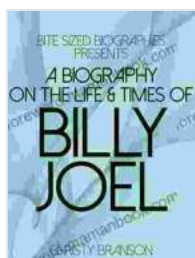


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## **Early Life**

Billy Joel was born William Martin Joel on May 9, 1949, in the Bronx, New York City. His father, Howard Joel, was a classical pianist and his mother, Rosalind Nyman, was a singer. Joel began playing the piano at the age of four and quickly demonstrated a natural talent for music. He studied classical music at the Juilliard School of Music, but dropped out after two years to pursue a career in rock and roll.

## **Early Career**

Joel's early career was marked by a series of unsuccessful attempts at stardom. He released his first album, *Cold Spring Harbor*, in 1971, but it failed to chart. He followed up with *Piano Man* in 1973, which was a modest success. However, it wasn't until the release of his third album, *Turnstiles*, in 1976, that Joel finally achieved mainstream success.

## **Breakthrough**

*Turnstiles* featured the hit singles "Just the Way You Are" and "She's Always a Woman." The album was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to establish Joel as one of the most popular singer-songwriters of the 1970s. He followed up *Turnstiles* with a string of hit albums, including *The Stranger* (1977), *52nd Street* (1978), *Glass Houses* (1980), and *Songs in the Attic* (1981).

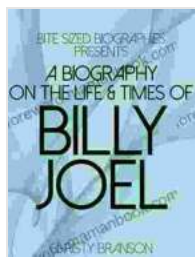
## Later Career

Joel continued to release successful albums throughout the 1980s and 1990s. He also toured extensively and became one of the biggest live acts in the world. In 1993, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He has continued to release new music and tour in recent years.

## Legacy

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Billy Joel is a true American icon. His music has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. He is a gifted songwriter, performer, and entertainer. He is a legend in the music industry and his music will continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.



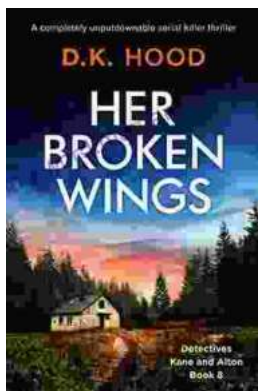
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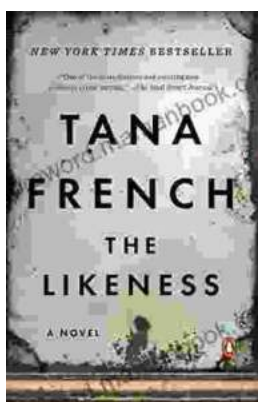
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