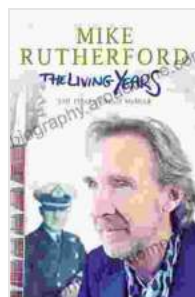


The Living Years: Mike Rutherford's Heartfelt Memoir of Genesis, Family, and Music

In his captivating memoir, *The Living Years*, Mike Rutherford shares his extraordinary journey as a founding member of Genesis, one of the most successful and influential bands of all time. With candor and warmth, he recounts his childhood, his early musical influences, and the formation of Genesis in the late 1960s.

Rutherford's memoir is a treasure trove of stories and insights for Genesis fans and music lovers alike. He vividly recalls the band's early days, when they were just a group of young musicians trying to find their way in the world. He shares his thoughts on the band's creative process, their songwriting, and their groundbreaking albums. And he candidly discusses the challenges and triumphs they faced along the way.



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But *The Living Years* is more than just a rock 'n' roll memoir. It is also a deeply personal story about family, love, loss, and friendship. Rutherford

writes movingly about his wife, Angie, and their three children. He also shares his thoughts on the death of his close friend and bandmate, Phil Collins. And he reflects on the importance of creativity and inspiration in his life.

The Living Years is a truly remarkable book. It is a must-read for Genesis fans, music lovers, and anyone who is interested in the creative process. It is a book that will inspire you, move you, and make you appreciate the power of music.

A founding member of Genesis

Mike Rutherford was born in 1950 in Guildford, England. He began playing guitar at a young age, and by the time he was in his early teens, he was already writing and performing his own songs. In 1967, he met Tony Banks and Peter Gabriel at Charterhouse School, and together they formed the band Genesis.

Genesis quickly became one of the most popular bands in the UK, and they soon gained a loyal following around the world. The band's early albums were heavily influenced by progressive rock, but they later experimented with a variety of musical styles, including pop, rock, and electronic music.

Rutherford played a key role in Genesis's success. He was the band's primary songwriter, and he also played guitar, bass, and keyboards. He was also responsible for many of the band's most iconic songs, including "Follow You Follow Me," "Turn It On Again," and "Invisible Touch."

Genesis disbanded in 1996, but they reunited in 2007 for a successful reunion tour. The band has since released one new album, *Calling All*

Stations, in 1997.

A family man

Mike Rutherford is a devoted family man. He has been married to his wife, Angie, for over 40 years, and they have three children together. Rutherford is a loving and supportive husband and father, and he is deeply involved in his children's lives.

Rutherford's family is a source of great strength and inspiration to him. He often writes about his family in his songs, and he credits them with helping him through some of the most difficult times in his life.

A friend and mentor

Mike Rutherford is a loyal friend and mentor to many people. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need, and he is always there to offer encouragement and support.

Rutherford has been a mentor to many young musicians, and he is passionate about helping them to achieve their dreams. He is also a generous supporter of many charities, and he is always willing to give back to his community.

A creative force

Mike Rutherford is a creative force. He is a gifted songwriter, musician, and producer. He has written some of the most iconic songs in rock history, and he has helped to shape the sound of popular music for over 50 years.

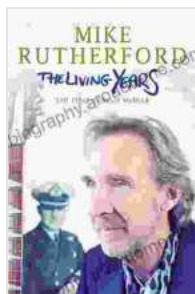
Rutherford's creativity is not limited to music. He is also a talented writer, and he has published several books, including *The Living Years*.

Rutherford's creativity is a gift to the world. He has touched the lives of millions of people with his music, and he continues to inspire and motivate others to follow their dreams.

A legacy of music and love

Mike Rutherford is a true legend of rock music. He has been a part of one of the most successful bands of all time, and he has written some of the most iconic songs in history. But more than that, Rutherford is a loving husband, father, and friend. He is a creative force who has inspired and motivated others to follow their dreams.

Rutherford's legacy is one of music and love. His music will continue to be enjoyed by generations to come, and his love will continue to inspire others to make the world a better place.



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