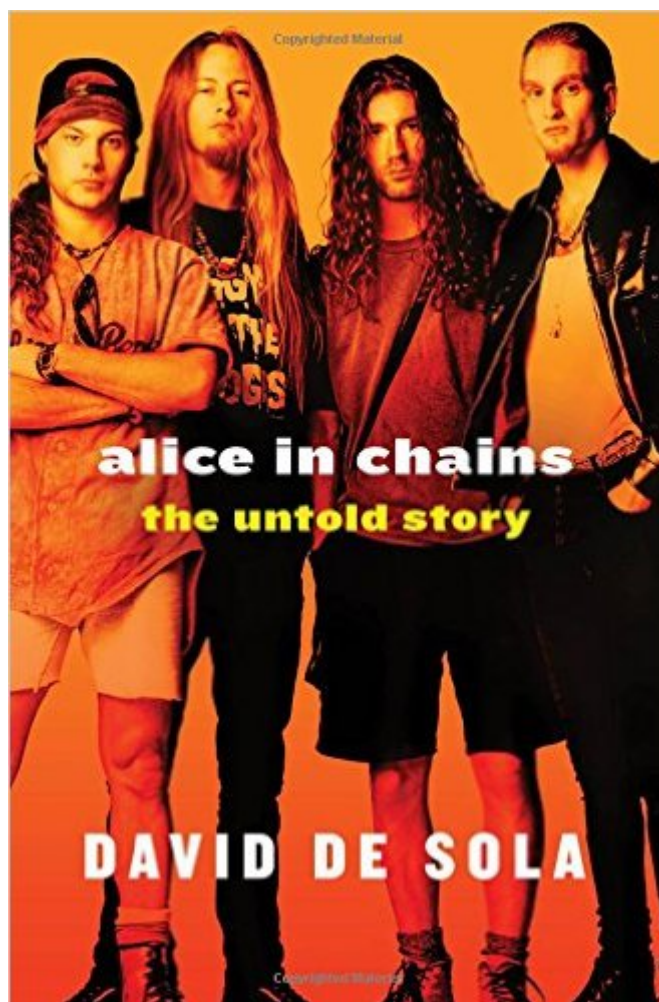


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Alice In Chains: The Untold Story



Synopsis

Alice in Chains were among the loudest voices out of Seattle. They were iconic pioneers who mixed grunge and metal in ways that continue to influence today's artists, and theirs is a story of hard work, self-destruction, rising from the ashes, and carrying on a lasting legacy. Four years after their first meeting at a warehouse under Seattle's Ballard Bridge, Alice in Chains became the first of grunge's big four - ahead of Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Soundgarden - to get a gold record and achieve national recognition. With the charismatic Layne Staley behind the microphone, they became one of the most influential and successful bands to come out of the Seattle music scene. But as the band got bigger, so did their problems. Acclaimed journalist David de Sola delves beneath the secrecy, gossip, and rumor surrounding the band to tell their full story for the first time. Based on a wealth of interviews with people who have direct knowledge of the band, many speaking on the record for the very first time, de Sola explores how drugs nearly destroyed them and claimed the lives of Staley and founding bassist Mike Starr, follows Jerry Cantrell's solo career and Mike Starr's life after being fired from the band, and chronicles the band's resurrection with new lead singer William DuVall. From their anonymous struggles to topping the charts with hits like "Would?," "Man in the Box," and "Rooster," Alice in Chains reveals the members of the band not as caricatures of rock stars but as brilliant, nuanced, and flawed human beings whose years of hard work led to the seemingly overnight success that changed the music scene forever.

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I had been waiting for a very long time for a worthwhile biography of my favorite band of all time. It took 22 years (I only became hooked after first hearing Dirt in 1993), but it was well worth the wait since this book can now cover more territory than if it had been written years ago. As has been mentioned, it's a little bit too Layne-centric but that's ok. Like most people, Layne Staley is the reason why I first became a fan of Alice in Chains. Over the years, I have come to be a huge fan of Jerry Cantrell as well. But Layne's incredible singing voice was initially why I bought my first Alice in Chains album back in '93. And the reason why I picked up all the other AIC albums of the 90s. In other words, I don't mind one bit getting all this insight into Layne's life---from his childhood to his death. But since this is a book about the band, I would've liked to find out much more info on all the other members of AIC as well, past and present. We learn a lot about Demri, which is great. But what about Jerry's girlfriend(s), or Sean's, or William's, etc? The book doesn't mention any. It's as if Jerry and the other guys have been single their whole life (Correction: It does mention that Sean used to date Mike Starr's sister Melinda in the early days). It dedicates an entire chapter to Layne's childhood and youth but only a few paragraphs to the childhood and youth of the other band members. Anyway, I don't want to nitpick and criticize this book because overall, I am very happy with it, hence the 5 stars I give it. It's extremely well researched, tremendously fair to everyone involved. The author takes great pains to present the two sides of every story if he is able to, and mentions whenever two people's stories don't match, or if one interviewee disputes the claims of another interviewee.

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