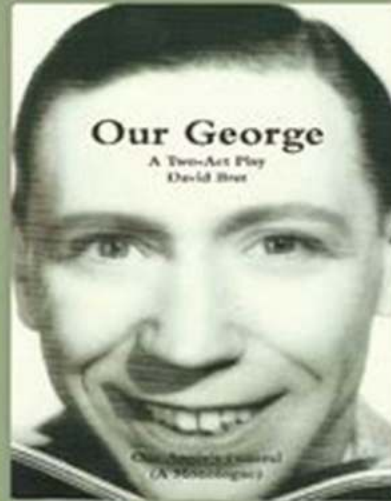


The George Formby Story: A Fascinating Journey into the Life of David Bret



David Bret, a renowned biographer and historian, has captivated readers with his compelling accounts of famous personalities. In his book, "The George Formby Story," Bret delves deep into the life of one of Britain's most beloved entertainers and sheds light on his unparalleled success, struggles, and lasting impact on the entertainment industry.

The Early Years of George Formby

Born on May 26, 1904, in Wigan, England, George Formby had humble beginnings. His real name was George Hoy Booth, and he hailed from a family of performers. His father, James Booth, was a renowned music hall singer, and his mother, Eliza Hoy Booth, also had a career in show business. Naturally, young George was exposed to the world of entertainment from an early age.



The George Formby Story by David Bret (Kindle Edition)

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At the tender age of seven, George started learning to play the banjo, which would later become his signature instrument. He honed his musical skills and began performing alongside various traveling troupes. His talent and charismatic stage presence soon earned him recognition as a rising star in the music hall circuit.

The Rise to Stardom

George Formby's big break came in 1921 when he landed a role in the musical comedy "By the Sea." Audiences were instantly captivated by his cheeky persona and unique singing style. His performances showcased a distinctive blend of comedy, music, and catchy tunes.

As the roaring twenties rolled on, Formby's popularity soared. He released hit records such as "Chinese Laundry Blues" and "Leaning on a Lamp Post," which became instant classics. His infectious charm and cheeky songs endeared him to audiences across the UK. Formby's rise to stardom continued through the 1930s, where he starred in a string of successful films, cementing his status as Britain's top box-office draw.

The Personal Struggles

Behind the scenes, George Formby faced his fair share of personal and professional challenges. He battled with the pressures of fame and the constant scrutiny of the media. Additionally, his marriage to Beryl Ingham, his first wife, faced strain due to his demanding career.

Despite the difficulties, Formby found solace in his music and continued to win the hearts of millions. His infectious humor and ability to connect with people from all walks of life were unparalleled. Even during the dark times, his performances and recordings reflected a resilience that resonated with his fans.

The Legacy of George Formby

George Formby's legacy spans far beyond his years in the spotlight. His unique blend of comedy and music influenced countless entertainers and left an indelible mark on popular culture. Formby's distinctively Northern humor and witty song lyrics continue to capture the imagination of audiences to this day.

David Bret's compelling biography, "The George Formby Story," provides an intimate look into the life and career of this iconic performer. Bret's meticulous research and engaging storytelling breathe life into Formby's journey, allowing readers to understand the man behind the ukulele and the impact he had on British entertainment.

The George Formby Story, as told by David Bret, is a captivating exploration of the life and times of one of Britain's most beloved entertainers. From Formby's humble beginnings to his rise to stardom and personal struggles, Bret brings his story to life with rich detail and heartfelt storytelling.

If you are a fan of George Formby or simply interested in the fascinating world of entertainment, "The George Formby Story" is a must-read. Delve into the pages of this biography, and immerse yourself in the extraordinary life of George Formby as seen through the lens of David Bret.

Don't miss out on this fascinating journey—get your copy of "The George Formby Story" today!



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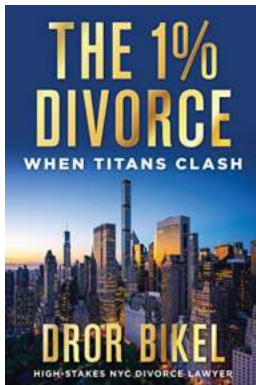
In 1999, David Bret published the first full-length biography of the Lancashire entertainer known simply as "Our George", a man whose personal life could not have been further from his happy-go-lucky persona. In this much-revised and extended edition of the book which topped the UK best-sellers, Bret draws on exclusive interviews with those who knew him, incorporating a wealth of formerly unobtainable material to tell the real story of the troubled genius whose every move was monitored and directed by his domineering wife, Beryl, a fearsome entrepreneur without whose Svengali presence Formby would have never made it to the top. Bret discusses the secret love affairs of both George and Beryl, their stance against apartheid which saw them kicked out of South Africa, the collapse of their marriage which much of the time had been in name only, and the

squabble over their fortune by his rapacious mother and siblings. Bret also examines the Formbys' courage and dedication to charity work, particularly during World War II and its aftermath. With a detailed analysis of Formby's films, stage plays and recording work, this book reveals the complex, frequently difficult man who was and remains one of Britain's best-loved entertainers.



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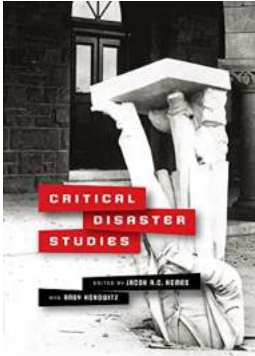
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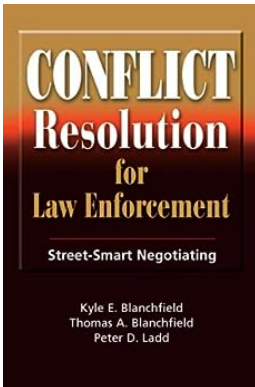
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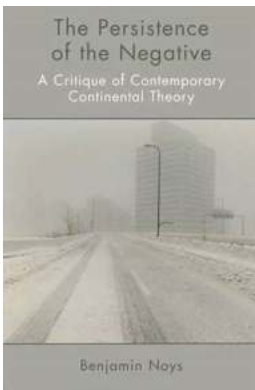
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