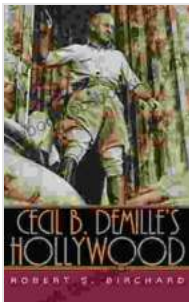


# Cecil B. DeMille: Hollywood's Master Showman

Cecil B. DeMille was one of the most influential filmmakers in Hollywood history. His films were known for their lavish sets, epic scope, and moralistic themes. He directed some of the most famous films of all time, including *The Ten Commandments*, *Ben-Hur*, and *Cleopatra*.



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DeMille was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts, in 1881. He began his career in the theater, but he quickly moved to Hollywood, where he became one of the most successful directors in the silent film era. He directed his first film, *The Squaw Man*, in 1914. The film was a huge success, and it helped to establish DeMille as a major force in the film industry.

In the 1920s, DeMille directed a number of successful films, including *Male and Female* (1919), *The Ten Commandments* (1923), and *The King of Kings*

(1927). These films were all critical and commercial successes, and they helped to make DeMille one of the most famous directors in the world.

In the 1930s, DeMille directed a number of films that were less successful than his earlier work. However, he made a comeback in the 1940s with the film *Samson and Delilah* (1949). The film was a huge success, and it helped to revive DeMille's career.

In the 1950s, DeMille directed his most famous film, *The Ten Commandments* (1956). The film was a massive success, and it is still considered one of the greatest films of all time. DeMille died in 1959, but his legacy continues to live on. He is considered one of the most influential filmmakers in Hollywood history, and his films continue to be enjoyed by audiences around the world.

## **Legacy**

Cecil B. DeMille was a true pioneer in the film industry. He helped to establish the Hollywood studio system, and he directed some of the most iconic films of all time. His films are still enjoyed by audiences around the world, and his legacy continues to inspire filmmakers today.

Here are some of DeMille's most famous quotes:

- "The public is always right."
- "A film is a dream that you can share with the world."
- "The greatest thing about directing is the power to make people believe."

## **Awards and honors**

Cecil B. DeMille won numerous awards and honors throughout his career, including:

- Academy Award for Best Picture for *The Greatest Show on Earth* (1952)
- Academy Award for Best Director for *The Greatest Show on Earth* (1952)
- Golden Globe Award for Best Director for *The Ten Commandments* (1956)
- Emmy Award for Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series for *The Ten Commandments* (1979)

## Personal life

Cecil B. DeMille was married twice. He had two children with his first wife, Constance Adams, and three children with his second wife, Katherine Lester. DeMille was a devout Christian, and he was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

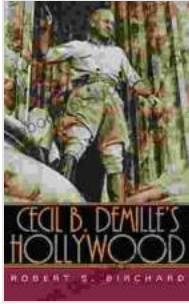
DeMille died in Los Angeles, California, on January 21, 1959. He was 77 years old. He is buried in the Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

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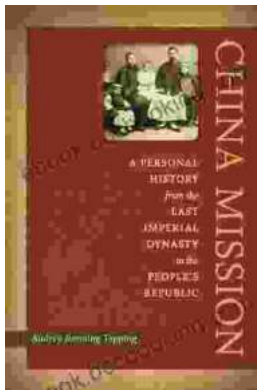
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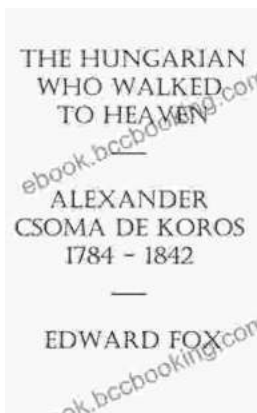


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