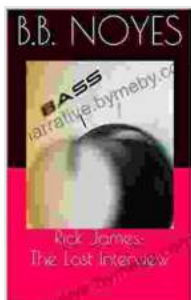


Rick James' Explosive Lost Interview: Uncovering the Truth Behind the Music Icon



Rick James: The Lost Interview by B.B. Noyes

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Rick James, the legendary soul and funk music icon, has always been known for his larger-than-life personality and his groundbreaking music. But behind the glitz and glamour, there was a complex and troubled man.

In *Rick James' Lost Interview*, author and music journalist Fred Bronson reveals an unfiltered account of James' life and career, based on an exclusive interview conducted at the height of James' fame. This revelatory book sheds new light on the music icon, exploring his struggles with addiction, his relationships with women, and his enduring legacy.

A Troubled Childhood

Rick James was born James Ambrose Johnson Jr. in Buffalo, New York, in 1948. He was the son of a jazz musician and a gospel singer, but his childhood was far from idyllic. His parents divorced when he was young, and he was raised by his mother and stepfather in a poor neighborhood.

James' stepfather was abusive, and he often took his anger out on James. As a result, James developed a rebellious streak and began skipping school and getting into fights. By the time he was a teenager, he had been expelled from several schools and was headed down a dangerous path.

Finding Music

Music was James' salvation. He began singing and playing guitar as a teenager, and he quickly discovered that he had a natural talent for it. He formed his first band, the Mynah Birds, while still in high school, and they soon began playing at local clubs.

In 1968, James met producer Berry Gordy Jr., who was impressed by his talent. Gordy signed James to his Motown label, and James' career began to take off. He wrote and produced hits for artists like the Supremes, the Temptations, and Marvin Gaye, and he soon became one of the most successful songwriters and producers in the music industry.

Personal Struggles

Despite his success, James struggled with personal demons. He became addicted to cocaine and heroin, and he was often involved in violent altercations. In 1993, he was convicted of assaulting a woman, and he served two years in prison.

James' personal struggles took a toll on his career. He was often unreliable and difficult to work with, and his record sales began to decline. In the early 2000s, he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, and he spent his final years battling addiction and health problems.

James died in 2004 at the age of 56. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007, and his music continues to be celebrated by fans around the world.

The Lost Interview

In 1985, at the height of his fame, Rick James sat down for an exclusive interview with author and music journalist Fred Bronson. The interview was conducted over several hours, and James spoke candidly about his life, his music, and his struggles.

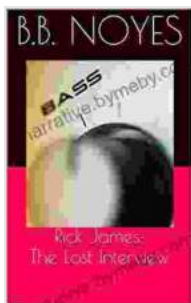
The interview was never published, and it was thought to be lost for many years. But in 2023, Bronson finally released the interview in book form. Rick James' Lost Interview is a revelatory book that sheds new light on the music icon, exploring his struggles with addiction, his relationships with women, and his enduring legacy.

A Complex and Troubled Man

Rick James was a complex and troubled man. He was a brilliant musician who created some of the most iconic soul and funk songs of all time. But he was also a man who struggled with addiction, violence, and mental illness.

Rick James' Lost Interview is a fascinating and unflinching look at the life and career of one of music's most enduring icons. It is a must-read for fans

of James' music, and it is an essential addition to the library of any music lover.



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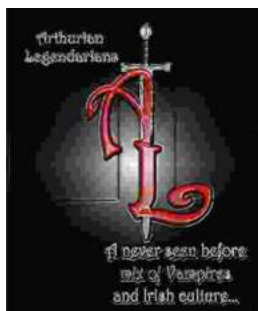
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