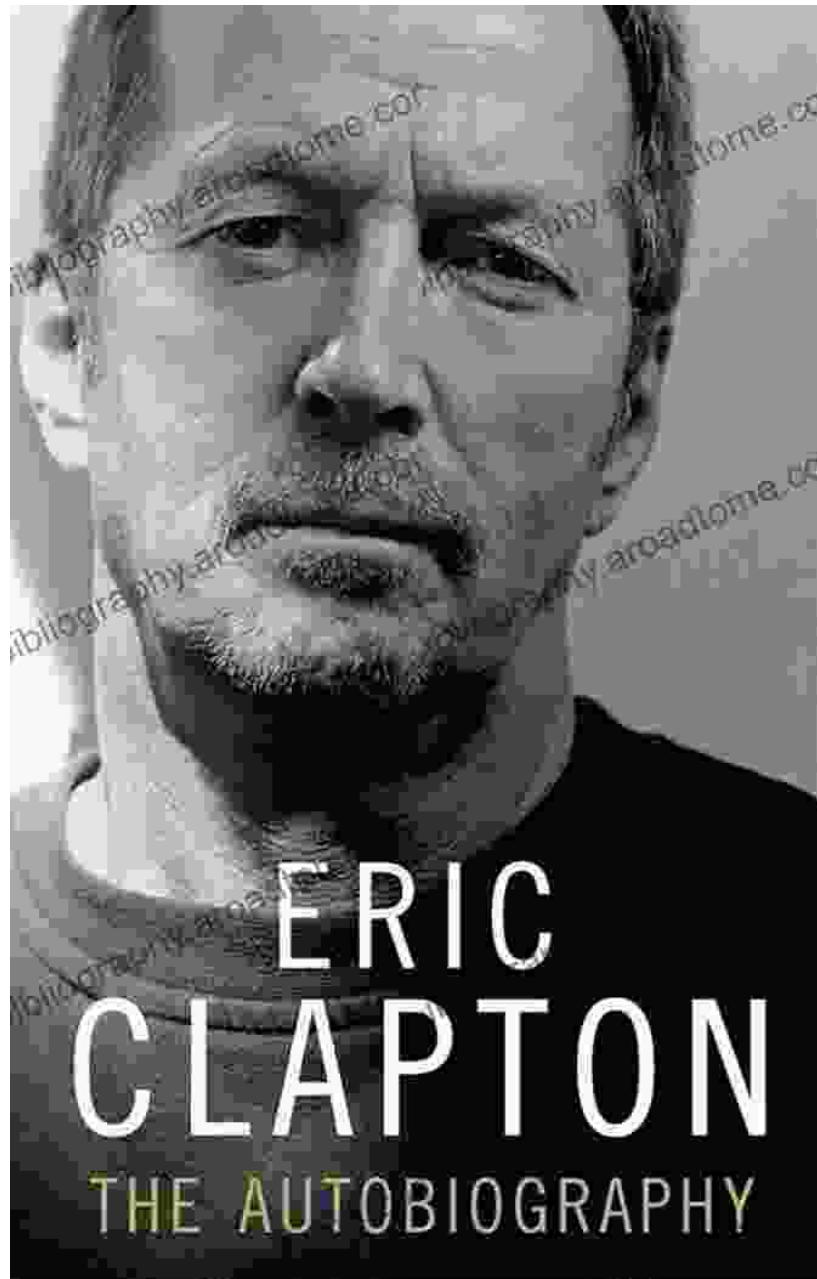
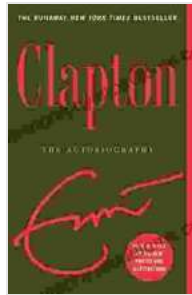


# Eric Clapton: The Autobiography - An Intimate Journey through the Life and Music of a Rock Legend



In his long-awaited autobiography, Eric Clapton, one of the most iconic and influential guitarists of all time, offers a deeply personal and candid account

of his extraordinary life and career. From his humble beginnings in the backstreets of England to his global superstardom, Clapton's autobiography is a raw and honest exploration of triumph, tragedy, and redemption.



### **Clapton: The Autobiography** by Eric Clapton

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Clapton's writing is as evocative and soulful as his guitar playing. He vividly recalls his childhood and adolescence, his early struggles as a musician, and his meteoric rise to fame as a member of the Yardbirds, Cream, and Derek and the Dominos. But beyond the glamour and adulation, Clapton also lays bare his inner demons, including his battles with addiction, depression, and personal loss.

Clapton's autobiography is more than just a rock 'n' roll memoir. It is a meditation on the nature of creativity, the fragility of life, and the power of resilience. Clapton writes with a rare honesty and vulnerability, sharing his triumphs and failures, his joys and sorrows, in a way that is both compelling and inspiring.

Throughout the autobiography, Clapton's love of music shines through. He describes his early influences, his musical inspirations, and his own creative process with passion and insight. Clapton's autobiography is a must-read for any fan of music, but it is also a powerful and moving human story that will resonate with readers from all walks of life.

In the following excerpt from the autobiography, Clapton reflects on the early days of his career and the struggles he faced as a young musician:

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***“ "I started playing guitar when I was 13. I was immediately drawn to the blues, and I would spend hours listening to records by Muddy Waters, B.B. King, and Howlin' Wolf. I was fascinated by the raw emotion and intensity of their music, and I wanted to learn how to play like them.***

***"I didn't have any formal musical training, so I taught myself how to play by ear. I would sit for hours in my bedroom, picking out the notes on my guitar and trying to imitate the sounds I heard on the records. It was a slow and frustrating process, but I was determined to learn.***

***"Eventually, I started playing in local bands. I played at weddings, parties, and clubs, and I slowly started to build a reputation as a good guitarist. In 1963, I joined the Yardbirds, and my career really took off.***

***"The Yardbirds were one of the most popular bands in England at the time, and I was suddenly playing to sold-out crowds***

***every night. It was an amazing experience, but it was also very demanding. I was working constantly, and I was under a lot of pressure to perform.***

***"I started to drink heavily to cope with the stress. I was also taking drugs, and my personal life was in shambles. I was on a downward spiral, and I knew that I needed to change.***

***"In 1968, I left the Yardbirds and moved to America. I spent the next few years trying to get my life back on track. I went to rehab, I started therapy, and I began to rebuild my career.***

***"It was a long and difficult journey, but I eventually got my life together. I'm now sober, and I'm grateful for every day that I have. I'm still playing music, and I'm still learning. I've had my ups and downs, but I've never given up on my dream. "***

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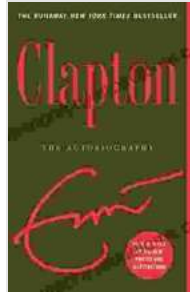
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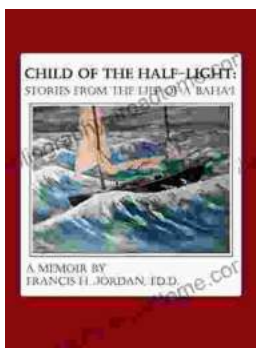
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