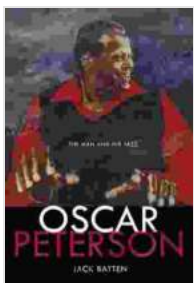


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Born in 1925, Oscar Peterson displayed an exceptional talent for the piano from an early age. As a child prodigy, he performed regularly on the radio and in local competitions. By his teenage years, Peterson had developed a distinctive style that combined lightning-fast runs, intricate improvisations, and a profound understanding of jazz harmony.

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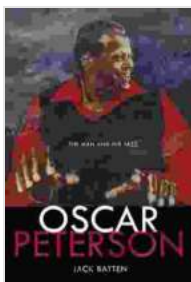
Oscar Peterson's legacy extends far beyond his own lifetime. He is revered as one of the greatest jazz pianists of all time, and his influence can be heard in generations of musicians who followed in his footsteps. His music continues to resonate with audiences worldwide, reminding us of the enduring power and beauty of jazz.



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