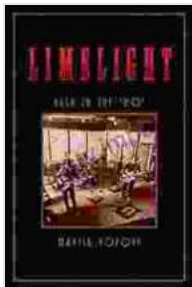


# Rush in the 80s: A Journey Through Time and Music

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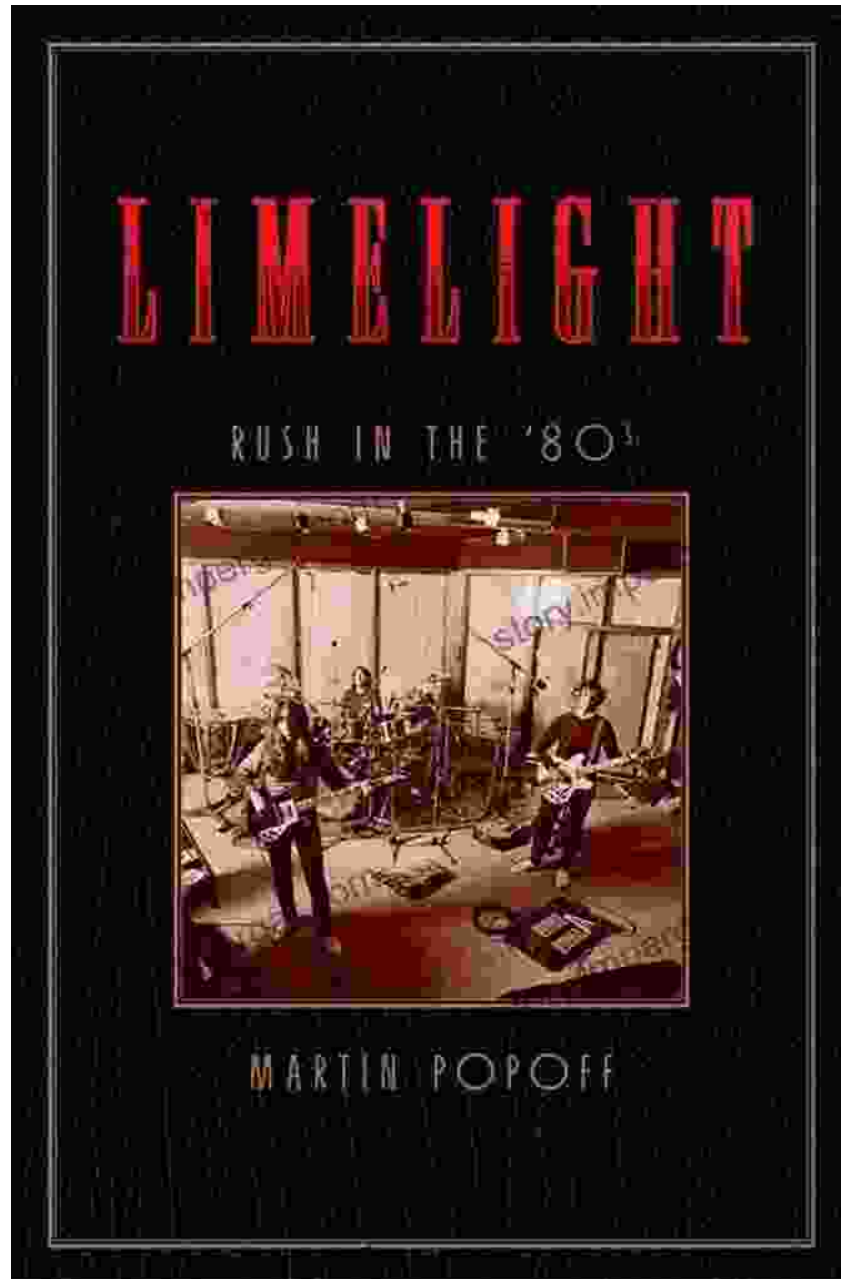
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Throughout the 1980s, drummer and lyricist Neil Peart played an instrumental role in shaping Rush's sound and vision. His intricate drum solos and thought-provoking lyrics became an essential part of the band's identity. Peart's untimely death in 2020 sent shockwaves through the music world, leaving an irreplaceable void in the Rush legacy.

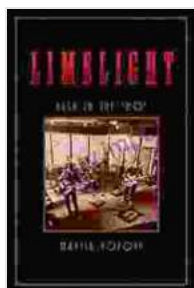
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