

# Over the Rainbow

*The Story of  
Judy Garland*

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*Judy, age 17*

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# Story Introduction



*A star is born*

The picture on the front of this book is the image of Judy Garland that most people recognize. It is from *The Wizard of Oz*, the film that made her a star.

However, what most people *don't* know is that the real-life Judy, who was born Frances Gumm, had a difficult, sometimes lonely life.

Judy's troubles began long before she was famous, and tormented her for the rest of her life. She was very close to her father, who died when Judy/Frances was still very young. Her relationship with her mother was not a very good one, and, as this book will show, it shaped Judy's entire life and career.



*1938: Judy  
with her  
mother*

## CHAPTER

# 1

## Baby



*Baby Frances  
Gumm*

Judy Garland, who was born in 1922, was just two years old when she first stumbled on to the stage of her father's theater in Minnesota. Showing no fear, the toddler sang "Jingle Bells" for the crowd.

"Get the kid off the stage," someone yelled.

However, she sang the song three times before her father escorted her from the stage to cheers. So began one of the most amazing careers in show business.