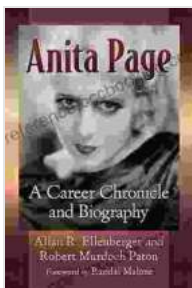


# Margaret Brien: Career Chronicle and Biography

## The Rise of a Child Star



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Margaret Brien burst onto the Hollywood scene at the tender age of five, captivating audiences with her precocious talent and adorable demeanor. Born on September 15, 1929, in Los Angeles, California, Brien began her acting career in 1936, appearing in a series of short films. Her breakout role came in 1943 with her performance as the young Bernadette Soubirous in the Academy Award-winning film 'The Song of Bernadette.'

Brien's portrayal of Bernadette earned her an Academy Juvenile Award and made her an overnight sensation. She went on to star in a string of successful films throughout the 1940s, including 'Meet Me in St. Louis' (1944), 'National Velvet' (1944), and 'Little Women' (1949). Brien's films were not only popular with audiences but also critically acclaimed, garnering her praise for her natural acting ability and infectious charm.

## **Transition to Adulthood**



Margaret Brien as an adult actress in the film 'Meet Me in St. Louis.'

As Brien grew older, she faced the challenges of transitioning from a child star to an adult actress. The transition was not always smooth, and Brien struggled to find roles that showcased her talents beyond her youthful image. She eventually left Hollywood in the early 1950s to focus on her education and personal life.

Brien returned to acting in the 1970s, appearing in a number of television shows and made-for-TV movies. She also made occasional appearances on the stage, including a performance in the Broadway musical 'Annie' in 1982.

## A Legacy of Excellence



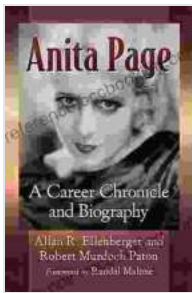
Margaret Brien's career spanned over six decades, and her contributions to the film and television industry are undeniable. She is best known for her work as a child star, but she also enjoyed a successful career as an adult actress. Brien's legacy is one of excellence, talent, and perseverance.

She was a true pioneer in the entertainment industry, paving the way for other child stars to achieve success. Her work continues to inspire and entertain audiences of all ages.

*Margaret Brien: Career Chronicle and Biography* is the definitive account of the life and career of one of Hollywood's most beloved child stars. This comprehensive biography provides a fascinating look at Brien's journey

from her early days as a child star to her later years as an accomplished actress.

The book is filled with rare photographs, insightful interviews, and behind-the-scenes stories that shed new light on Brien's remarkable life and career. Margaret Brien: Career Chronicle and Biography is a must-read for fans of classic Hollywood cinema and anyone interested in the art of acting.



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