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Dean Martin was one of the most popular and successful entertainers of the 20th century. He was a singer, actor, comedian, and television star. Martin was known for his smooth vocals, his debonair style, and his signature drink—the martini.

Martin was born in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1917. He began his career as a singer in the 1940s, but it was not until he joined the Rat Pack in the 1950s that he became a star. The Rat Pack was a group of entertainers that included Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Peter Lawford, and Joey Bishop. Martin and the Rat Pack starred in a number of popular films and television shows, including *Ocean's Eleven* and *The Dean Martin Show*.

Martin's career continued to flourish in the 1960s and 1970s. He starred in a number of successful films, including *Rio Bravo*, *Toys for Tots*, and *The Sons of Katie Elder*. Martin also hosted a popular television variety show, *The Dean Martin Show*, which ran for nine seasons.

Martin's career began to decline in the 1980s. He made fewer films and television appearances, and his drinking problems became more pronounced. Martin died in 1995 at the age of 78.

*Martini Man* is the definitive biography of Dean Martin. The book is based on extensive research, including interviews with Martin's family, friends, and colleagues. Author Pete Hamill paints a vivid portrait of Martin's life, from his humble beginnings to his rise to stardom to his tragic decline.

*Martini Man* is a must-read for fans of Dean Martin and for anyone interested in the history of American popular culture.

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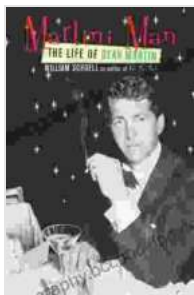
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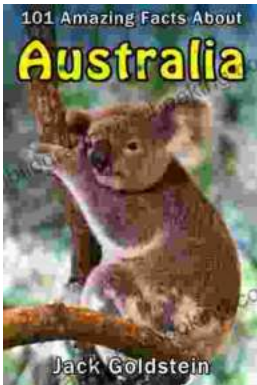
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