

# This Charming Man: The Stranger Times

Morrissey, the enigmatic frontman of The Smiths, has been a polarizing figure in the music industry for decades. His lyrics are often dark and introspective, dealing with themes of love, loss, and alienation. His stage persona is equally enigmatic, with his signature quiff, sunglasses, and aloof demeanor. But behind the public image is a complex and fascinating individual.



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Morrissey was born Steven Patrick Morrissey in Manchester, England, on May 22, 1959. He grew up in a working-class family, and his childhood was marked by poverty and social isolation. He found solace in music, and by his teenage years, he was writing songs and playing in local bands.

In 1982, Morrissey met Johnny Marr, a guitarist who shared his passion for music. Together, they formed The Smiths, one of the most influential bands of the 1980s. The Smiths' music was a mix of jangly guitars, catchy

melodies, and Morrissey's distinctive vocals. Their lyrics were often dark and introspective, dealing with themes of love, loss, and alienation.

The Smiths released four studio albums and several singles during their five-year existence. They achieved critical and commercial success, and their music continues to be popular today. However, the band was plagued by internal conflicts, and they disbanded in 1987.

After The Smiths, Morrissey embarked on a successful solo career. He has released eleven studio albums, and his music has continued to explore themes of love, loss, and alienation. He has also been involved in various other projects, including writing, photography, and acting.

Morrissey is a complex and fascinating figure. He is a brilliant songwriter and performer, but he is also a controversial figure. His lyrics have been accused of being misogynistic and homophobic, and his public statements have often been provocative and offensive. However, there is no denying his talent, and his music continues to inspire and provoke fans around the world.

## **The Smiths: A Brief History**

The Smiths were an English rock band that formed in Manchester in 1982. The band consisted of Morrissey (vocals), Johnny Marr (guitar), Andy Rourke (bass), and Mike Joyce (drums). The Smiths released four studio albums and several singles during their five-year existence. They achieved critical and commercial success, and their music continues to be popular today.

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Morrissey's solo career has been marked by both critical and commercial success. He has released several hit singles, including "Suedehead," "Every Day Is Like Sunday," and "The More You Ignore Me, the Closer I Get." He has also toured extensively, and his concerts are always well-attended.

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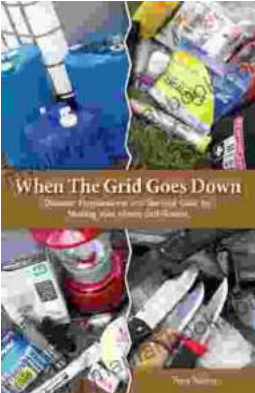
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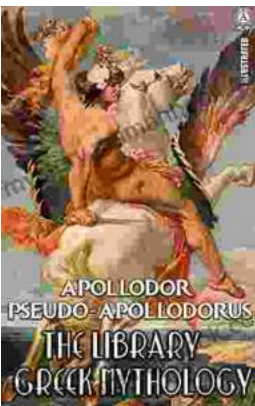


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