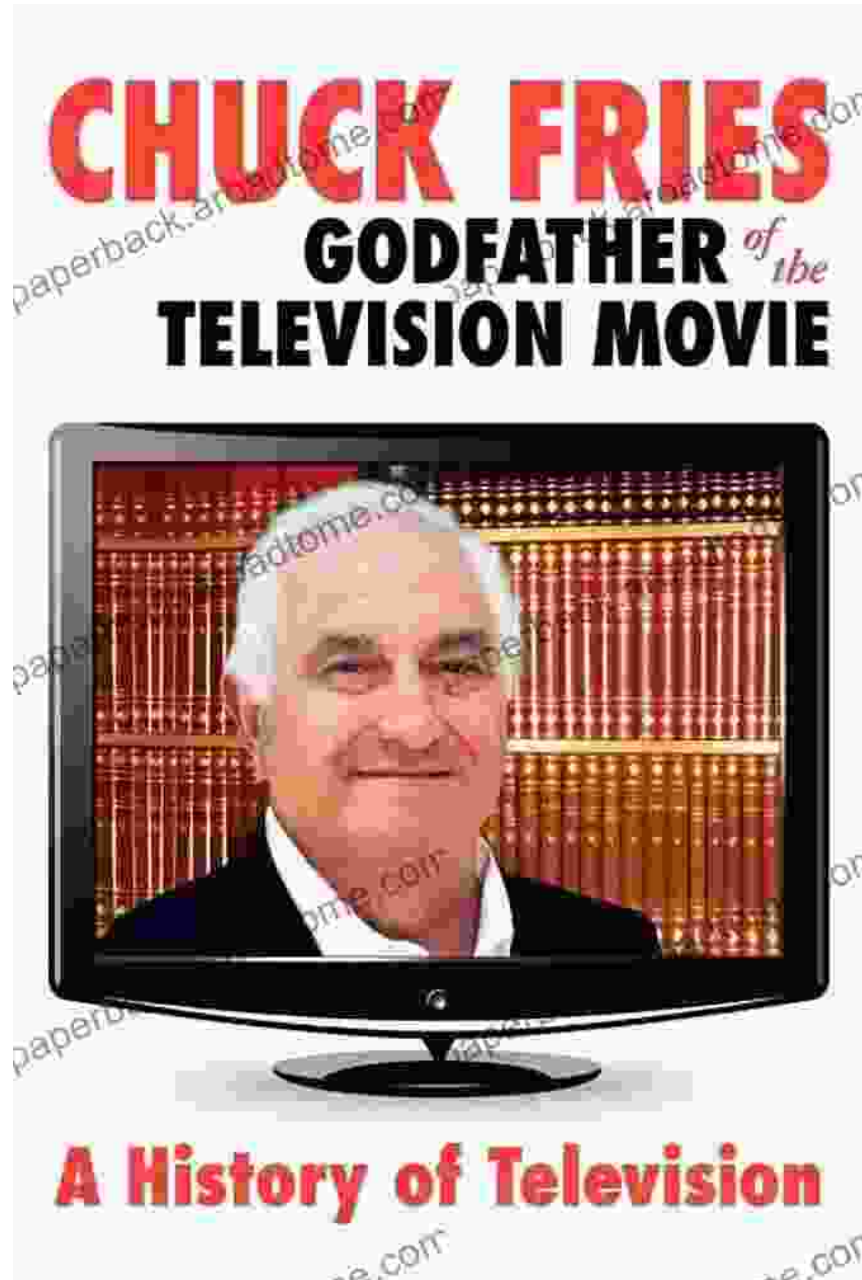
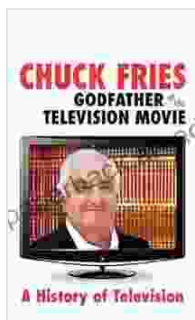


# Chuck Fries: Godfather of the Television Movie



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Fries was born in Chicago in 1929. He began his career in the television industry in the early 1950s, working as a producer at NBC. In 1967, he left NBC to form his own production company, Fries Entertainment. Fries Entertainment produced a number of successful television movies, including *The Night Stalker*, *The Incredible Hulk*, and *The Poseidon Adventure*.

Fries's television movies were known for their high quality and their ability to reach a wide audience. He was one of the first producers to use special effects and stunts in his films, and his work helped to set the standard for television movies for years to come.

Fries was also a pioneer in the use of television movies to address social issues. His film *The Night Stalker* was one of the first television movies to

deal with the issue of serial murder. The Incredible Hulk was one of the first television movies to deal with the issue of mental illness. And The Poseidon Adventure was one of the first television movies to deal with the issue of disaster.

Fries's work has had a lasting impact on the television industry. He was one of the first producers to recognize the potential of television movies, and his work helped to change the way we watch television. Fries's legacy continues to this day, and his work is still enjoyed by millions of people around the world.

## The Night Stalker



The Night Stalker was a made-for-television movie that aired on ABC in 1972. The film was based on the real-life case of serial killer Richard Speck. The Night Stalker starred Darren McGavin as Kolchak, a reporter

who investigates a series of murders that are committed by a vampire. The film was a critical and commercial success, and it spawned a sequel, *The Night Strangler*, in 1973.

## The Incredible Hulk



*The Incredible Hulk* was a made-for-television movie that aired on CBS in 1977. The film was based on the Marvel Comics character of the same name. *The Incredible Hulk* starred Bill Bixby as Dr. David Banner, a scientist who transforms into the Hulk, a green-skinned, super-strong monster, whenever he gets angry. The film was a critical and commercial success, and it spawned a successful television series that ran for five seasons.

## The Poseidon Adventure



The Poseidon Adventure was a made-for-television movie that aired on NBC in 1972. The film was based on the novel of the same name by Paul Gallico. The Poseidon Adventure starred Gene Hackman and Ernest Borgnine as survivors of a capsized ocean liner who must fight their way to safety. The film was a critical and commercial success, and it won an Academy Award for Best Special Effects.

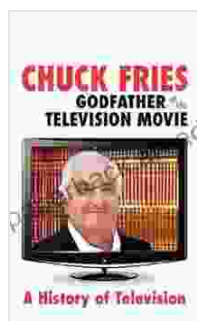
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Fries was a master of the made-for-television movie. He knew how to create films that were both entertaining and thought-provoking. Fries's films were often ahead of their time, and they helped to push the boundaries of what was possible in television.

Fries was also a generous mentor to young filmmakers. He was always willing to share his knowledge and experience with others. Fries's legacy lives on through the many filmmakers who he inspired.

Chuck Fries was a visionary filmmaker who changed the face of television. He was a pioneer in the made-for-television movie, and his work continues to inspire and entertain audiences around the world.



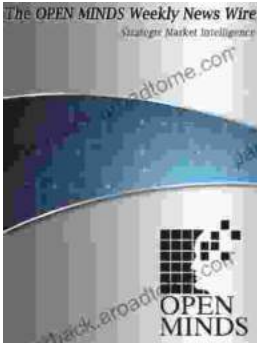
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