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During the mid-1950s, when Hollywood found itself struggling to compete within an expanding entertainment media landscape, certain producers and studios saw an opportunity in making films that showcased performers by rock 'n' roll stars. Rock stars eventually found cinema to be a useful space to extend their creative practices, as the motion picture and recording industries increasingly saw cinematic rock stardom as a profitable means to connect multiple media properties. Indeed, casting rock stars for film provided a tool for bridging new relationships across media industries and practices. From Elvis Presley to Madonna, this book examines the casting of rock stars in films. In so doing, *Rock Star/Movie Star* offers a new perspective on the role of stardom within the convergence of media industries. While hardly the first popular music culture to see its stars making the transition to screen, the timing of rock's emergence and its staying power within popular culture proved fortuitous for a motion picture business searching for its place in the face of continuous technological and cultural change. At the same time, a post-star-system film industry provided a welcoming context for rock stars who have valued authenticity, creative autonomy, and personal expression. This book uses illuminating archival resources to demonstrate how rock stars have often proven themselves to be prominent film workers exploring this terrain of platforms old and new - ideal media laborers whose

power lies in the fact that they are rarely recognized as such. Combining star studies with media industry studies, this book proposes an integrated methodology for writing media history that combines the actions of individuals with the practices of industries. It demonstrates how stars operated as both the gravitational center of media production as well as social actors who have taken on a decisive role in the purposes to which their images are used.

A nationally best-selling author and pastor draws lessons of hope and transformation in the perils of excess, the agonies of repentance, and the wonder of redemption found in the life stories of several icons of pop music and rock and roll. From the author of *Johnny Cash: The Redemption of an American Icon* and *Steve McQueen: The Salvation of an American Icon* comes *Lennon, Dylan, Alice, and Jesus*, which traces the journeys, rise, fall, and sometimes the redemption of famous entertainers who were brought to their knees—a great place to look up and finally meet their Maker. *Lennon, Dylan, Alice, and Jesus* examines wretched excess, self-absorption and miraculous redemption; the book is a raw, sensitive, and unforgettable journey of sex, drugs, rock and roll, and sweet salvation. Author Greg Laurie traces the lives of rock stars and entertainment figures and legends who wallowed in the decadence of both the high life and low life, as they alternately experienced Heaven and Hell on Earth. He travels with them into their demonic abysses and joyfully chronicles their ultimate ascension to their

prodigal moments. Lennon, Dylan, Alice, and Jesus chronicles the birth of rock and roll in the mid-1950s to today, giving the book an all-encompassing study of pop music history. Through his personal memories, coupled with his carefully crafted observational research, Greg Laurie not only looks deeply into the hearts and souls of these unusual people but bids the reader to join him on a spiritual journey down the secluded halls of the music industry with the individuals who crafted modern-day masterpieces. Readers will enjoy never-before-published accounts of the biggest recording artists of our time and hear testimonies from rockers of the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, and beyond. More importantly, every reader will find a deeper sense of God's presence even in times of loneliness and desolation.

The editors of PEOPLE Magazine present PEOPLE The Beatles 1969.

John Lennon was the world's biggest rock star in the 1960s. With his new wife Yoko Ono, the duo were icons of the peace movement denouncing the Vietnam War. In 1969, at the height of their popularity, they headed to Canada. Canada was already a politically charged place. In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau rode a wave of popularity dubbed Trudeaumania for its similarities to the Beatlemania of the era. The sexual revolution, hippie culture, the New Left and the peace movement were challenging norms, frightening the authorities and provoking backlash. Quebec nationalism was putting the power of the English-speaking minority running the

province on the defensive, and threatening the breakup of the country. John Lennon and Yoko Ono staged a "bed-in for peace?" at an upscale downtown Montreal hotel. The couple, aided by the CBC, saw a steady stream of journalists, musicians and activists arriving for interviews, political discussions, singing and art-making. The classic "Give Peace A Chance" was recorded there with the help of local Quebecois musicians. Three months later they were back in Canada with Eric Clapton and other friends to play a concert festival in Toronto arranged by local promoters. American acts like Little Richard, The Doors, Bo Diddley and Alice Cooper, along with many Canadian pop musicians of the time, played the festival. At year's end, the duo met with Prime Minister Trudeau in Ottawa. By this time Trudeau was cracking down on dissent, mainly in Quebec, and falling out of favour with the counterculture crowd. Recounting the story of these events, historian Greg Marquis offers a unique portrayal of Canadian society in the late Sixties, recounting how politicians, activists, police, artists, musicians and businesses across Canada reacted to John and Yoko's presence and message.

The Man, the Myth, the Music - The Definitive Life

This Bird Has Flown

The Spiritual Biography of Rock and Roll

A Biography

Lennon in America

Painting with Sound

Who Killed John Lennon?

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“ Gruen chronicles his adventures as one of the preeminent photographers of rock and roll in his spectacular memoir . . . a roller-coaster narrative ” (Publishers Weekly, starred review). Bob Gruen is one of the most well-known and respected photographers in rock and roll. From John Lennon to Johnny Rotten; Muddy Waters to the Rolling Stones; Elvis to Madonna; Bob Dylan to Bob Marley; Tina Turner to Debbie Harry, he has documented the music scene for more than fifty years in photographs that have captured the world ’ s attention. In *Right Place, Right Time*, Gruen recounts his personal journey from discovering a love of photography in his mother ’ s darkroom when he was five, through his time in Greenwich Village for 1960s rock and 1970s punk, to being named the world ’ s premiere rock photographer by the *New York Times*. With fast-paced stories and iconic images, Gruen gives the reader both a front row seat and a backstage pass to the evolution of American music culture over the last five decades. In the words of Alice Cooper, “ Bob had the ultimate backstage pass. Can you imagine the stories he ’ s got? ”

Considered one of the most innovative artists in the history of popular music, John Lennon is also a fascinating example of the relationship between rock music and celebrity. Through investigation of the cultural and historical background of his stardom in England and the United States, this book explores why John Lennon became a much-debated celebrity and why he remains so. Lennon's career from the 1960s until his tragic death in 1980, and even beyond, demonstrates how different expectations articulated by the star, the music industry, the media, and the fans form relations which change in terms of time and place. Using a multidisciplinary approach and intriguing case studies, this book also examines cultural identity, authenticity, and gender in popular music stardom.

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The electric spearhead of The Beatles meteoric rise; one half of the most creative and powerful songwriting partnerships ever; figurehead of peace and an icon of generations: John Lennon 's adventure through life is an immortalised legend. Lennon on Lennon is Jeff Burger 's dazzling digest of John Lennon 's views on the world around him. Sharp, insightful, contrary, witty, opinionated or downright aggressive, these illuminating interviews and quotations open a window into the musician and the man, and the volatile culture in which he lived, and died. Most of this material has never been available in print; some has remained entirely hidden until now. Jeff Burger 's meticulously researched book offers a truly unique and captivating glimpse into the mind and philosophy of one of the world 's most complex and inspiring talents.

Association of Recorded Sound Collections Awards for Excellence Best Historical Research in Record Labels – Best History (2017) This biography tells the story of one of the most notorious figures in the history of popular music, Morris Levy (1927-1990). At age nineteen, he cofounded the nightclub Birdland in Hell's Kitchen, which became the home for a new musical style, bebop. Levy operated one of the first integrated clubs on Broadway and helped build the careers of Dizzy Gillespie and Bud Powell and most notably aided the reemergence of Count Basie. In 1957, he founded a record label, Roulette Records. Roulette featured many of the significant jazz artists who played Birdland but also scored top pop hits with acts like Buddy Knox, Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, Joey Dee and the Starlites, and, in the mid-1960s, Tommy James. Stories abound of Levy threatening artists, songwriters, and producers, sometimes just for the sport, other times so he could continue to build his empire. Along the way, Levy attracted "investors" with ties to the Mafia, including Dominic Ciaffone (a.k.a. "Swats"

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Mulligan), Tommy Eboli, and the most notorious of them all, Vincent Gigante. Gigante allegedly owned large pieces of Levy's recording and retail businesses. Starting in the late 1950s, the FBI and IRS investigated Levy but could not make anything stick until the early 1980s, when Levy foolishly got involved in a deal to sell remaindered records to a small-time reseller, John LaMonte. With partners in the mob, Levy tried to force LaMonte to pay for four million remaindered records. When the FBI secretly wiretapped LaMonte in an unrelated investigation and agents learned about the deal, investigators successfully prosecuted Levy in the extortion scheme. Convicted in 1988, Levy did not live to serve prison time. Stricken with cancer, he died just as his last appeals were exhausted. However, even if he had lived, Levy's brand of storied high life was effectively bust. Corporate ownership of record labels doomed most independents in the business, ending the days when a savvy if ruthless hustler could blaze a path to the top.

His Life and Work

Icons of Rock - John Lennon

Understanding Records

John Lennon, Yoko Ono and the Year Canada Was Cool

Lennon: The Albums

Oribit: Icons of Rock and Roll: Icons of Rock and Rock: Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Keith Richards, Jimi Hendix, Jim Morrison

Lennon and McCartney

**This story is about the love affair between a Rock Star and a young girl. They met secretly, but out in the open--in front of the family business. He watched her grow up. As they spent more time together, their conversations**

became more stimulating. Because of some of her wacky suggestions, he found he wasn't limited to writing only about love. They discussed religious beliefs, the Bible, world peace, space travel, world hunger, the environment, business principles, panic in business, and how farming communities were formed centuries ago. The book also shows some of each of their personal struggles.

THIS BIRD HAS FLOWN: THE ENDURING

BEAUTY OF RUBBER SOUL FIFTY YEARS ON

Pulling back the many hidden layers of John Lennon's life, Lesley-Ann Jones closely tracks the events and personality traits that led to the rock star living in self-imposed exile in New York—where he was shot dead outside his apartment on that fateful autumn day forty years ago. Late on December 8th, 1980, the world abruptly stopped turning for millions, as news broke that the world's most beloved bard had been gunned down in cold blood in New York city. The most iconic Beatle left behind an unrivaled body of music and legions of faithful disciples—yet his profound legacy has brought with it as many questions and contradictions as

his music has provided truths and certainties. In this compelling exploration, acclaimed music biographer Lesley-Ann Jones unravels the enigma that was John Lennon to present a complete portrait of the man, his life, his loves, his music, his untimely death and, ultimately, his legacy. Using fresh first-hand research, unseen material and exclusive interviews with the people who knew Lennon best, Jones' search for answers offers a spellbinding, 360-degree view of one of the world's most iconic music legends. *The Search for John Lennon* delves deep into psyche of the world's most storied musician—the good, the bad and the genius—forty years on from his tragic death.

The convergence of rock music, counterculture politics and avant-garde aesthetics in the late 1960s underscored the careers of the Beatles, Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention, and the Velvet Underground. This book examines these artists' relationships to the historical avant-garde (Artaud, Brecht, Dada) and neo-avant-garde (Warhol, Pop Art,

minimalism), considering their work in light of debates about modernism versus postmodernism. The author analyzes the performers' use of dissonance and noise within popular music, the role of social commentary and controversial topics in songs, and the experiments with concert and studio performance. Albums discussed include Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, The White Album, Freak Out!, We're Only in It for the Money, The Velvet Underground and Nico and White Light/White Heat, as well as John Lennon's collaborations with Yoko Ono, the Zappa-produced Trout Mask Replica by Captain Beefheart and the Magic Band, and Nico's The Marble Index.

Off the Back of a Truck

Young Rock Star

John Lennon Imagined

Based on A True Story

Legends of Rock & Roll - John Lennon  
(Before, During & After the Beatles)

The Life, Loves, and Death of a Rock  
Star

Corn Flakes with John Lennon

Listen to Classic Rock! Exploring a Musical Genre  
provides an overview of this diverse and complex

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musical genre for scholars of classic rock and curious novices alike, with a focus on 50 must-hear musicians, songwriters, bands, and albums. □ Explains classic rock composition and songwriting techniques as well as studio production values □ Considers the vast array of classic rock styles as well the diversity of artists who recorded classic rock □ Includes often overlooked contributors to classic rock such as Jim Croce, Marvin Gaye, Tina Turner, and The Ventures as well as overlooked subgenres such as soft rock □ Covers rock and roll's precursors that helped give rise to classic rock as well as how classic rock has continued as a popular music genre from the late 1970s into the present □ Offers historical context of the development of classic rock, discussing its lasting impact on popular culture and its legacy

Corn Flakes with John Lennon And Other Tales from a Rock 'n' Roll Life Rodale

A New York Times bestseller that TODAY calls □beautiful□ and □stunning!□ This interactive book immerses children in a fun and unique journey. Jump aboard the White Feather Flier, a magical plane that can go wherever you want! Just press a button printed on the page, and point the plane up in the air to fly, or down to land it! Fly to the top of a mountain! Send clean water to thirsty people! Dive deep into the ocean (the Flier turns into a submarine!) to pick up pollution and bring back the fish! Explore the

planet, meet new people, and help make the world a better place! The Flier's mission is to transport readers around the world, to engage them in helping to save the environment, and to teach one and all to love our planet. An inspiring, lyrical story, rooted in Lennon's life and work, *Touch the Earth* is filled with beautiful illustrations that bring the faraway world closer to young children. The book includes words to a special poem written by Julian Lennon, specifically for *Touch the Earth*. This is the first book in a planned trilogy. A portion of the proceeds from book sales will go to support the environmental and humanitarian efforts of the White Feather Foundation, the global environmental and humanitarian organization that Lennon founded to promote education, health, conservation, and the protection of indigenous culture.

In his commanding new book, the eminent NPR critic Tim Riley takes us on the remarkable journey that brought a Liverpool art student from a disastrous childhood to the highest realms of fame. Riley portrays Lennon's rise from Hamburg's red light district to Britain's Royal Variety Show; from the charmed naiveté of "Love Me Do" to the soaring ambivalence of "Don't Let Me Down"; from his shotgun marriage to Cynthia Powell in 1962 to his epic media romance with Yoko Ono. Written with the critical insight and stylistic mastery readers have come to expect from Riley, this richly textured

narrative draws on numerous new and exclusive interviews with Lennon's friends, enemies, confidantes, and associates; lost memoirs written by relatives and friends; as well as previously undiscovered City of Liverpool records. Riley explores Lennon in all of his contradictions: the British art student who universalized an American style, the anarchic rock 'n' roller with the moral spine, the anti-jazz snob who posed naked with his avant-garde lover, and the misogynist who became a househusband. What emerges is the enormous, seductive, and confounding personality that made Lennon a cultural touchstone. In Lennon, Riley casts Lennon as a modernist hero in a sweeping epic, dramatizing rock history anew as Lennon himself might have experienced it.

Lennon, Dylan, Alice, and Jesus

PEOPLE The Beatles 1969

A Field Guide To Recording Practice

Godfather of the Music Business

All I Want is the Truth : a Photographic Biography

Charlie Lennon

The Enduring Beauty of Rubber Soul, Fifty Years On

*The story of John Lennon's lawsuit with Morris Levy, the Mafia-connected owner of Roulette Records.*

*Robert Hilburn's storied career as a rock critic has allowed him a behind-the-scenes look at the lives of some of the most iconic figures of our time. He was the only music critic to visit Folsom Prison with Johnny*

*Cash. He met John Lennon during his lost weekend period in Los Angeles and they became friends. Bob Dylan granted him his only interviews during his "born-again" period and the occasion of his 50th birthday. Michael Jackson invited Hilburn to watch cartoons with him in his bedroom. When Springsteen took to playing only old hits, Hilburn scolded him for turning his legendary concerts into oldies revues, and Springsteen changed his set list. In this totally unique account of the symbiotic relationship between critic and musical artist, Hilburn reflects on the ways in which he has changed and been changed by the subjects he's covered; Bono weighs in with an introduction about how Hilburn's criticism influenced and altered his own development as a musician. Corn Flakes with John Lennon is more than about one man's adventures in rock and roll: It's the gripping and untold story of how popular music reshapes the way we think about the world and helps to define the modern American character.*

*An award-winning biographer paints a vivid picture of John Lennon's life, from his tumultuous childhood in London to his rock-n-roll career writing, recording, and performing music with the Beatles, revealing how he struggled to come to terms with fame, marriage, and his artistic mind.*

*John Lennon was a legend in his own time. Deprived of life at a young age, Lennon has become a symbol of the '60s and '70s peace movement. But what do we really know about him as a person?*

*Listen to Classic Rock! Exploring a Musical Genre*

*John Lennon*

*Rock Star/Movie Star*

*Listen to This Book*

*Morris Levy*

*The Last Days of John Lennon*

*John Lennon's Girl*

**A Collector's Edition of Imagine John Yoko – the definitive inside story of the making of the legendary album and all that surrounded it – personally compiled and curated by Yoko Ono and including a hand-numbered and officially stamped giclée print. In 1971, John Lennon & Yoko Ono conceived and recorded the critically acclaimed album Imagine at their Georgian country home, Tittenhurst Park, in Berkshire, England, in the state-of-the-art studio they built in the grounds, and at the Record Plant in New York. The lyrics of the title track were inspired by Yoko Ono's event scores in her 1964 book Grapefruit, and she was officially co-credited as writer in June 2017. Imagine John Yoko tells the story of John & Yoko's life, work and relationship during this intensely creative period. It transports readers to home and working environments, showcasing Yoko's closely guarded archive of photos and artefacts, using artfully compiled narrative film stills, and featuring digitally rendered maps, floorplans and panoramas that recreate the interiors in evocative detail. John & Yoko introduce each chapter and song; Yoko also provides invaluable additional commentary and a preface. All the minutiae is examined: the locations, the key players, the music and lyrics, the production**

techniques and the artworks \_ including the creative process behind the double-exposure polaroids used on the album cover. With a message as universal and pertinent today as it was when the album was created, this landmark publication is a fitting tribute to John & Yoko and their place in cultural history.

This Collector\_s Edition includes: \_ An expanded copy of the book *Imagine John Yoko* bound in real cloth, with 150 additional illustrations, including more artworks from the *This Is Not Here* exhibition, an additional chapter devoted to the singles from the period, and six almost 1 metre-long gatefolds of panoramas stitched together from rare film outtakes

\_ A numbered and officially stamped giclée print (30.2 x 23.4cm) in a clothbound portfolio case, reproduced on acid-free Olin Regular High White 300gsm woodfree paper, using archival pigment inks

\_ The print, exclusive to this edition, is of an unused photographic proof of the *Imagine* album artwork by Yoko Ono \_ This edition is limited to 2,000 copies worldwide, plus 10 copies retained by the artist, inscribed i-x Table of Contents Preface \_ 1.

Tittenhurst \_ 2. Recording *Imagine* \_ 3. Album Artwork \_ 4. Filming *Imagine* \_ 5. *This Is Not Here* \_ 6. The Singles \_ 7. Legacy

Rock music has taken over the airwaves for decades. Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Keith Richards, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, Jim Morrison are just some of the iconic figures that have formed the rock music genre.

This jam session of biographies showcases these trailblazers in this unique illustrated graphic novel.

Discover one of the greatest true crime stories in music history, as only James Patterson can tell it.

With the Beatles, John Lennon surpasses his youthful

dreams, achieving a level of superstardom that defies classification. "We were the best bloody band there was," he says. "There was nobody to touch us." Nobody except the original nowhere man, Mark David Chapman. Chapman once worshipped his idols from afar—but now harbors grudges against those, like Lennon, whom he feels betrayed him. He's convinced Lennon has misled fans with his message of hope and peace. And Chapman's not staying away any longer. By the summer of 1980, Lennon is recording new music for the first time in years, energized and ready for it to be "(Just Like) Starting Over." He can't wait to show the world what he will do. Neither can Chapman, who quits his security job and boards a flight to New York, a handgun and bullets stowed in his luggage. The greatest true-crime story in music history, as only James Patterson can tell it. Enriched by exclusive interviews with Lennon's friends and associates, including Paul McCartney, *The Last Days of John Lennon* is the thrilling true story of two men who changed history: One whose indelible songs enliven our world to this day—and the other who ended the beautiful music with five pulls of a trigger. A brief biography of the English rock musician with emphasis on his early years and the formation of the famous Beatles.

**Uncle to a Beatle**

**Being John Lennon: A Restless Life**

**Lennon, the Mobster & the Lawyer**

**1971-1980, Based in Part on the Lost Lennon Diaries**

**The Lives, Loves and Deaths of the Greatest Rock Star**

**Cultural History of a Rock Star**

**J.Lennon Wall Calendar 2021**

Here is the full story of John Lennon's remarkable uncle, the

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late singer-composer Charlie Lennon, told in Charlie's own words and in tributes by some of those who knew him best. The book provides a unique, fascinating look into the Lennon family and John's early life in his hometown of Liverpool, England. Charlie talks candidly about his childhood days in Liverpool, his wartime service in the Royal Army, his memories of John and of John's son Julian, and his life as a hometown celebrity after coming home to Liverpool in 1982. His close friend Scott Wheeler takes up the story in the 1980s, chronicling his many "travels with Charlie" around Liverpool and Boston in the course of eight years of band tours. The book includes tributes from 13 of Charlie's friends, and is illustrated with nearly 600 photos, including many rare Lennon family pictures that have never before been published. Listen to the radio interview!

Profiles the famous rock musician from his birth in Liverpool in 1940 to his murder in New York City in 1980.

This eye-opening look at the years that Lennon lived in America show the former Beatle in all his contradictions--devoted husband, wanton adulterer, pacifist with a temper, doting father and absentee dad. 67 photos.

John Lennon was an English singer, peace activist who gained worldwide fame as the founder, co-lead vocalist, and rhythm guitarist of the Beatles. who was one of the most popular and influential musical artists of the 20th century. He is one of the best selling artist of all time having sold millions of records. This Wall Calendar 2021 is an amazing and colorful calendar where we introduce some of John's best quality pictures in an artistic way. The Wall Calendar 2021 contains also holidays and celebration days marked with colors for the whole 2021 and the four first months of 2022. This might be given as a gift to anyone that shares the same amount of love and appreciation for Lennon's music also it would be a perfect touch to decorate your office with.

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How the Beatles, Frank Zappa and the Velvet Underground Defined an Era

Right Place, Right Time

Lennon The Legend Rock Star 16 Months Wall Calendar 2021 8.5x8.5 Inch Glossy

The Untold Story of How John Lennon Took Down a Music Industry Insider

Lennon On Lennon: Conversations With John Lennon

The Life of a Rock & Roll Photographer

Touch the Earth

*Unleash your inner Soprano and relive all your favorite moments with this companion guide to the award-winning television series The Sopranos. We all know and love The Sopranos, one of the most important television dramas to ever hit the small screen, having run for six seasons on HBO. The story of the Italian-American mobster Tony Soprano balancing his family life with his role as the leader of a criminal organization pioneered decades of genre-bending "peak TV." Now, Off the Back of a Truck takes you one step further into the world of Tony Soprano and his families, offering an Italian potluck of fresh and fun takes that any true fan can get lost in for hours. Off the Back of a Truck includes: -New looks at everyone's favorite episodes, scenes, and characters -All 92 deaths analyzed, evaluated, and ranked -An investigation of true crimes behind the families' schemes -An exploration of movies and shows that inspired The Sopranos -Reflections on the use of music, food, and*

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*fashion from writers who are also huge fans -A provocative conversation about what happens in the controversial ending This book takes you on a journey through the six seasons you have watched time and time again-but it's organized so you can dip in at any time, at any place. Roam around as though you're in Tony's backyard for a BBQ... A comprehensive analysis of every album recorded by John Lennon during his solo years from the end of the Sixties to his death in 1980, as well as the posthumous work that followed. A lively and provocative commentary of every song is interspersed with comments from Lennon on his final decade. Features a song by song analysis, a song index for easy reference, details of compilations and live albums and details of posthumous releases. From his early experimental work with Yoko Ono, through the startling sound of the Plastic Ono Bandk, the chart-topping Imagine, the political years in New York, the 'lost weekend' in Los Angeles, retirement, the comeback with Double Fantasy and his tragic assasination in December 1980 - Rogan leaves no stone unturned. Johnny Rogan is the author of the best-selling Morrissey And Marr: The Severed Alliance, one of the most acclaimed music biographies ever written, and still a best seller since its first publication in 1992. He has written high-profile biographies on The Byrds, Neil Young, George Michael and his latest, Van Morrison: No Surrender was featured in the Sunday Times' best books of*

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2005.

"It's All About the Music!" Welcome to another in the Legends of Rock & Roll series. This is, like the others, a mini-biography of one the greatest performers in the music world. This time, I highlight a British performer who was 1/4 of the great group, The Beatles, John Lennon. However, this book is not about the Beatles. While I know that you can't write about John Lennon without considering the Beatles, the emphasis of this book is not the Beatles, but instead, the life and music of John Lennon. In this particular volume, I will discuss John's early life and his joining up with three other lads to create what is probably the greatest rock and roll group in the history of the world. But it all ended at one point and John had a solo career which came to a tragic end in 1980. Come with me for a walk down memory lane as I review the life of John Lennon, and especially, the music that he produced. We'll visit each of his hits and find out how they came to be written or how they were recorded; and discuss any trivia that might be associated with the music. This book is about the man but even more importantly, it's about the music. This series is my way of honoring the people that have brought so much joy to our lives over the years. It is an unauthorized fan tribute. The Chapters include:  
Introduction - A general introduction and a kick-off for the book.  
Growing Up - A brief summary of his life before the music

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started. The School Years - Attending school and going to college where he met his first wife. The Quarrymen - This was the group John created that evolved into the Beatles. Which member of the Beatles was not a Quarrymen? The Birth of the Beatles - The final steps that resulted in the Beatles. Personal Notes During This Period - Was John a romantic? How did he meet his first wife? "Help!" - Some notes behind a couple famous Beatles songs. "More Popular Than Jesus" - Why did John make this remark that caused a furor across the United States? Maharishi Mahesh Yogi - The group gets into drugs and transcendental meditation. Yoko Ono - How did John meet the love of his life? Read two versions. John and Yoko - John's solo career actually began with Yoko before the Beatles broke up. Going Solo - The actual breakup and John's first solo records. "Imagine" - Some thoughts about his most famous song. Trouble with the Law - Why would President Nixon try to deport John? Lost Weekend - Yoko left John for some 18 months. How he coped. "Walls and Bridges" - John finally gets his own number one song. Paul, George & Ringo - What was John's relationship with the other guys after the breakup? Retirement for Awhile - Yoko is pregnant, so John retires from performing to stay home and care for his family for 5 years. December 8, 1980 - The fateful day. John is murdered by what is called a "crazed fan." The Days After - The aftermath of the killing. Legacy of John Lennon - Every Legends

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book has a *Legacy* section where we review the awards and contributions of the artist. *Afterword - My closing thoughts.* *Selected Discography - A list of the major albums and singles by John Lennon.* An intimate yet unsparing biography of one of the greatest and most mythologized musicians of the twentieth century. What was it like to be John Lennon? What was it like to be the castoff child, the clown at school, and the middle-class suburban boy who pretended to be a working-class hero? How did it feel to have one of the most recognizable singing voices in the world, but to dislike it so much he always wanted to disguise it? *Being John Lennon* is not about the whitewashed Prince of Peace of *Imagine* legend—because that was only a small part of him. The John Lennon depicted in these pages is a much more kaleidoscopic figure, sometimes almost a collision of different characters. He was, of course, funny, often very funny. But above everything, he had attitude—his impudent style somehow personifying the aspirations of his generation to question authority. He could, and would, say the unsayable. Though there were more glamorous rock stars in rock history, even within the Beatles, it was John Lennon's attitude which caught, and then defined, his era in the most memorable way. *Power and Performance in Cinematic Rock Stardom*  
*a cultural history of John Lennon's rock stardom*

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*Images in the works*

*Rock, Counterculture and the Avant-Garde,  
1966–1970*

*Imagine John Yoko (Collector's Edition)*

*Come Together: Lennon and McCartney in the  
Seventies*

*Lennon*

**Lennon and McCartney: Painting with Sound** explores the work of two of the most influential composers of the twentieth century. Five decades after the breakup of the Beatles, the music of John Lennon and Paul McCartney continues to fascinate and inspire. Evidence suggests that their uniquely eclectic approach can be traced back to the Liverpool College of Art. Following on that idea, this book explores the creative dialogue between John Lennon and Paul McCartney, both with the Beatles and on their own, that grew out of that early influence. The book is presented in three sections: I. *Stretching the Canvas* considers the Liverpool College of Art as the backdrop for John and Paul's early collaborations with painter and musician Stuart Sutcliffe. This is followed by discussions of select works created by the Beatles between 1962-69. II. *Extending the Space* focuses on the long-distance creative dialogue between Lennon and McCartney as demonstrated in their respective solo recordings of the 1970s. III. *New Colours* considers the final works of the Lennon and McCartney creative dialogue as well as various McCartney solo projects released in the years that followed Lennon's death in 1980. Here, the focus is on Paul's development as a painter, its effect on his creativity, and his subsequent

efforts to establish the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts as a world-class arts conservatory.

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