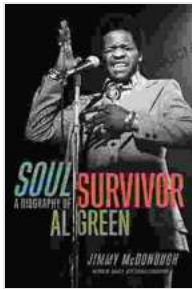


# Soul Survivor: The Biography of Al Green

Al Green is one of the most iconic and successful soul singers of all time. His unique vocal style and passionate delivery have made him a beloved figure in the music world. This biography will delve into the life and career of Al Green, from his humble beginnings to his rise to stardom.



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## Early Life and Career

Al Green was born Albert Greene on April 13, 1946, in Forrest City, Arkansas. He was raised in a musical family, and he began singing in church at a young age. By the time he was 12, he had formed a gospel group with his brothers. After graduating from high school, Green moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he hoped to start a music career.

In Memphis, Green met Willie Mitchell, a producer and owner of Hi Records. Mitchell was impressed with Green's voice, and he signed him to a contract. Green's first single, "Back Up Train," was released in 1970. It

was a moderate hit, but it was his next single, "Tired of Being Alone," that made him a star.

## **Rise to Stardom**

"Tired of Being Alone" was released in 1971, and it quickly became a hit. The song reached number one on the Billboard R&B chart and number two on the Billboard Hot 100. It was also a critical success, winning Green a Grammy Award for Best R&B Male Vocal Performance.

The success of "Tired of Being Alone" launched Green's career into the stratosphere. He followed up with a string of hit singles, including "Let's Stay Together," "I'm Still in Love with You," and "Love and Happiness." Green's music was a mix of soul, gospel, and R&B, and it appealed to a wide audience.

In addition to his successful music career, Green also had a successful acting career. He starred in the 1972 film "The Gospel Road" and the 1976 film "Let's Stay Together." He also appeared in several television shows, including "The Carol Burnett Show" and "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson."

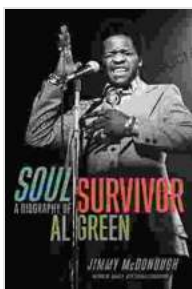
## **Personal Life**

Green's personal life has been as eventful as his professional life. He has been married three times, and he has seven children. He has also struggled with drug addiction and alcohol abuse. In 1974, he was shot in the back by his girlfriend, Mary Woodson. The shooting left Green paralyzed from the waist down.

Despite his personal struggles, Green has continued to make music. He has released over 20 albums, and he has won numerous awards, including 11 Grammy Awards. He is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

## Legacy

Al Green is one of the most important and influential soul singers of all time. His unique vocal style and passionate delivery have inspired generations of musicians. He is a true survivor, and his music continues to touch the lives of millions.



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