

# Metallica Updated Edition: The Complete Illustrated History - An Epic Journey of Heavy Metal Legends

Metallica is one of the most influential and successful heavy metal bands of all time. With a career spanning over four decades, they have sold over 125 million records worldwide and won numerous awards, including nine Grammy Awards. Metallica's music is characterized by its aggression, energy, and technical proficiency, and they have been credited with helping to popularize thrash metal.



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## **The Early Years**

Metallica was formed in 1981 by James Hetfield (vocals, rhythm guitar), Lars Ulrich (drums), Dave Mustaine (lead guitar), and Ron McGovney (bass guitar). The band's early years were marked by a number of lineup changes, but by 1983, the classic lineup of Hetfield, Ulrich, Kirk Hammett (lead guitar), and Cliff Burton (bass guitar) was in place.

Metallica's first album, *Kill 'Em All*, was released in 1983 and was a critical and commercial success. The album's aggressive sound and fast tempos helped to define the genre of thrash metal. Metallica followed up *Kill 'Em All* with a string of successful albums, including *Ride the Lightning* (1984), *Master of Puppets* (1986), ...*And Justice for All* (1988), and the *Black Album* (1991).

## **The Death of Cliff Burton**

In September 1986, Metallica suffered a tragic loss when Cliff Burton was killed in a bus accident while the band was on tour in Sweden. Burton was a talented bassist and a key member of Metallica, and his death was a devastating blow to the band.

Metallica was determined to continue after Burton's death, and they recruited Jason Newsted to replace him on bass. Newsted played on Metallica's next two albums, ...*And Justice for All* and the *Black Album*, but he left the band in 2001.

## **The 1990s and Beyond**

The 1990s were a turbulent time for Metallica. The band's music became more experimental, and they faced criticism from some fans for selling out. However, Metallica remained one of the most popular bands in the world,

and they continued to release successful albums, including *Load* (1996), *ReLoad* (1997), *St. Anger* (2003), and *Death Magnetic* (2008).

In recent years, Metallica has continued to tour and record, and they have released two new albums, *Hardwired... to Self-Destruct* (2016) and *72 Seasons* (2023). The band remains one of the most influential and successful heavy metal bands of all time, and their music continues to inspire fans around the world.

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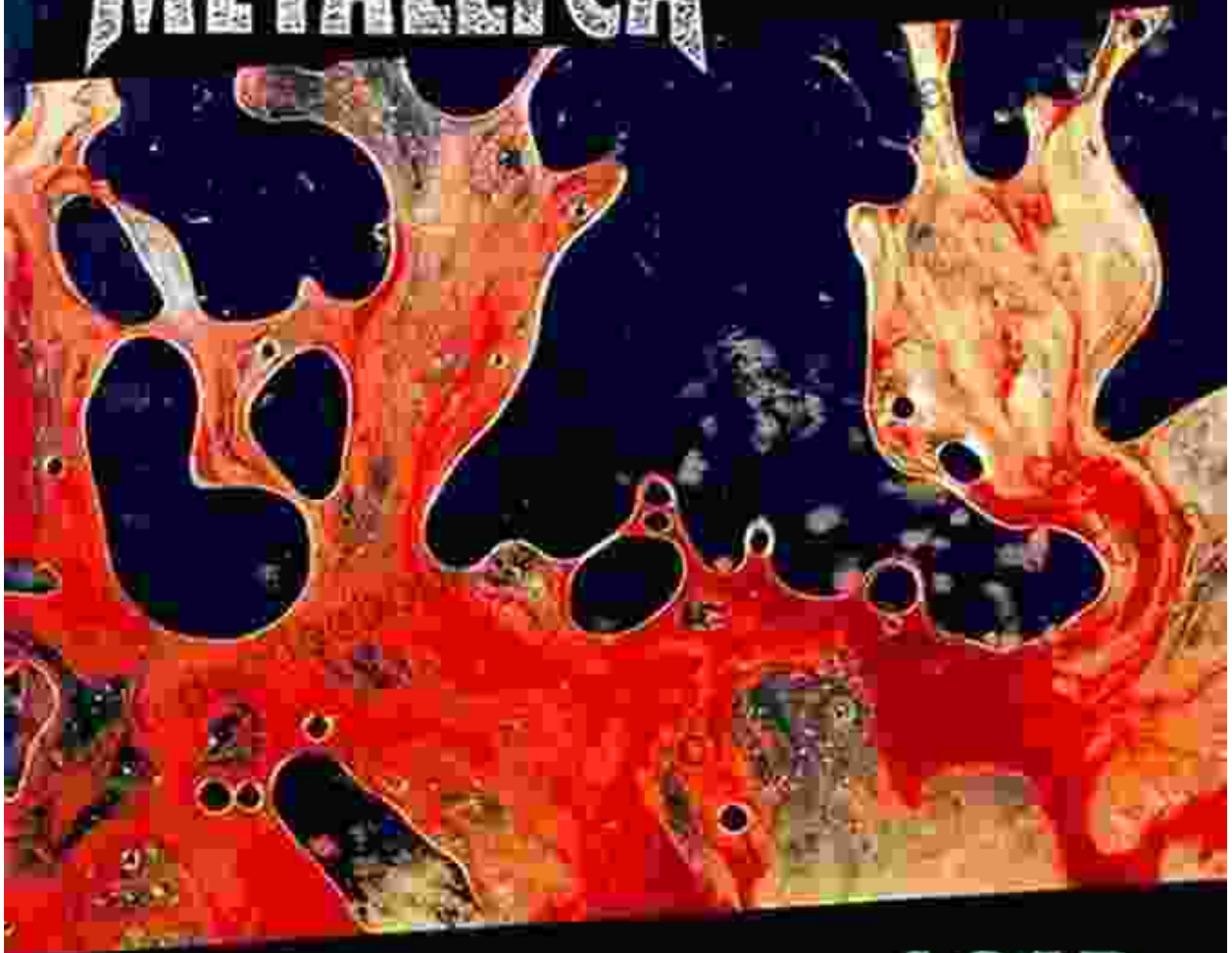








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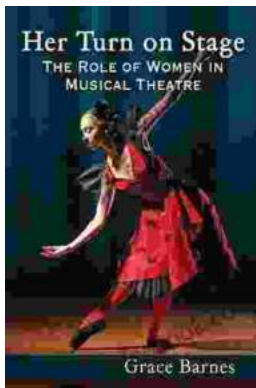
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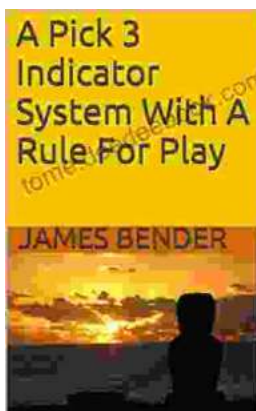
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