

Stevie Nicks Biography

Stevie Nicks is singer-songwriter rated among the 100 Greatest Singers of All Time by Rolling Stone Magazine. This biography of Stevie Nicks provides detailed information about her childhood, life, achievements, works & timeline.

Quick Facts	
Also Known As	Stephanie Lynn Nicks
Nationality	American
Born on	26 May 1948 AD
Height	1.56 m
Zodiac Sign	Gemini
Born in	Phoenix
Father	Jess Nicks
Mother	Barbara Nicks
Siblings	Chris Nicks
Spouse	Kim Anderson (m. 1983–1984)
Net worth	\$75 Million as of Mar 24, 2017
Awards	1978 - Grammy Award for Album of the Year 2003 - Grammy Hall of Fame Award



Stephanie “Stevie” Nicks is a singer-songwriter known for her career with Fleetwood Mac which gave the band their only U.S. No.1 hit, ‘Dreams’. She changed the fortune of the band for the better after joining in 1974. She created history with her second album with the band, ‘Rumours’ which won the

Grammy Award for Album of the Year and went Diamond in the U.S. After a very successful stint with the band, she decided to go solo. Her debut album, 'Bella Donna' charted at No.1 on the U.S. Billboard and went Multi-Platinum within months of its release. Her second album, 'The Wild Heart' also went Multi-Platinum establishing Nicks as a solo artist. She had many friends in the music industry, and she invited them to play music for her albums. Her next album, 'Rock a Little' was also a huge hit and went Platinum like its predecessors. However, the stress of working so hard had a toll on her mental and physical well-being, and she developed a drug addiction problem. The talented singer struggled hard to overcome her substance abuse and was eventually successful in leaving this troubled part of her life behind. A highly prolific performer, she is credited to have produced more than forty Top 50 hits with a sales figure exceeding 140 million albums.

Childhood & Early Life:

- Stevie Nicks was born to Jess Nicks, a corporate executive, and Barbara. She lived in an extended family and her music-loving grandfather taught her to sing and play the guitar.
- Her family moved a lot due to the nature of her father's job, and she spent her childhood years in Phoenix, El Paso, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles.
- She was gifted a guitar for her sixteenth birthday, and spent her teenage writing and playing music.
- She went to Arcadia High School and later attended Menlo Atherton High School where she met her future professional partner Lindsey Buckingham.
- She attended San Jose State University where she majored in Speech Communication. She dropped out in 1968 to pursue a music career.

Career:

- Her friend Lindsey Buckingham formed a band called Fritz with Javier Pacheco and Calvin Roper, and invited her to join. She became part of the band in 1968 and they performed live, opening for famous musicians like Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin. Fritz disbanded in 1972.
- Nicks and Buckingham joined Mick Fleetwood's band Fleetwood Mac in 1974. Their first album with the band was 'Fleetwood Mac' in 1975. Nicks sang the hit single, 'Rhiannon'.
- The band released 'Rumours' in 1977. The band members were going through a difficult time and were hoping for a success. The album which featured his single, 'Dreams', became a bestseller and won a Grammy Award.
- She performed in 'Tusk' (1979) and 'Live' (1980) with the band before embarking on a solo career; she continued performing for the band in future.
- Her debut solo album, 'Bella Donna' was released in 1981 which peaked on No.1 on the U.S. Billboard chart. The album went Multi-Platinum and established her as a solo star.
- 'The Wild Heart', her next studio album was out in 1983, followed by 'Rock a Little' in 1985.

Both the albums were accredited Platinum status.

- She took a break from her solo career for a period of four years and returned with 'The Other Side of the Mirror' in 1989. It featured the hit single, 'Rooms on Fire'.
- During this period, her cocaine addiction problem worsened and she developed dependency on the sedative Klonopin. She toured U.K, U.S, and Europe extensively after the release of the album, but claimed to have no recollection of the tours due to her drug problems.
- After a very difficult period in her personal as well as professional life, she brought out the album, 'Street Angel' in 1994. The album did not do well, forcing her to take time off to get over her drug dependency.
- The entire band Fleetwood Mac reunited in 1997 for a tour 'The Dance' that coincided with the 20th anniversary of the release of the band's highly successful 'Rumours'. The tour was a huge hit and gave Nicks the much needed confidence to move ahead.
- In 2001, she released 'Trouble in Shangri-La' after going without a solo album for seven years. The album did well and achieved Gold status in the U.S.
- Her latest album, 'In Your Dreams' was released in 2011 and coincided with the 30th anniversary of the release of her debut solo album, 'Bella Donna'.

Major Works:

- Her debut album, 'Bella Donna' (1981) peaked at No.1 on the U.S. Billboard charts and went multi-Platinum. It featured hit singles like, 'Edge of Seventeen' and 'Leather and Lace'.
- The album, 'The Wild Heart' (1983) featured several prominent musicians in guest appearances and gave hits like 'Stand Back' and 'Beauty and the Beast'. It was certified double-Platinum in the U.S.
- Her 1985 album, 'Rock a Little' went Platinum in the U.S just one month after its release, and was accredited Gold in the U.K. It spawned the hit singles 'Talk to Me' and 'I Can't Wait'.

Awards & Achievements:

- She received eight Grammy Award nominations throughout her solo singing career though she did not win any.

Personal Life & Legacy:


- She was in a relationship with Lindsey Buckingham for several years before breaking up.
- She married the widower of her best friend in order take care of the small baby her friend left behind. The marriage did not last long though she maintained good relations with her stepson.
- She started 'Stevie Nicks' Band of Soldiers', a charity that works for the betterment of wounded

military personnel.

Trivia:

- She was named by the Rolling Stone magazine as "The Reigning Queen of Rock and Roll".
- It was rumoured that she is a witch.
- She is known for making platform boots fashionable among the general public.

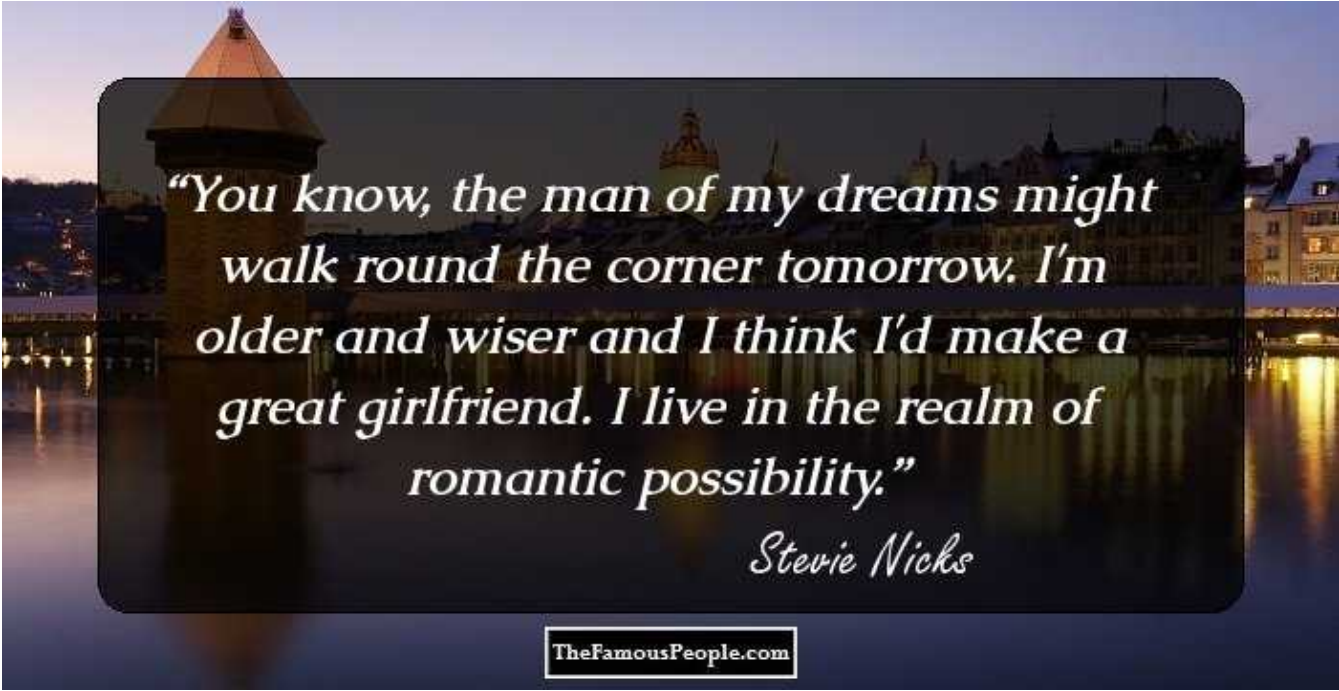
Quotes By Stevie Nicks



"Little girls think it's necessary to put all their business on MySpace and Facebook, and I think it's a shame...I'm all about mystery."

Stevie Nicks


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"You know, the man of my dreams might walk round the corner tomorrow. I'm older and wiser and I think I'd make a great girlfriend. I live in the realm of romantic possibility."

Stevie Nicks

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"I think they all went too far. Their jeans got too low, their tops got too see-through. Personally, I think that sexy is keeping yourself mysterious. I'm really an old-fashioned girl, and I think I'm totally sexy."

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