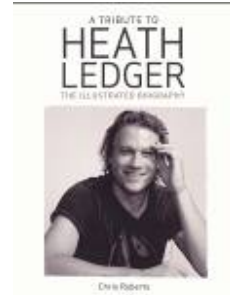




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A Tribute to Heath Ledger: The Illustrated Biography

When the news of Heath Ledger's tragic death first broke it sent shock waves through the world of show business. Nominated for an Oscar for his role in the blockbuster movie 'Brokeback Mountain', Ledger seemed set for superstardom. No one could believe that such a bright light had been so suddenly extinguished.

Biographer, Chris Roberts pays homage to Ledger's remarkable life with **A Tribute to Heath Ledger: The Illustrated Biography** published by The Five Mile Press on xxx May, 2008.

Named Heath after the hero of *Wuthering Heights*, Heathcliffe, Ledger's dedication to his craft and single minded determination to be the best, took him from his home in Perth to a life of international celebrity.

Featuring scores of photographs from his earliest years right up to his untimely death at the age of just 28, Ledger's illustrated biography highlights his versatility and talents and commemorates his achievements.

It traces his career on stage in Perth, aged 10, playing the lead role in *Peter Pan*. The short-lived journey includes his many appearances on the red carpet at BAFTA, Golden Globe and Academy Award ceremonies.

A Tribute to Heath Ledger, covers all Ledger's on-screen appearances; from the Australian series *Ship to Shore*, to his first American flick *Ten Things I Hate About You*; to *The Patriot*, *The Four Feathers*, and *Ned Kelly* through to the not-yet-released *Batman: The Dark Knight*.

This easy to read biography is succinct and colourful, a celebration of Ledger's family life, his youthful prowess in everything from art and dancing to sport, his ambition, his romances, his travels across Australia and then via Hollywood, across the world. It reflects in his TV roles, films and his insistence on expanding his repertoire as an actor beyond 'pin-up', from the controversial *Brokeback Mountain* to his jaw-dropping portrayal of The Joker.

When cast as The Joker in *Batman: The Dark Knight*, director Christopher Nolan was asked, 'Why Heath Ledger?' Nolan's reply was succinct: 'Because he is fearless.'

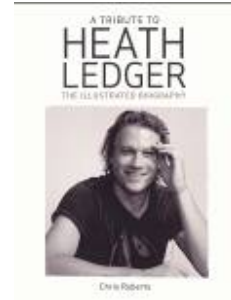
The author, Chris Roberts, has written about film and music for international publications including *Elvis*, *Uncut* and *The Guardian*. As a broadcaster he appears on *BBC*, *Sky News* and others. His previous biography books include *Scarlett Johansson*, *Lou Reed*, *Abba* and *Idle Worship*.

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