

# The Rock 'n' Roll Life of Survivor Founding Member - A Journey Through Music

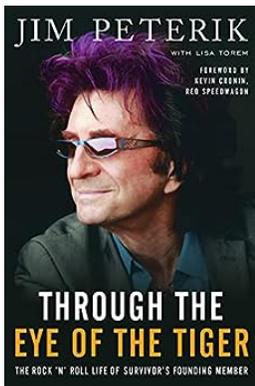


Music has the power to transcend boundaries and touch the souls of millions. Throughout history, countless artists have left an indelible mark on the world of music, but only a few have truly shaped the rock 'n' roll landscape. One such

artist is the late Jimi Jamison, the founding member and lead vocalist of the iconic band Survivor.

## The Early Years

James "Jimi" Wayne Jamison was born on August 23, 1951, in Durant, Mississippi. Growing up, he discovered a deep passion for music at an early age and taught himself to play various instruments, including the piano and guitar. His incredible vocal range was always evident, captivating everyone who heard him sing.



## Through the Eye of the Tiger: The Rock #n' Roll Life of Survivor's Founding Member

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As a teenager, Jimi honed his skills by performing in local bands and clubs. His magnetic stage presence and unique vocal style quickly gained attention, and it wasn't long before he attracted the interest of renowned musicians who saw his untapped potential.

## The Rise of Survivor

In 1984, Jimi Jamison, along with guitarist Frankie Sullivan, created the rock band Survivor. Drawing inspiration from their personal experiences and diverse musical backgrounds, they crafted a sound that blended elements of hard rock, pop, and melodic power ballads.

The band's breakthrough came with their chart-topping hit, "Eye of the Tiger," which served as the theme song for the blockbuster film Rocky III. The song's infectious energy and powerful vocals propelled Survivor to international fame, solidifying their status as one of the most successful rock acts of the '80s.

## **The Rock 'n' Roll Lifestyle**

Life on the road can be both exhilarating and grueling for any rock star, and Jimi Jamison embraced the rock 'n' roll lifestyle with zest. From sold-out arenas to late-night jamming sessions, he lived each moment to the fullest.

However, beyond the glitz and glamour of the stage, Jimi's journey wasn't without its share of struggles. He faced personal battles and overcame numerous obstacles, emerging as a true survivor both in his music and in his life.

## **Musical Legacy**

Despite the challenges he encountered, Jimi Jamison's talent and resilience continually shone through. His soul-stirring performances and powerful anthems captured audiences' hearts, leaving an enduring musical legacy.

During his tenure with Survivor, Jimi contributed his remarkable vocal abilities to many hits, including "Burning Heart," "High on You," and "Is This Love?" His voice had an uncanny ability to infuse emotion and passion into each lyric, making the songs resonate deeply with listeners.

## **A Lasting Impact**

Jimi Jamison's music transcended generations, carrying on the torch of rock 'n' roll excellence. His influence is evident in the works of many contemporary artists who continue to be inspired by his captivating presence and powerful vocal delivery.

Tragically, the world lost Jimi Jamison on August 31, 2014, when he passed away at the age of 63. His death was a significant loss for the music industry, as well as for the countless fans who found solace and inspiration in his music.

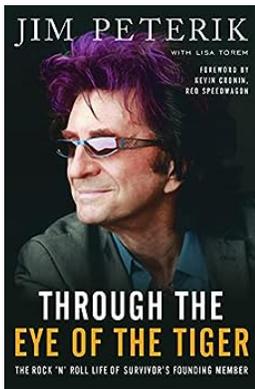
## **A Tribute to Jimi Jamison**

In the years since his passing, Jimi's impact continues to reverberate. Fans remember him not just as a talented musician but also as a warm-hearted individual who connected with people on a deep level. His legacy lives on through his music, reminding us of the power of rock 'n' roll to unite and uplift.

Whether it's the electrifying energy of "Eye of the Tiger" or the heartfelt sincerity of "The Search is Over," Jimi Jamison's voice is etched in our collective memory, a reminder of a true rock legend.

Jimi Jamison's rock 'n' roll journey is a testament to the transformative power of music. From his early years to his rise as the lead vocalist of Survivor, he left an indelible mark on the world of rock. Despite the highs and lows he encountered throughout his life, Jimi's spirit and talent continue to inspire musicians and music lovers around the globe.

His unforgettable voice and the timeless music he created with Survivor will forever epitomize the essence of rock 'n' roll, reminding us that the power of music can transcend time and keep us connected across generations.



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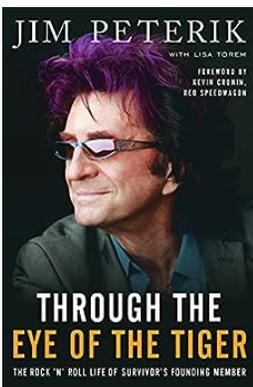
"Hey, yo, Jim . . . This is Sylvester Stallone. Give me a call . . ."

It was these words that would set Jim Peterik on the road to rock 'n' roll immortality. After he and his Survivor bandmates recorded "Eye of the Tiger" for the Rocky III soundtrack, the song would go on to earn a Grammy, an Oscar nomination, reach triple platinum status—and become one of the most recognizable tunes in music history.

But there's much more to the story of Survivor and its founding member, Jim Peterik, than meets the eye. As one of the most prolific songwriters of his generation, Peterik has cowritten songs with some of the most famous bands and artists of our time, including 38 Special ("Caught Up in You," "Hold on Loosely"), Sammy Hagar ("Heavy Metal"), The Beach Boys, The Doobie Brothers, REO Speedwagon, Cheap Trick, and many more. Now, for the first time, Peterik is sharing his stories.

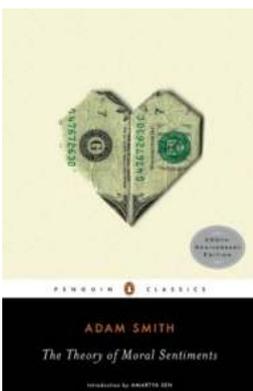
Filled with tales from Peterik's life in rock 'n' roll, *Through the Eye of the Tiger* documents his early days of success with The Ides of March ("Vehicle"), through the often torturous power struggles within Survivor, and the giddy highs that accompany a trail of worldwide hits. From going to a party in Led Zeppelin's hotel room (and turning right back out the door) to escorting a disoriented Janis Joplin back to her hotel room after opening her show in Calgary, Peterik's accounts will surprise and delight.

*Through the Eye of the Tiger* is more than just a memoir of a songwriting legend; it's a classic rock 'n' roll story told through the eyes of someone who has lived through it all—and through the Eye of the Tiger.



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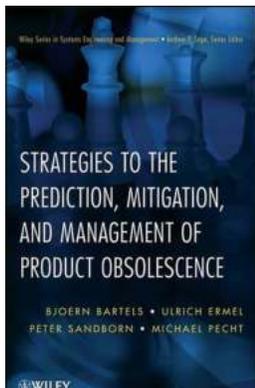
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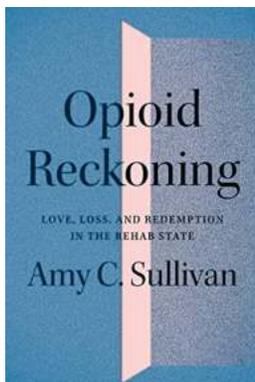
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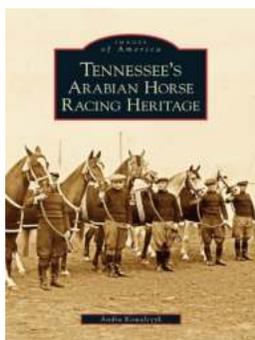
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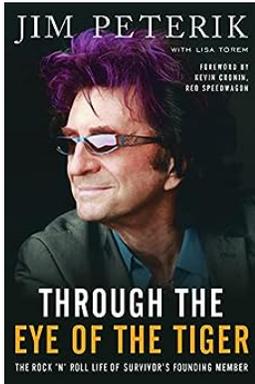
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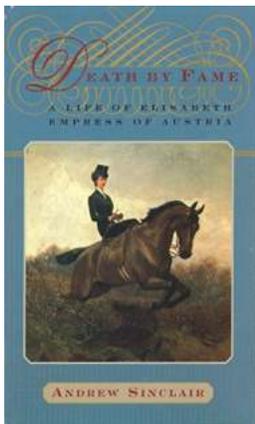
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