

Mick Vs. Keith: The Strange Case of Jagger and Richards

The Rolling Stones may have actively celebrated the 50th anniversary of their founding last year, but Mick Jagger and Keith Richards' friendship extends even further back than 1962. They were schoolmates while growing up in Dartford, Kent, and found each other again, years later, on a railway platform. The records that Jagger was carrying — Chuck Berry and Muddy Waters — demonstrated a kinship that transcended all other possible mutual interests. American blues and rock 'n' roll would be the bond that soon would unite Jagger and Richards with Brian Jones, Bill Wyman and Charlie Watt. Once the Stones began performing their own songs, the Jagger/Richards brand would become as recognizable as that of Lennon/McCartney. Stop me, if you've heard this tune already. No matter how many times it's been, there will always be another book, record, website or DVD devoted to the band's music, biographies, iterations and influence. Logging in at 224 minutes, the two-disc "**Mick Vs. Keith: The Strange Case of Jagger and Richards**" may provide more ephemera about the band than anyone, except the most loyal fans, could absorb in one or two sittings. Still, it takes almost that long to make a "strange case" for or against any two people who have been together for more than a half-century.

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