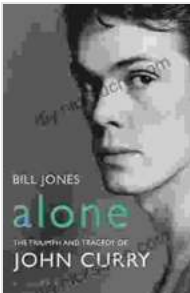


# Alone: The Triumph and Tragedy of John Curry

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Curry was born in Birmingham, England, in 1949. He began skating at the age of 10, and quickly showed a talent for the sport. He won the British national championship in 1971, and went on to represent Great Britain at the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan. Curry finished sixth in Sapporo, but his performance caught the attention of the world's top figure skating coaches.

In 1973, Curry began working with coach Carlo Fassi in Switzerland. Fassi helped Curry to develop his technical skills and to create a unique skating style that was both elegant and athletic. Curry won the European championship in 1975, and the world championship in 1976. He was the heavy favorite to win the gold medal at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria.

Curry's performance at the 1976 Olympics was one of the most dominant in the history of the sport. He won the gold medal by a wide margin, and his free skating routine was awarded a perfect score of 6.0 by all nine judges. Curry's victory was a groundbreaking moment for LGBTQ athletes, and he became a role model for young people around the world.

However, Curry's personal life was marked by tragedy. He struggled with depression and anxiety, and he was often lonely and isolated. In 1984, he was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Curry died by suicide in 1994, at the age of 44.

Curry's death was a tragic loss for the world of figure skating. He was a brilliant skater and a pioneer for LGBTQ athletes. His legacy continues to inspire young people around the world.

## **The Triumphs**

John Curry's career was marked by a number of triumphs. He won the Olympic gold medal in 1976, the world championship in 1976, and the European championship in 1975. He was also the British national champion in 1971.

Curry's skating was characterized by its elegance, athleticism, and artistry. He was a master of the triple axel, and his free skating routines were often breathtakingly beautiful.

Curry's victory at the 1976 Olympics was a groundbreaking moment for LGBTQ athletes. He was the first openly gay figure skater to win an Olympic medal, and his victory helped to break down barriers for other LGBTQ athletes.

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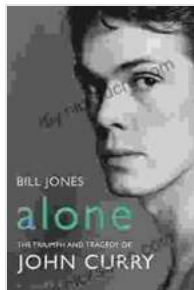
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## **The Legacy**

John Curry's legacy is one of triumph and tragedy. He was a brilliant skater who won the Olympic gold medal and helped to break down barriers for LGBTQ athletes. However, he also struggled with personal demons and died by suicide at the age of 44.

Curry's story is a reminder that even the most successful people can struggle with mental health issues. It is also a reminder that suicide is a real and serious problem that affects people from all walks of life.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues, please reach out for help. There are many resources available, and you are not alone.



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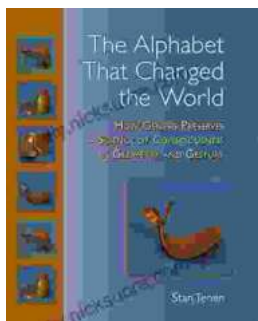
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