

Dark Star: The Definitive Biography of Vivien Leigh

Vivien Leigh was one of the most iconic actresses of all time. She won two Academy Awards for her performances in *Gone with the Wind* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and her beauty and talent captivated audiences around the world. But behind the glamorous facade, Leigh was a complex and troubled woman who struggled with mental illness and addiction.



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Dark Star is the definitive biography of Vivien Leigh. Based on exclusive interviews with Leigh's family and friends, as well as on extensive research, this book provides a fresh and insightful look at the life and career of one of Hollywood's greatest stars.

Early Life and Career

Vivien Leigh was born in Darjeeling, India, in 1913. Her father was a British army officer, and her mother was an Irish actress. Leigh spent her early

years in India and England, and she began acting in amateur theatricals at a young age.

In 1935, Leigh made her professional debut in the film *The Village Squire*. She quickly gained attention for her beauty and talent, and she soon became one of the most popular actresses in British cinema.

Hollywood Stardom

In 1939, Leigh was cast as Scarlett O'Hara in the epic film *Gone with the Wind*. Her performance was a triumph, and she won the Academy Award for Best Actress.

Leigh's success in *Gone with the Wind* made her a Hollywood star. She went on to star in a number of other classic films, including *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Anna Karenina*, and *Cleopatra*.

Personal Life

Leigh's personal life was as dramatic as her career. She was married twice, first to the actor Laurence Olivier and then to the actor Peter Finch. Both of her marriages were stormy, and she struggled with mental illness and addiction.

Leigh died of tuberculosis in 1967, at the age of 53. She is buried in the churchyard of St. Martin's Church in Titchfield, Hampshire, England.

Legacy

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