years old,
his father divorces his mother
and marries her best friend.
Sean's life blows apart. His**

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**mother first invites him to
commit suicide with her, then
has a "vision" of salvation that
requires packing her Louis
Vuitton luggage and traveling
the globe, a retinue of multiracial
children in tow. Her goal: peace**

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**on earth (and a Nobel Prize).
Sean meets Indira Gandhi,
Helmut Kohl, Menachem Begin,
and the pope, hoping each one
might come back to San
Francisco and persuade his
father to rejoin the family.**

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Instead, Sean is pushed out of San Francisco and sent spiraling through five high schools, till he finally lands at an unorthodox reform school cum "therapeutic community," in Italy. With its multiplicity of settings and

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**kaleidoscopic mix of
preoccupations-sex, Russia, jet
helicopters, seismic upheaval,
boarding schools, Middle Earth,
skinheads, home improvement,
suicide, skateboarding,
Sovietology, public**

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**transportation, massage,
Christian fundamentalism, dogs,
Texas, global thermonuclear
war, truth, evil, masturbation,
hope, Bethlehem, CT, eventual
salvation (abridged list)—Oh the
Glory of It All is memoir as**

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**bildungsroman as explosion.
As the legend of the fearsome
Ickabog spreads terror in the
peaceful kingdom of
Cornucopia, best friends Bert
and Daisy set out to discover the
truth and bring happiness back**

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to the kingdom.

KYLIE is a major new biography, telling the life story of Kylie Minogue, a true pop icon, now back on our screens in hit show The Voice. Everybody loves Kylie. No popular figure in

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modern culture deserves the description 'iconic' more than the star whose name alone evokes more than twenty-five years of memories. KYLIE charts the incredible journey of a complex and misunderstood

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woman from the suburbs of Melbourne, who was never the girl next door. She captured our hearts as Charlene Mitchell in Neighbours before rising to her position today as a member of music royalty. She is more

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popular than ever thanks to her acclaimed role as a judge on The Voice. Her phenomenal success was threatened in 2005, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. The world held its breath as she braved surgery and

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chemotherapy before she was given the all clear. Her honesty and dignity throughout gained her universal respect and improved awareness of the disease among young women - the Kylie Effect. KYLIE is the

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essential book for those wanting to learn more about how she has continually reinvented herself - as teen actress, chart star, creative musician, sex goddess, gay icon, style queen and female role model. It reveals her true

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loves, the men who have brought her disappointment and those that have helped her achieve the status of most popular female icon of our times. KYLIE is an inspirational celebration of a star we should never take for

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granted.

"My name is Justin. I guess I should go ahead and tell you I sing." -- Justin Timberlake at age eleven
The meteoric rise of Justin Timberlake from one-fifth of boy band *NSYNC to one of

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**the world's top male solo artists
has been nothing short of
extraordinary. But how did this
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