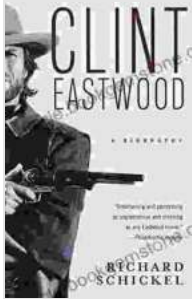


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Clint Eastwood is one of the most iconic figures in Hollywood history. As an actor, director, producer, and composer, he has been involved in some of the most memorable films of the last half-century, including *A Fistful of Dollars* (1964), *Dirty Harry* (1971), *Unforgiven* (1992), and *Million Dollar Baby* (2004).

In this comprehensive biography, acclaimed author Richard Schickel explores Eastwood's extraordinary life and career. From his early days as a struggling actor to his rise to stardom, from his personal struggles to his enduring legacy, Schickel paints a vivid portrait of a complex and fascinating man.

Early Life and Career

Clint Eastwood was born in San Francisco, California, on May 31, 1930. His father was a steel worker and his mother was a homemaker. Eastwood had a difficult childhood, and he was often bullied at school. After graduating from high school, he briefly attended Los Angeles City College before dropping out to pursue a career in acting.

Eastwood's early acting career was marked by a series of small roles in television and film. He finally broke through in 1964 with his starring role in Sergio Leone's spaghetti Western *A Fistful of Dollars*. The film was a huge success, and it made Eastwood an international star.

The Dirty Harry Years

In the 1970s, Eastwood starred in a series of popular action films, including *Dirty Harry* (1971), *Magnum Force* (1973), and *The Enforcer* (1976). These films established Eastwood as a tough-guy icon, and they made him one of the most popular actors in the world.

The Dirty Harry films were controversial at the time, with critics accusing them of glorifying violence. However, Eastwood has always defended the films, arguing that they are a reflection of the real world.

A Renaissance Man

In the 1980s, Eastwood began to transition from action star to director. His first directorial effort was *Play Misty for Me* (1971), a psychological thriller starring Jessica Walter. Eastwood has since directed over 30 films, including *Bird* (1988), *Unforgiven* (1992), *Million Dollar Baby* (2004), and *J. Edgar* (2011).

Eastwood's films have received critical acclaim and commercial success. He has won two Academy Awards for Best Director (for *Unforgiven* and *Million Dollar Baby*), and he has been nominated for four other Oscars.

Personal Life

Clint Eastwood has been married three times. His first wife was Maggie Johnson (1953-1984), with whom he had two children. His second wife was Dina Ruiz (1996-2014), with whom he had one daughter. He is currently married to Christina Sandera (2015-present).

Eastwood is a private person, and he rarely speaks about his personal life. However, he has been open about his struggles with depression and alcoholism.

Legacy

Clint Eastwood is one of the most iconic figures in Hollywood history. As an actor, director, producer, and composer, he has been involved in some of the most memorable films of the last half-century. His work has had a profound impact on American culture, and he continues to be an inspiration to filmmakers and audiences alike.

Richard Schickel's biography of Clint Eastwood is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the life and career of this legendary actor, director, and producer.

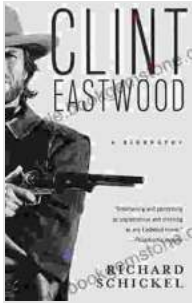
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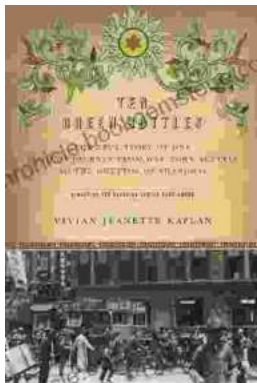
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