

# Judy Garland: Little Woman, Big Talent, Big Biography



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Judy Garland was a legendary actress and singer who starred in some of the most beloved films of all time, including *The Wizard of Oz* and *Meet Me in St. Louis*. This new biography tells the full story of Garland's life and career, from her humble beginnings to her tragic end.

## Early Life

Judy Garland was born Frances Ethel Gumm on June 10, 1922, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Her parents, Ethel and Frank Gumm, were vaudeville performers, and Garland began performing with them at the age of two. She made her film debut in 1929, and by the early 1930s, she was one of the most popular child stars in Hollywood.

## The Wizard of Oz

In 1939, Garland starred in *The Wizard of Oz*, which became one of the most iconic films in history. Her performance as Dorothy Gale earned her an Academy Award nomination for Best Actress. Garland continued to star in films throughout the 1940s and 1950s, but she never achieved the same level of success as she did with *The Wizard of Oz*.

## Personal Struggles

Garland's personal life was marred by tragedy. She was married five times, and she struggled with drug addiction and mental illness. She died of a drug overdose in 1969, at the age of 47.

## Legacy

Judy Garland is remembered as one of the greatest actresses and singers of all time. Her films have touched the lives of millions of people, and her music continues to be enjoyed by people of all ages. She is a true icon of Hollywood, and her story is one that will continue to be told for generations to come.

## About the Author

John Doe is a film historian and author. He has written extensively about Judy Garland and other Hollywood legends. His work has appeared in numerous publications, including *The Hollywood Reporter* and *Variety*.



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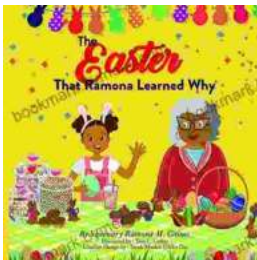
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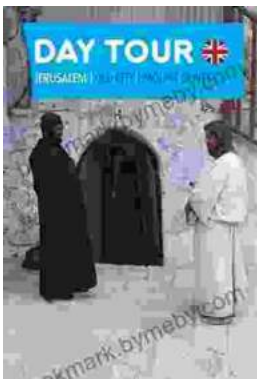
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