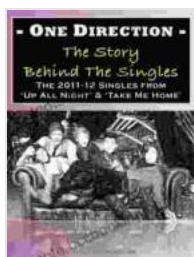


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One Direction were one of the most successful boy bands of all time. Formed in 2010 on the UK's The X Factor, the group consisted of Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Harry Styles, and Louis Tomlinson. Over the course of their five years together, One Direction released five studio albums and sold over 50 million records worldwide. They also won numerous awards, including seven BRIT Awards and four MTV Video Music Awards.

One Direction's success was due in no small part to their catchy pop songs. The group's singles were always well-written and produced, and they often topped the charts around the world. In this article, we'll take a look back at some of One Direction's biggest hits and the stories behind them.

What Makes You Beautiful

"What Makes You Beautiful" was One Direction's debut single, and it was an instant hit. The song was released in September 2011 and went to number one in over 20 countries. It was also nominated for a Grammy Award for Song of the Year.

The song was written by Savan Kotecha, Rami Yacoub, and Carl Falk. It was originally intended for Justin Bieber, but he passed on it. One Direction's manager, Simon Cowell, then gave the song to the group.

"What Makes You Beautiful" is a catchy pop song with a simple but effective message: you are beautiful just the way you are. The song's lyrics are about a boy who is in love with a girl and thinks she is perfect. The song was a huge hit with fans, and it helped to launch One Direction's career.

Live While We're Young

"Live While We're Young" was One Direction's second single, and it was released in September 2012. The song went to number one in over 10 countries and was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance.

The song was written by Ed Sheeran and Steve Mac. It was originally intended for Cher Lloyd, but she also passed on it. One Direction's manager, Simon Cowell, then gave the song to the group.

"Live While We're Young" is a pop rock song with a positive message: live your life to the fullest while you're young. The song's lyrics are about a group of friends who are going out and having fun. The song was a huge

hit with fans, and it helped to solidify One Direction's status as one of the world's biggest boy bands.

Kiss You

"Kiss You" was One Direction's third single, and it was released in November 2013. The song went to number one in over 10 countries and was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance.

The song was written by Ed Sheeran, Steve Mac, and Ammar Malik. It was originally intended for Justin Bieber, but he passed on it. One Direction's manager, Simon Cowell, then gave the song to the group.

"Kiss You" is a pop song with a catchy melody and infectious beat. The song's lyrics are about a boy who is in love with a girl and wants to kiss her. The song was a huge hit with fans, and it helped to make One Direction one of the most popular boy bands in the world.

Best Song Ever

"Best Song Ever" was One Direction's fourth single, and it was released in July 2013. The song went to number one in over 30 countries and was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance.

The song was written by John Ryan, Jamie Scott, and Julian Bunetta. It was originally intended for One Direction's second album, *Take Me Home*, but it was eventually released as the lead single from their third album, *Midnight Memories*.

"Best Song Ever" is a pop rock song with a catchy melody and upbeat tempo. The song's lyrics are about a group of friends who are having a

great time and enjoying life. The song was a huge hit with fans, and it helped to make One Direction one of the most popular boy bands in the world.

Story of My Life

"Story of My Life" was One Direction's fifth single, and it was released in October 2013. The song went to number one in over 20 countries and was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance.

The song was written by Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Harry Styles, and Louis Tomlinson. It was the first song that One Direction wrote together.

"Story of My Life" is a ballad with a simple but effective melody. The song's lyrics are about a boy who is looking back on his life and the people who have been there for him. The song was a huge hit with fans, and it helped to make One Direction one of the most popular boy bands in the world.

Perfect

"Perfect" was One Direction's sixth single, and it was released in October 2015. The song went to number one in over 30 countries and was nominated for a Grammy Award for Song of the Year.

The song was written by Ed Sheeran, Harry Styles, and Louis Tomlinson. It was originally intended for Ed Sheeran's second album, *x*, but he eventually gave it to One Direction.

"Perfect" is a pop ballad with a simple but effective melody. The song's lyrics are about a boy who is in love with a girl and thinks she is perfect.

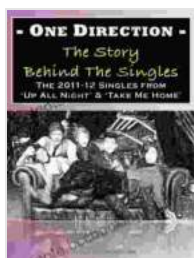
The song was a huge hit with fans, and it helped to make One Direction one of the most popular boy bands in the world.

Drag Me Down

"Drag Me Down" was One Direction's first single after Zayn Malik left the group. The song was released in July 2015 and went to number one in over 20 countries.

The song was written by John Ryan, Julian Bunetta, and Jamie Scott. It was originally intended for One Direction's fourth album, Four, but it was eventually released as the lead single from their fifth album, Made in the A.M.

"Drag Me Down" is a pop rock song with a catchy melody and upbeat tempo. The song's lyrics are about a boy who is trying to get over a breakup. The song was a huge hit with fans, and it helped



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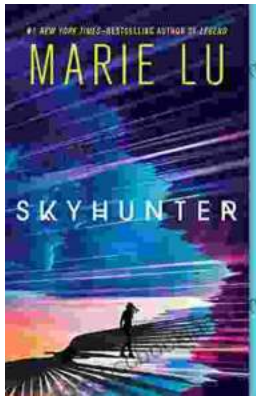
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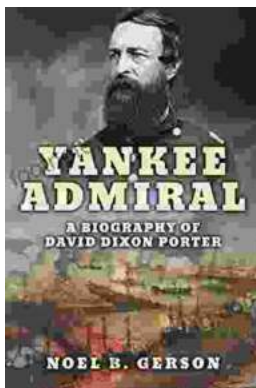
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