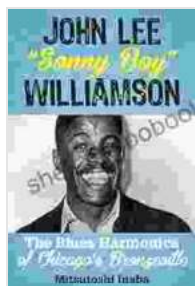


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Early Life and Career

John Lee Williamson was born in Glendora, Mississippi, on December 5, 1914. He was raised in a musical family, and he began playing the harmonica at an early age. By the time he was a teenager, he was already

performing professionally. In 1934, he moved to Chicago, where he quickly became a fixture on the city's blues scene.

Williamson's harmonica playing was unlike anything that had been heard before. He used a unique combination of techniques, including bending notes, overblowing, and cupping, to create a sound that was both mournful and exhilarating. He was also a gifted vocalist, with a powerful voice that could convey a wide range of emotions.

Rise to Stardom

In the 1940s, Williamson began recording for the Aristocrat label. His early recordings were met with critical acclaim, and he quickly became one of the most popular blues artists in the country. In 1948, he signed with Chess Records, which would be his home for the rest of his career.

During the 1950s and 1960s, Williamson continued to release a string of hit records. He also toured extensively, both in the United States and abroad. He was one of the first blues musicians to achieve international fame, and he helped to introduce the blues to a new generation of fans.

Later Years and Legacy

Williamson continued to perform and record until his death in 1965. He was only 51 years old, but he had already left an indelible mark on the world of music. He was one of the most influential blues musicians of all time, and his music continues to inspire and entertain fans around the world.

Williamson's legacy is vast. He was a master of the harmonica, and his playing style has been imitated by countless musicians. He was also a

gifted songwriter, and his songs have been recorded by a wide range of artists, from Muddy Waters to Eric Clapton.

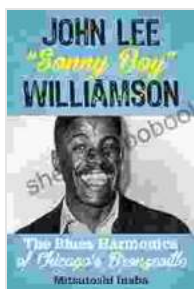
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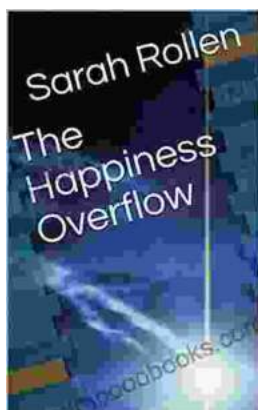
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