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"It's All About the Music!"

Welcome to another in the Legends of Rock & Roll series.

This is, like the others, a mini-biography of one the greatest of American bands, The Doors.

The Doors were one of most intense and radical rock groups of the Sixties and their legacy can still be felt today, 40 years after the death of Jim Morrison.

Their career was short, only about 6 years, but they fit a lifetime of music into those 6 years.

This was the Sixties, the generation that gave us LSD, hippies, protests of the Vietnam War, flower children, and free love. Jim Morrison and the Doors wrote and sang about all of that. They were as interesting to watch on stage as they were to listen to.

This book is about the group, but even more importantly, it's about the music. This series is my way of honoring the people that have brought so much joy to our lives over the years.

It is an unauthorized fan tribute.

Inside you'll find:

Introduction - Remarks about The Doors in general and a kick-off for the book.

In the Beginning - A brief biography of each of the four members of the Doors and how they came together.

Birth of the Doors - The beginning of the band. Do you know how they got their name?

The London Fog - Their first job prior to moving up to the big time and getting a record contract.

The First Album: "The Doors" - This album contains their signature song "Light My Fire", their first number one.

The Ed Sullivan Show - In the late Sixties, no one stood up to Ed Sullivan. Jim Morrison did.

"Strange Days" - The Doors release a second album with a "strange" cover.

New Haven, Connecticut - Did you know Jim Morrison was the first performer to be arrested during a concert? Find out why.

"Waiting for the Sun" - The Doors third album is their only album to reach number one.

Jim Morrison Begins to Self-Destruct - The drinking and the drugs were finally catching with with Jim.

Meltdown in Miami - Jim Morrison is arrested again. Did he really do what they said he did?

"Morrison Hotel" - Jim's life continued to spin out of control. He is arrested again and their fifth album is released.

"L.A. Woman" - The last album Jim Morrison actively participated in also contains some of the group's best work.

Paris - What really happened the night Jim Morrison died?

The 27 Club - Do you know how many performers and writers have died during their 27th year?

After Jim Morrison - The band tries to move on without Jim, but finds they can't really do it.

"An American Prayer" - the last Doors album is recorded using old recordings of Jim reciting his poetry,

Taking It Up to the Present - Various events that have happened between the late Seventies and today. Legacy of The Doors - Every Legends book has a Legacy section where we review the awards and contributions of the artist.

Afterword - My closing thoughts

Selected Discography - A list of the major works by The Doors.



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