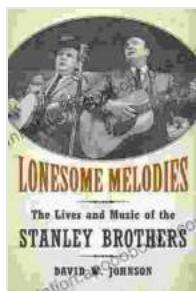


# The Stanley Brothers: American Made Music

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The Stanley Brothers were one of the most influential bluegrass bands of all time. Their music was a mix of traditional Appalachian folk songs and original compositions, and their close harmonies and intricate picking were a major influence on the development of the genre. This book tells the story of the Stanley Brothers' lives and music, from their early days in the mountains of Virginia to their rise to fame in the 1950s and 1960s. It is a fascinating and inspiring story of two brothers who made a major contribution to American music.



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## The Early Years

Carter and Ralph Stanley were born in Dickenson County, Virginia, in 1925 and 1927, respectively. They grew up in a musical family, and they began

singing and playing together at an early age. In 1946, they formed a band with their cousin, Pee Wee Lambert, and began playing at local dances and fairs. In 1948, they signed a recording contract with Mercury Records, and their first single, "Molly and Tenbrooks," became a hit.



## The Rise to Fame

The Stanley Brothers' popularity grew rapidly in the 1950s and 1960s. They toured extensively throughout the United States and Canada, and they appeared on numerous television and radio shows. Their music was a major influence on the development of bluegrass music, and they are considered to be one of the most important bands in the genre's history.



The Stanley Brothers at the height of their fame

## **The Later Years**

Carter Stanley died in a car accident in 1966, but Ralph Stanley continued to perform and record. He toured with his son, Ralph Stanley II, and he

released several albums in the 1970s and 1980s. Ralph Stanley died in 2016, but his music continues to be enjoyed by fans around the world.



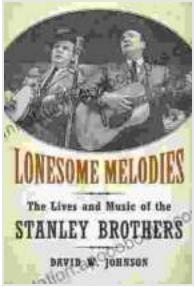
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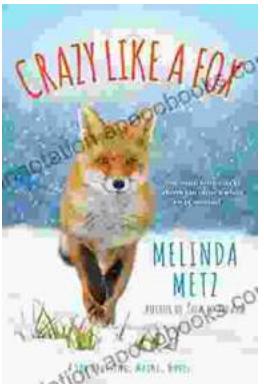
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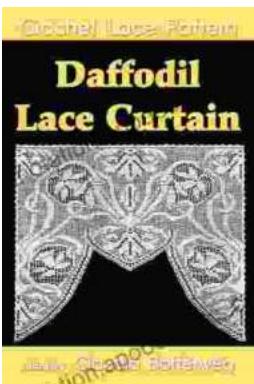
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