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In this relaxing history documentary, we transform the explorations and voyages of Captain James Cook into a calming storytelling experience designed to lull you to sleep. This soothing bedtime story history of Captain Cook's life and journeys offers gentle narration and a peaceful ambiance, providing a sleep aid that is both informative and comforting. As you listen, you'll sail across calm Pacific waters under starry skies, follow in the footsteps of an 18th-century explorer, and discover new lands through soft, meditative storytelling. Each detail of Captain Cook's expeditions is presented in a slow, serene manner from the gentle lapping of the waves against the Endeavour's hull to the quiet wonder of encountering distant islands ensuring an atmosphere of tranquility and restfulness.

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The GREATEST Explorer: Captain James Cook | Relaxing Bedtime History Documentary for Deep Sleep

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• First Voyage (1768-1771): Begin with Cook's first voyage aboard the HMS Endeavour, where the soft sounds of waves against the ship's hull and the distant calls of seabirds set the scene. Learn about Cook's mission to observe the Transit of Venus in Tahiti, which aimed to improve navigation and mapping techniques. Discover his subsequent exploration of New Zealand and the east coast of Australia, where he charted coastlines and encountered indigenous peoples. The whispers of discovery and the rustle of navigation charts bring this pioneering journey to life.

• Second Voyage (1772-1775): Transition to Cook's second voyage aboard the HMS Resolution, where the ambient sounds of creaking timbers and the quiet hum of the ship's crew enhance the narrative. Explore Cook's quest to find the elusive Southern Continent, which led him to cross the Antarctic Circle and dispel the myth of Terra Australis. Learn about his encounters with the islands of the South Pacific, including Tonga and Easter Island, and his detailed mapping of the region. The sounds of icy waters and distant islands underscore the adventurous spirit of this voyage.

• Third Voyage (1776-1779): Journey through Cook's third and final voyage, where the ambient sounds of tropical breezes and the gentle lapping of waves against canoes create an immersive atmosphere. Follow Cook's exploration of the North Pacific, where he sought the Northwest Passage and made contact with the indigenous peoples of Hawaii. Discover the tragic events that led to his death in Hawaii in 1779, and the impact of his voyages on the understanding of the Pacific region. The whispers of exploration and the solemn echoes of farewell bring this significant expedition to life.

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The Greatest Expedition in History (Exploration)

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BBC documentary. In the late 18th century, Captain James Cook led three great voyages of discovery which pushed the borders of the British Empire to the ends of the earth. In just over a decade, his ability as a navigator and chartmaker would add one-third to the map of the known world. For many he was the greatest explorer in history, but for others he was a ruthless conqueror.

While the exploits of Captain Cook are well documented, much less is known about James Cook the man. Presenter Vanessa Collingridge sets out on her own voyage of discovery - travelling in his footsteps to uncover the forces that drove him to success, and ultimately to his own death.

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[Who was Captain James Cook – explorer, genius, or villain?](#)

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[250 years after his first Pacific voyage, Captain James Cook remains one of history's most complex and debated figures.](#)

[He circumnavigated the globe three times](#)

[Mapped the Pacific with unmatched accuracy](#)

[Defied scurvy, pioneering health practices decades ahead of science](#)

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[Through authentic storytelling and original research, this episode separates the man from the myth â?? exploring Cook's moral dilemmas, Quaker-influenced values, and lasting scientific legacy.](#)

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[1. Linnaeus was incorrectly addressed as Swiss rather than Swedish. Sincere apologies to my Swedish viewers!](#)

[2. The opening sequences show Lenin's bust rather than Stalin- for which I had no acceptable statue image- apologies for any confusion.](#)

[3. The pronunciation of Staithes has the "e" remain silent. Apologies to my English friends](#)

[4. Elizabeth Batts Cook lived to be 93 and not 85 years old as was incorrectly stated in the film.](#)

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Take Me To Pitcairn was directed, filmed and presented by Julian McDonnell. Anyone interested in the Mutiny on the Bounty MUST see this.

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GUEST BIO:

Norman Ohler is a historian and author of "Blitzed: Drugs in the Third Reich," a book that investigates the role of psychoactive drugs, particularly stimulants such as methamphetamine, in the military history of World War II. It is a book that two legendary historians Ian Kershaw and Antony Beevor give very high praise to for its depth of research. Norman also wrote "Tripped: Nazi Germany, the CIA, and the Dawn of the Psychedelic Age", and he is working on a new book "Stoned Sapiens" looking at the history of human civilization through the lens of drugs.

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Brendan Behan, a sixteen year-old republican, is going on a bombing mission from Ireland to Liverpool during the second world war. His mission is thwarted when he is apprehended, charged and imprisoned in Borstal, a reform institution for young offenders in East Anglia, England. At Borstal, Brendan is forced to live face-to-face with those he perceived as "the enemy," a confrontation that reveals a deep inner conflict in the young Brendan and forces a self-examination that is both traumatic and revealing. Events take an unexpected turn and Brendan is thrown into a complete spin. In the emotional vortex, he finally faces up to the truth.

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Joe Strummer and the Mescaleros live on Jools Holland

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Did Brendan Behan burn too bright for Ireland to hold? Rebel, playwright, and provocateur, Behan's life was a blaze of wit, defiance, and self-destruction.

This episode explores the mythic rise and fall of Brendan Behan, whose works like *The Quare Fellow*, *The Hostage*, and *Borstal Boy* shook Irish theatre and challenged the boundaries of censorship, class, and convention. Through poetic narration and restored archival imagery, Emerald Chronicle uncovers how Behan's IRA past, Dublin humour, and fearless satire made him a cultural lightning rod and how addiction and illness turned brilliance into tragedy.

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Did Brendan Behan Burn Too Bright for Ireland? | Legends

The Rat With A Hat 8 June 2025 19:34

Late December 1976, The Clash are preparing to play the first show of 1977 at the infamous Roxy club in a dilapidated Convent Garden, London. This film takes us right back on a time-travelling journey to be with the band as they prepare for the gig and then the show itself.

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New Year with The Clash

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Live performances, backstage access, and rare interviews bring punk legends The Clash into sharp focus in this revealing music documentary. Featuring iconic songs like "London Calling" and "Rock the Casbah," this documentary movie delivers firsthand accounts from tour insiders and longtime collaborators. Directed by Robin Bextor, it traces the band's explosive rise, musical impact, and cultural legacy through candid commentary and electrifying concert footage.

2006 British Music Documentary Movie
The Clash Documentary

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Backstage with The Clash | Music Documentary | The Clash: A Riot on the Road

The Rat With A Hat 23 April 2025 21:00

Full Length documentary covering childhoods of Joe Strummer, Mick Jones, Topper Headon and Paul Simonon, through forming a band, making world-changing records, many tours, a bit of prison time, ODs, gun charges, drama, weed greed, all the way to the bands CRAP breakup. The legends, the shows, the albums . The Clash, Give Em Enough Rope, London Calling, Sandinista!, Combat Rock, Cut The Crap! The stories behind recording of the bands BEST WORK and their WORST... and their tragic downfall. And when the band IMPLODES, and one man more than any other stands the blame for the death of THE CLASH!

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[Directed and edited by Marcus Howard. Part 1. Members of Michael Collins family and historians and book authors Joseph EA Connell Jr, Tim Pat Coogan, Marcus Howard and members of the Collins 22 Society recount the early stage of his life from childhood, those who influenced him, London, the 1916 Rising and his thoughts on it, his time in Frongoch, and how he started to become the famous icon of Irish history. The film attempts to humanise Collins and gives a great insight into what kind of man he actually was. This is the first part of a series which will also look at the War of Independence and Civil War in future parts. In tribute to John Quaid.](#)

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