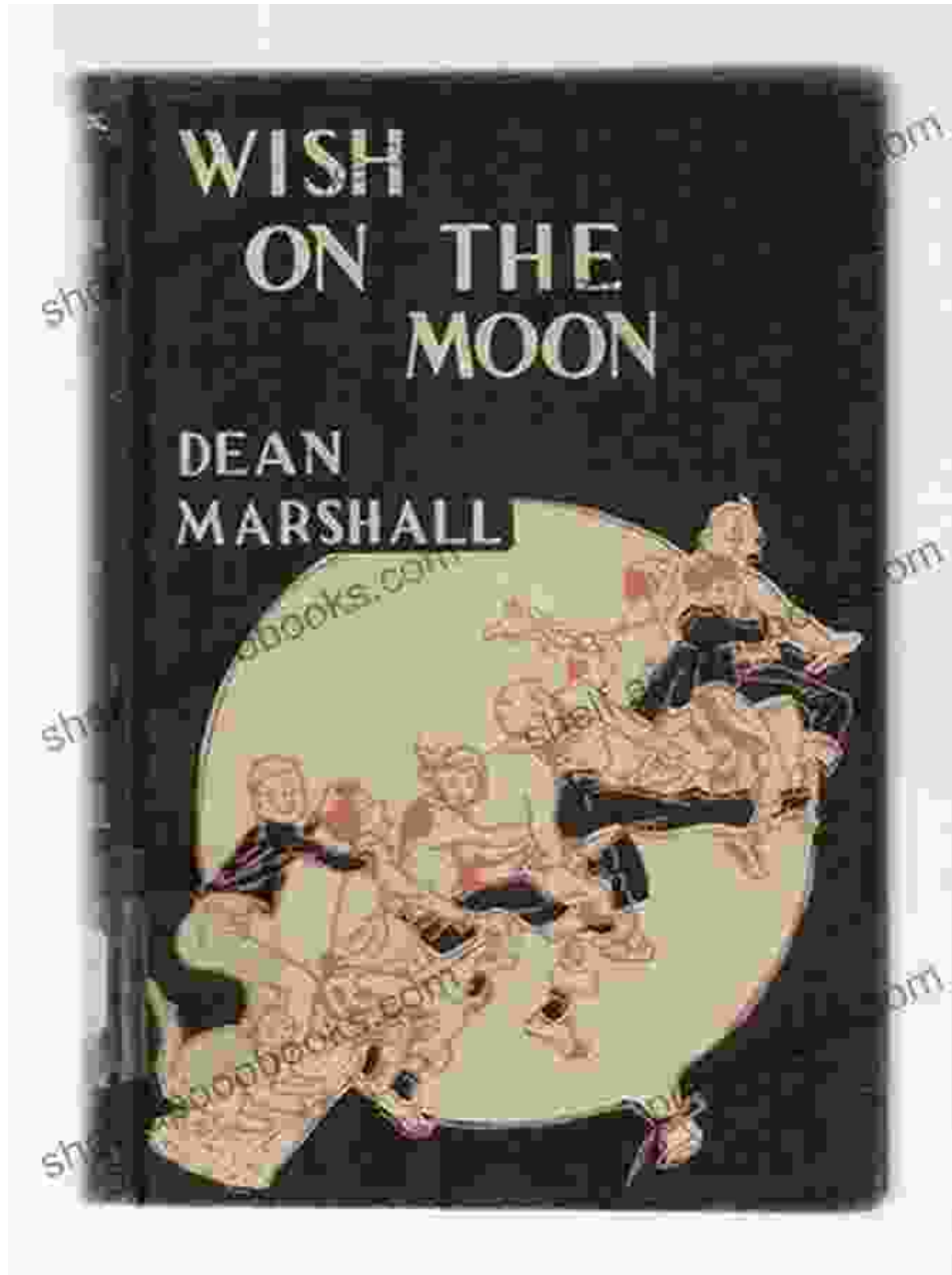


Billie Holiday: Wishing On The Moon

A Captivating Journey Through the Life of a Jazz Legend



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Prepare to be captivated by the extraordinary life and career of Billie Holiday, the legendary jazz singer known as 'Lady Day,' in the mesmerizing biography "Billie Holiday: Wishing On The Moon."

This comprehensive and intimate portrait delves into the depths of Holiday's turbulent childhood, her rise to fame during the Harlem Renaissance, and her struggles with addiction and personal demons. Through a rich narrative tapestry woven from extensive research and interviews with those who knew her, the book unveils the complexities and contradictions that made Holiday both an icon and a tragic figure.

From her humble beginnings in Baltimore to her groundbreaking performances at iconic venues like the Apollo Theater and Carnegie Hall, "Billie Holiday: Wishing On The Moon" chronicles the evolution of Holiday's artistry and her indelible impact on jazz music.

The book explores the genesis of her signature songs, including the haunting "Strange Fruit," a powerful anthem against racial injustice that became synonymous with her name. It sheds light on her collaborations with legendary musicians like Lester Young and Count Basie, as well as her passionate love affairs and tumultuous relationships.

Drawing from Holiday's own autobiography, "Lady Sings the Blues," the book provides an unparalleled glimpse into her personal life, revealing her struggles with poverty, racism, and the relentless pressures of fame. It paints a vivid canvas of the vibrant jazz scene in New York City during the Swing Era, capturing the glamour, the intrigue, and the bittersweet undercurrents of the era.

Through a compelling blend of biography, cultural history, and musical analysis, "Billie Holiday: Wishing On The Moon" offers a multifaceted examination of one of the most influential and enigmatic figures in American music history. It is a testament to Holiday's enduring legacy and a poignant reminder of the power of art to transcend adversity and inspire generations.

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- **Comprehensive and In-depth:** Spanning over 300 pages, the book provides a thorough and well-researched account of Holiday's life and career.
- **Exclusive Interviews:** Features insights from musicians, historians, and individuals who knew Holiday personally.
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- **Musical Analysis:** Explores Holiday's unique vocal style, improvisations, and the evolution of her signature songs.
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- **Stunning Photography and Illustrations:** Includes rare photographs and illustrations that bring Holiday's world to life.

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"A definitive and captivating biography that illuminates the complexities and brilliance of Billie Holiday. A must-read for jazz enthusiasts and anyone fascinated by the transformative power of music." - Jazz Times Magazine

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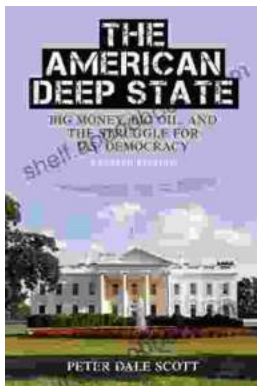
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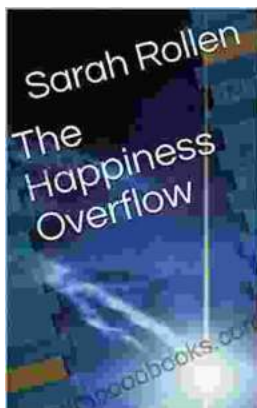
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