

Chaplin: A Life



Born in London, in 1889, Charlie Chaplin grew up in dire poverty. Both his parents were in show business, but severe alcoholism cut short his fathers flourishing career, and his beloved mother first lost her voice, then lost her mind to syphilis. Charlie, at age seven, was committed to the Hanwell School for Orphans and Destitute Children. How then did this poor, lonely child become such an extraordinary comedian, known and celebrated worldwide? Chaplin cut his teeth in British music halls, but it was America that made him. At age 25, he was touring here with a vaudeville troupe when his talents caught the eye of entertainment entrepreneur Mack Sennett, who spirited him off to California and signed him to a film contract. Chaplin became Sennetts star comedian, and by 28 the actor had become a millionaire and the worlds greatest celebrity. Weissman traces Chaplins life and the sources of his genius in fascinating detail, demonstrating how his tragic childhood shaped his personality and his art. Infamous for his politics and his scandalous sex life, Chaplin was a much more complex and contradictory character than has hitherto been known. Weissman brilliantly illuminates both the screen legend and the turbulent era through which he lived and worked.

Chaplin has 11 ratings and 2 reviews. James said: After reading Chaplins Autobiography, I was looking for a biography to fill in the blanks and correct The craze that swept America in 1915 caught Chaplin by surprise. discussion of his unprecedented worldwide celebrity see Chaplin A Life, Chapter XIII).Stephen M. Weissman, the Washington, D.C. psychoanalyst-author of Chaplin A Life has also published psychological studies of Samuel Taylor Coleridge andChaplins film acting career was profoundly influenced by these two Cockney-born actors who sometimes played on the same bill as his troupe of touring clogCharles Spencer Chaplin was born in London, England, on April 16th 1889. Charlie was thrown on his own resources before he reached the age of ten Chaplin A Life on The Midnight Palace One of the most iconic images of the Golden Age of Hollywood is a man dressed in a suit, bowler hatChaplin A Life contains photo-essays and film clips that expand on and illustrate the critically-acclaimed psycho-biography of Charlie Chaplinthe Academy Chaplin is arguably the single most important artist produced by the cinema,? wrote film critic Andrew Sarris. Born in London in 1889, CharlieAmazon?????Chaplin: A Life?????????Amazon?????????????Stephen., M.D. Weissman?????????????????????Charlie Chaplin has 85 ratings and 10 reviews. Paul said: This is a short biography of Charlie Chaplin, which I thought was most interesting because he

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