

DIARY *of a* NUMBER ONE SUPERFAN

A funny, fictional book
all about

TAYLOR
SWIFT

packed with facts!

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DATE: MONDAY 18 MAY
TIME: 9 P.M.
PLACE: MY BEDROOM
SOUNDS: LOVER ALBUM!!
MOOD: FREAKING OUT!!

Dear Diary,

The most **AMAZING** thing that has **EVER** happened to me
JUST HAPPENED.

I just found out I am going to see **TAYLOR SWIFT.**

And what's even more amazing is I
am going to see her at a **TOP-SECRET**
CONCERT for only the **BIGGEST**
Taylor fans! And I am **DEFINITELY**
her biggest fan!

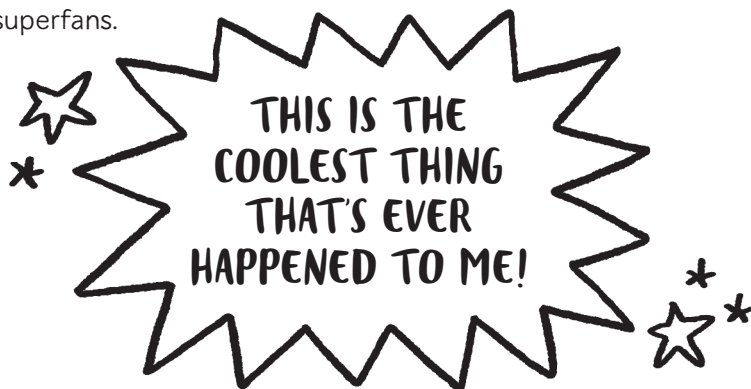
AARRRGGGHHH!

How is this **REAL LIFE?!**



I mean, it's almost IMPOSSIBLE to get a ticket to see Taylor Swift because they usually sell out in FIVE SECONDS FLAT. When I missed out on getting tickets to the Eras Tour I literally cried for over a WEEK because it felt SO unfair.

But this must be KARMA because now I am going to get to see Taylor at an EXCLUSIVE concert that's only for superfans.



I mean, I knew Taylor had thrown secret events for fans before. Like the Secret Sessions she put on for the 1989, REPUTATION and LOVER albums, when she HAND-PICKED fans who got to hang out with her, eat cookies and listen to the new album before anyone else! **THE DREAM.**

And now it's actually happened **TO ME.** I opened the email titled **CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE** and I knew immediately it

had to be from Taylor's management. I literally fell off my chair when I saw it!!

This time it's going to be a **PRIVATE CONCERT** at a secret location. **OMG – WHAT AM I GOING TO WEAR??!!**

AND . . . I get to take a friend **WITH ME**, so I am **OBVIOUSLY** taking my **BEST FRIEND**, Sophie, because she loves Taylor almost as much as I do!

She is going to **TOTALLY FREAK OUT** when I tell her!!

I also get to take an adult, so I'm going to ask Sophie's Auntie Holly as she's a **SWIFTIE** too (and because Mum and Dad don't really **GET** the awesomeness of Taylor Swift).

Taylor has been writing in journals since she was thirteen years old, and since I'm about to take part in the **MOST IMPORTANT EVENT** of my entire **LIFE**, I'm going to follow her lead and start writing one of my own.

OK, so in case I didn't make this clear already. I – Gemma Kydd – am Taylor Swift's **NUMBER ONE SUPERFAN**.

I don't have a certificate or a badge or anything to prove it (but I should **TOTALLY** make a badge!).

But I do know a lot about Taylor Swift (*like, a LOT*).

I'm pretty sure I know facts about Taylor Swift that even her **BEST FRIENDS**, her **FAMILY** and her **CATS** don't know!

Like, did you know . . .

★ Her album **LOVER** (my fave!) was almost called **DAYLIGHT**.

★ She is terrified of sea urchins. (You know, those weird spiky creatures that live in the ocean.)

★ Her cat Olivia Benson is allegedly worth **\$97 million!!**

★ Taylor got her boating licence when she was fifteen years old.

★ Apparently she once bought a hat because she felt sorry for it.

★ And my personal favourite fact – Taylor holds the record for the greatest seismic activity caused by a music concert (which means the sheer **FORCE** of the noise of Taylor's music and her screaming fans created activity equal to a 2.3 magnitude **EARTHQUAKE**).
TAYLOR SWIFT LITERALLY SHOOK THE WORLD — GO T-SWIZZLE!

BUT... even though I am obviously Taylor Swift's biggest fan, I have **NEVER** been able to get a ticket to see her in concert. So, the fact that I have been **PERSONALLY INVITED** to see her live is **HUGE**.

I mean, it really is the **BIGGEST** thing that's ever happened to me... **EVER**.

So, as well as using this journal to write about everything that's going on in my life and how I'm getting ready for that **VERY IMPORTANT** day, I'm also going to be preparing by writing down every fact any Swiftie needs to know about the absolute **ICON** that is Taylor Swift!

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Taylor Swift – Queen of the Music Industry!

OK, where should I start? How about by gathering some of her incredible **RECORD-BREAKING** stats.

Taylor is one of those musical artists that only comes along **ONCE** in a generation. She's a total **STAR** and has spent her entire music career **SMASHING** records, changing the industry and shocking the world. The world records she has broken are **WILD**.

For example:

- ★ **She is the only artist to ever win Album of the Year **FOUR TIMES** at the Grammy Awards.**
- ★ **She is also the only artist to ever become a billionaire solely through songwriting and recording.**

Actually, let's just read that last statistic **AGAIN**:

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She is the **ONLY** artist to **EVER** to become a billionaire solely because of her music.

Like **EVER**. Not even my Dad's precious Beatles managed that! Or Justin Bieber. Or Harry Styles. Or even Beyoncé!

So, while some musicians have become billionaires from doing other stuff (like acting or creating a whole clothing or make-up line), Taylor is the only one who has made it to billionaire status **JUST** because of her brilliant songs!

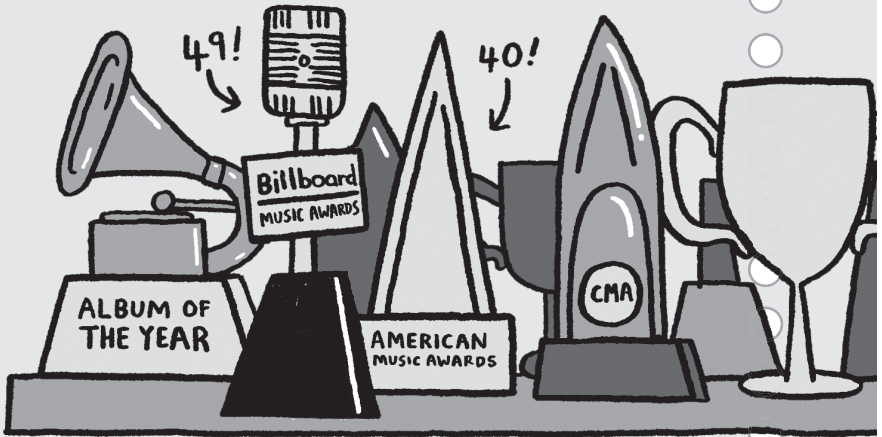
I mean . . . **WOW**.

Maybe if we did more **AMAZING STATISTICS** like that in school, I'd actually **ENJOY** maths for once!

(Actually, that's a good idea! I'm going to ask Mr Brodie if we can do some **TAY TAY** stats during maths tomorrow . . .)

Please feel free to **GASP** in shock and awe at these other record-breaking Taylor Swift stats:

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- ★ In 2010, Taylor Swift became the youngest person **EVER** to win Album of the Year at the Grammys for her album *Fearless* (Taylor held this record for ten whole years until Billie Eilish won in 2020).
- ★ Taylor Swift broke the record and made history in 2024 when she won the Album of the Year Grammy for the fourth time for her *Midnights* album.
- ★ She is the only artist to have won 49 Billboard Music Awards **AND** 40 American Music Awards.

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- ★ Taylor is the youngest person to win the Country Music Award for Entertainer of the Year.
- ★ Taylor has won a tie-breaking record of 30 MTV Video Music Awards. (She holds this record with Beyoncé.)
- ★ The Eras Tour broke the record for the highest-grossing music tour **EVER** – and it was the first tour to ever make over one **BILLION** dollars! (it actually made over **TWO BILLION**)

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- ★ *Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour* movie is the highest-grossing concert film in history. It made more than £194 million in ticket sales.
- ★ Her latest album, *The Life of a Showgirl*, broke even more records selling 5.5 million copies globally in a WEEK – the highest of any album **EVER**.
- ★ Taylor is the youngest person to win the BRITs Global Icon award.
- ★ Taylor is the only woman to have been named *TIME* magazine's Person of the Year **TWICE**.
- ★ She is currently the most played artist **OF ALL TIME** on Spotify.
- ★ She was the first artist to ever play eight nights during one tour at Wembley Stadium in London.
- ★ She is the highest-paid female music artist in the **WORLD**.



DATE: TUESDAY 19 MAY
TIME: 3.30 P.M.
PLACE: SCHOOL LIBRARY
MOOD: TOO EXCITED TO
CONCENTRATE!

Dear Diary,

OK, so today in class I could **NOT** concentrate on **ANYTHING** that our teacher, Mr Brodie, was saying to us. And it wasn't just because he kept calling fractions 'FANTASTIC FRACTIONS'. (Mr Brodie gets a bit too excited about maths for my liking.)

It was because Sophie kept letting out tiny **SQUEALS** of excitement every few minutes.

AND because I couldn't get my brain to stop thinking about how **AMAZING** it's going to be to sing along with Taylor **LIVE** at a secret concert with all her biggest fans!

Then I started thinking about what it must have been like to be at the very **FIRST** Taylor Swift concert and **THAT'S** when I realized that I didn't actually **KNOW** when Taylor Swift's first concert happened (and that is **NOT OK**, people!).

So, I am now in the school library doing some serious TS research.



The school librarian doesn't like it when you use the computers for non-school stuff, which means I might have told a **BIT** of a lie about why I was using it. So, don't be alarmed if I suddenly start writing about volcanic eruptions . . .

I mean, it wouldn't even be a problem if Taylor Swift was part of the curriculum at our school. And she totally **SHOULD BE** because she is one of the **BIGGEST** things happening in the **WORLD** right now!

And it's **NOT** just me who thinks that!

ACTUAL universities and colleges around the world now do entire courses about Taylor Swift!

Like the University of California's Haas Business School, who started a course called 'Artistry and Entrepreneurship: Taylor's Version'. And the Queen Mary University of London's course 'Taylor Swift and Literature (is the Work of Taylor Swift Literature?)'.

I SOOOOOOOO want to move to California or London and do one of those courses when I finish school!

So, anyway, I came here to find out when and where Taylor performed her very **FIRST** concert . . . and I've actually ended up finding out some **NEW FACTS** I didn't know about her. I've gone right back to see how it all began **AND** what it was like for her at school when she started to become famous.

And it's made me love her **EVEN MORE!!**

OK. It's time to get **SERIOUS** about recording **EVERYTHING** I know about Tay Tay. And I'm going to start at the very beginning, so I don't miss **ANYTHING** out!