

Cecil B. DeMille: The Man Behind the Spectacles



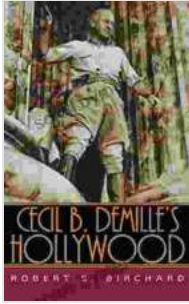
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Cecil B. DeMille was one of the most prolific and influential filmmakers in Hollywood history. His films, which included such classics as *The Ten Commandments*, *Samson and Delilah*, and *The Greatest Show on Earth*, were known for their epic scale, lavish production values, and moralistic themes. DeMille was also a pioneer in the use of new technologies, such as sound recording and widescreen cinematography.

DeMille was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts, on August 12, 1881. His father was a playwright and his mother was an actress. DeMille began his career in the theater, but he quickly moved to Hollywood, where he directed his first film, *The Squaw Man*, in 1914. The film was a huge success, and DeMille went on to direct over 70 films during his career.

DeMille's films were often controversial, but they were also hugely popular. His 1923 film *The Ten Commandments* was one of the most successful films of all time, and it is still considered one of the greatest films ever made. DeMille's other films, such as *Samson and Delilah* (1949) and *The Greatest Show on Earth* (1952), were also huge box office successes.

In addition to his work as a filmmaker, DeMille was also a pioneer in the use of new technologies. He was one of the first directors to use sound

recording in his films, and he also pioneered the use of widescreen cinematography. DeMille's innovations helped to revolutionize the way that films were made, and he is considered one of the most important figures in the history of cinema.

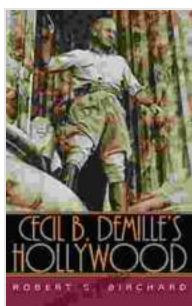
DeMille died in Los Angeles, California, on January 21, 1959. He was 77 years old. He is buried in the Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

Legacy

Cecil B. DeMille's legacy is immense. He is considered one of the most important figures in the history of cinema, and his films have had a profound impact on American culture. DeMille's films are still widely watched and enjoyed today, and they continue to inspire filmmakers around the world.

Further Reading

* [The Cecil B. DeMille Foundation](#) * [Cecil B. DeMille on IMDb](#) * [Cecil B. DeMille on Britannica.com](#)



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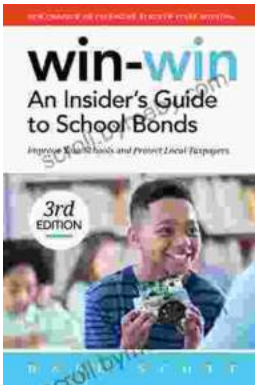
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