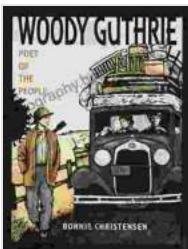


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Woody Guthrie was an American folk singer and songwriter who is considered one of the most important figures in American music. He wrote hundreds of songs, many of which have become classics, including "This Land Is Your Land," "Bound for Glory," and "Pastures of Plenty." Guthrie's songs often dealt with social and political issues, and he was a strong advocate for the working class. He was also a gifted guitarist and singer, and his performances were often filled with passion and energy.



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Early Life and Career

Woody Guthrie was born in Okemah, Oklahoma, on July 14, 1912. His father was a farmer and his mother was a schoolteacher. Guthrie grew up in a poor family, and he often had to work to help support his family. He began playing guitar and singing at a young age, and he soon developed a strong interest in folk music.

In 1931, Guthrie left home to travel around the country. He worked a variety of jobs, including singing on street corners, playing in bands, and working

as a farm laborer. During this time, he met many other folk musicians, and he began to develop his own unique style of music.

The Dust Bowl Years

In the 1930s, the Dust Bowl devastated the Great Plains. Guthrie witnessed the effects of the Dust Bowl firsthand, and he wrote many songs about the plight of the farmers who were forced to leave their homes. Guthrie's songs about the Dust Bowl helped to raise awareness of the disaster, and they inspired many people to get involved in the relief effort.

The Folk Revival

In the 1940s, there was a revival of interest in folk music. Guthrie was one of the leaders of the folk revival, and he helped to introduce folk music to a new generation of listeners. Guthrie's songs were often performed at folk festivals and on radio programs, and they helped to popularize folk music in the United States.

Later Life and Legacy

Guthrie continued to write and perform until his death in 1967. He died of Huntington's disease, a degenerative neurological disorder. Guthrie's music has had a lasting impact on American culture, and he is considered one of the most important figures in American folk music.

Woody Guthrie's Music

Guthrie's music is often characterized by its simplicity and its directness. He wrote songs about the things he saw and experienced, and his songs often dealt with social and political issues. Guthrie was a strong advocate

for the working class, and his songs often reflected the struggles of the working people.

Guthrie was also a gifted guitarist and singer. His guitar playing was often simple, but it was always effective. He was also a powerful singer, and his voice was often filled with passion and energy.

Guthrie's Legacy

Woody Guthrie's music has had a lasting impact on American culture. His songs have been recorded by countless artists, and they continue to be performed and enjoyed by people all over the world. Guthrie's music has also inspired many other musicians, and he is considered one of the most important figures in American folk music.

Guthrie was a true American hero. He was a voice for the voiceless, and his songs helped to make the world a better place. His music is a testament to the power of music to change the world, and it continues to inspire people today.

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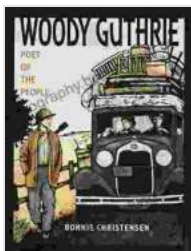
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