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## Brief introduction to the author

Anna Sundstrand  
Self-biography

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**Anna Sundstrand** is 29 years old, has lived and worked as a singer/model/actress in the US for many years, but is now back in Stockholm. She has worked with an experienced writer to be able to tell her story about how she, as a young girl, joined **Play** (2001-2004) and ended up in the same enormous music industry that has churned out superstars like Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake and Beyoncé, to name but a few.

After Play disbanded, Anna Sundstrand started a modelling career with Model Management Group in New York and has been featured in magazines such as Cosmopolitan. She has also pursued a career as a solo artist and has, on several occasions, performed with singer Chris Trousdale, a former member of Dream Street.

Inspired by her family relationship with the legendary Greta Garbo, Anna had her acting debut in 2007 when she starred in a film called *The Sacred Journey*.

After many years in New York and the US, Anna chose to move back to Sweden again in 2012 and has, for the last few years, alternated between focusing on writing her book "**Play it again**" and pursuing her modelling career in New York.

### Working title: **Play it again**

This is an amazing story about how the 11-year-old Anna Sundstrand, together with three other young girls from Sweden, was given a chance of a lifetime - to be handpicked by music professionals and asked to be part of the Swedish girl band Play, get signed right away to Sony Colombia Records and Tommy Mottola and then tour the States the same year.

Play had their big launch in the US around the turn of the millennium, the well-known Matthew Knowles joined as a co-manager and Play performed as the opening act at sold-out concerts with for instance Destiny's Child, Aaron Carter and many more.

But this is also a tough and touching tale of not quite fitting in, about peer pressure and bullying, and of the fact that there is a harsh reality behind the glittery facade of stardom. Anna is determined to shed some light on this aspect of the music scene and she is happy to share her story.

"Apart from being a unique, thrilling story, this book deals with an important topic that has stayed with me throughout my life, namely vulnerability and bullying. I think many can identify with my story, even if they haven't been popstars. The book describes what it is like to fight for your dreams, to stand firm when bullied, to be forced to fit into a certain mould and, despite all the pain, refuse to give up." says Anna.

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