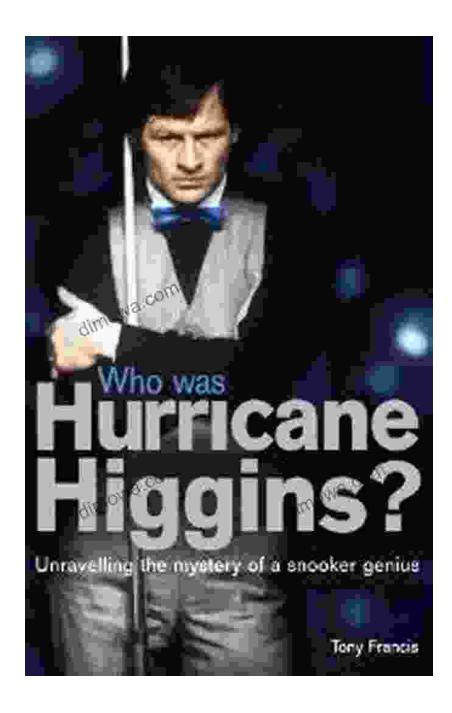
Searching for Hurricane Higgins: An Inside Look at the Life and Legend of Tony Francis



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Tony Francis, known as Hurricane Higgins, was one of the most iconic and enigmatic snooker players of all time. With his trademark headband and flamboyant style of play, Higgins became a household name in the 1980s and 1990s, winning two world championships and numerous other major titles.

But behind the public persona, Higgins was a complex and troubled individual. He struggled with alcoholism and depression, and his personal life was often in turmoil. In recent years, Higgins has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and he now lives in a care home.

Searching for Hurricane Higgins is an in-depth biography of Higgins that explores his early life, his rise to the top of the snooker world, and his personal struggles. Written by award-winning journalist Tony Francis, the book is a fascinating and revealing look at one of the most colorful characters in the history of the sport.

Francis has conducted extensive interviews with Higgins, his family, and friends, and he has meticulously researched Higgins's life and career. The book is full of fascinating details and insights, and it provides a unique perspective on one of the most enigmatic figures in snooker.

Searching for Hurricane Higgins is a must-read for fans of snooker and for anyone interested in the life and career of one of the sport's most iconic players.

Early Life

Tony Francis was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 1959. He grew up in a working-class family, and he began playing snooker at a young age. Higgins quickly showed a natural talent for the game, and he soon became one of the top junior players in Ireland.

In 1977, Higgins turned professional at the age of 18. He quickly made a name for himself on the professional circuit, and he won his first major title, the Irish Masters, in 1982.

Rise to the Top

In the early 1980s, Higgins began to establish himself as one of the top players in the world. He won the World Championship in 1983 and 1989, and he also won numerous other major titles, including the UK Championship, the Masters, and the Rothmans Grand Prix.

Higgins was known for his aggressive and attacking style of play. He was a fearless potter, and he was always willing to take risks. Higgins was also a master of the long pot, and he was one of the most exciting players to watch in the sport.

Personal Struggles

Behind the public persona, Higgins was a complex and troubled individual. He struggled with alcoholism and depression, and his personal life was

often in turmoil. In 1990, Higgins was banned from playing snooker for two years after he failed a drug test.

Higgins's personal struggles continued after his ban was lifted. He was involved in several car accidents, and he was also arrested for assault. In recent years, Higgins has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and he now lives in a care home.

Legacy

Tony Francis is one of the most iconic and enigmatic snooker players of all time. He was a brilliant potter and a fearless competitor, and he won two world championships and numerous other major titles. However, Higgins also struggled with personal demons, and his life was often in turmoil.

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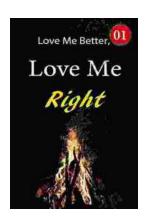
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