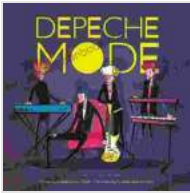


# Depeche Mode: The Unauthorized Biography - Band Bios

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Depeche Mode is an English electronic music band formed in Basildon, Essex, in 1980. The band consists of Dave Gahan (lead vocals), Martin Gore (guitar, keyboards, vocals), and Andy Fletcher (keyboards, backing vocals). Depeche Mode are considered one of the most influential and successful bands in the world, with over 100 million records sold worldwide.



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The band's early sound was characterized by the use of synthesizers and drum machines, and their lyrics often explored themes of love, loss, and social alienation. Depeche Mode's music has evolved over the years, but they have always retained their signature sound. The band has released 14 studio albums, 11 live albums, and 7 compilation albums. They have also had 50 singles reach the UK Top 40, including 17 Top 10 hits.

Depeche Mode have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and have received numerous other awards. They are one of the most successful and enduring bands in the world, and their music continues to inspire and influence fans around the globe.

## ## Dave Gahan

Dave Gahan was born in Epping, Essex, England, on May 9, 1962. He was the youngest of five children. His father was a bus driver and his mother was a nurse. Gahan had a difficult childhood. His parents divorced when he was six years old, and he was raised by his mother. Gahan was bullied at school and struggled with depression. He left school at the age of 16 and worked a variety of jobs, including as a cleaner, a waiter, and a construction worker.

In 1980, Gahan met Martin Gore and Andy Fletcher at a nightclub in Basildon. The three of them formed a band called Depeche Mode. Gahan became the band's lead singer, and he quickly became known for his charismatic stage presence and powerful vocals. Depeche Mode released their debut album, *Speak & Spell*, in 1981. The album was a commercial success, and it helped to launch the band's career.

Gahan has struggled with drug and alcohol addiction throughout his career. He has been arrested several times for drug possession, and he has spent time in rehab. In 1996, Gahan overdosed on heroin and was clinically dead for two minutes. He was revived by paramedics, but the incident left him with permanent damage to his heart. Gahan has since recovered from his addiction, and he has been open about his struggles in order to help others.

Gahan is married to Jennifer Sklias. They have two children together.

## ## Martin Gore

Martin Gore was born in Basildon, Essex, England, on July 23, 1961. He was the youngest of four children. His father was a chemical engineer and his mother was a nurse. Gore had a happy childhood. He was a good student and enjoyed playing music. He started playing guitar at the age of 13, and he soon began writing his own songs.

In 1980, Gore met Dave Gahan and Andy Fletcher at a nightclub in Basildon. The three of them formed a band called Depeche Mode. Gore became the band's primary songwriter, and he has written most of the band's biggest hits. Gore is known for his dark and introspective lyrics, which often explore themes of love, loss, and social alienation.

Gore is a private person, and he rarely gives interviews. He is married to Suzanne Boisvert. They have three children together.

## ## Andy Fletcher

Andy Fletcher was born in Basildon, Essex, England, on July 8, 1961. He was the eldest of four children. His father was a truck driver and his mother was a housewife. Fletcher had a happy childhood. He was a good student and enjoyed playing sports. He started playing keyboards at the age of 12, and he soon began writing his own songs.

In 1980, Fletcher met Dave Gahan and Martin Gore at a nightclub in Basildon. The three of them formed a band called Depeche Mode. Fletcher became the band's keyboardist and backing vocalist. Fletcher is the band's

most outgoing member, and he is often the one who speaks to the press. He is also the band's manager.

Fletcher is married to Grainne Mullan. They have two children together.

## ## Depeche Mode's Music

Depeche Mode's music is characterized by the use of synthesizers and drum machines. The band's early sound was influenced by punk rock and new wave, but they soon developed their own unique sound. Depeche Mode's music is often dark and introspective, but it is also catchy and danceable.

Depeche Mode's lyrics often explore themes of love, loss, and social alienation. Gore is a master of writing dark and atmospheric songs that resonate with listeners. The band's music has been praised for its originality and its ability to connect with people on a deep level.

## ## Depeche Mode's Legacy

Depeche Mode are one of the most successful and influential bands in the world. They have sold over 100 million records worldwide, and they have had 50 singles reach the UK Top 40. Depeche Mode have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and they have received numerous other awards.

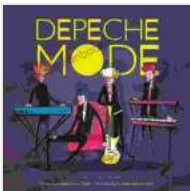
Depeche Mode's music continues to inspire and influence fans around the globe. The band's legacy is secure, and they will continue to be remembered as one of the greatest bands of all time.

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Depeche Mode are a truly unique band. They have created a body of work that is both timeless and relevant. Their music has touched the lives of millions of people around the world, and it will continue to do so for generations to come.

## Additional Information

- Depeche Mode's official website: <https://www.depechemode.com/>
- Depeche Mode's Facebook page:  
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- Depeche Mode's Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/depechemode/>
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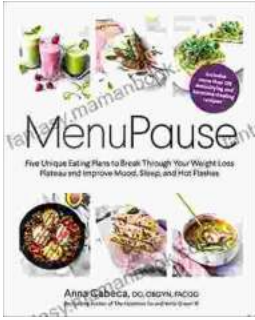
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