

Bob Marley The Untold Story

The legend of Bob Marley continues to grow. Since his death in 1981 he has gained an icon-like stature, especially in the Third World where his status is that of a redeemer-come-rebel hero. A deeply personal, private man, Bob Marley was born in 1945 with a poet's understanding of life, an asset in a land like Jamaica where a kind of magic realism holds sway. Even before he was five years old, Marley's abilities as a reader of palms was revealed. By the time he died at the age of 36, the apocalyptic predictions contained in his song lyrics were beginning to come true.;This book has been written with the cooperation of Marley's family and friends. Placing the musician's life in its context of the extraordinary island of Jamaica, it considers exactly who Bob Marley was, this man who rose from humble beginnings to become one of the most influential figures of the twentieth century. Equally at home with the ghetto gunmen or the rulers of nations, he was aware that his ability and confidence came from only one source: God Almighty, Jah Rastafari.;This book is illustrated throughout with over 500 pictures, many of which have never been seen before. They range from unique, intimate portrai

With exclusive access to Strummer's friends, relatives, and fellow musicians, music journalist Chris Salewicz penetrates the soul of an rock 'n roll icon. The Clash was--and still is--one of the most important groups of the late 1970s and early 1980s. Indebted to rockabilly, reggae, Memphis soul, cowboy justice, and '60s protest, the overtly political band railed against war, racism, and a dead-end economy, and in the process imparted a conscience to punk. Their eponymous first record and London Calling still rank in Rolling Stone's top-ten best albums of all time, and in 2003 they were officially inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Joe Strummer was the Clash's front man, a rock-and-roll hero seen by many as the personification of outlaw integrity and street cool. The political heart of the Clash, Strummer synthesized gritty toughness and poetic sensitivity in a manner that still resonates with listeners, and his untimely death in December 2002 shook the world, further solidifying his iconic status. Salewicz was a friend to Strummer for close to three decades and has covered the Clash's career and the entire punk movement from its inception. He uses his vantage point to write Redemption Song, the definitive biography of Strummer, charting his enormous worldwide success, his bleak years in the wilderness after the Clash's bitter breakup, and his triumphant return to stardom at the end of his life. Salewicz argues for Strummer's place in a long line of protest singers that includes Woody Guthrie, John Lennon, and Bob Marley, and examines by turns Strummer's and punk's ongoing cultural influence.

The reggae musician's manager provides details of Bob Marley's life and musical career.

An intimate birth-to-death portrait of reggae superstar Bob Marley told by the woman who brought him into this world and to whom he spoke his last words on his deathbed. It covers such topics as his embracing Rastafarianism (and his conversion of his mother), his views on sex and marijuana, his struggle with cancer and the battles for the estate after his death. Written with the occasional Jamaican patois, it provides a portrait of rural and urban Jamaica.

Lisa Robinson is the only woman journalist to have broken into the rock and roll boy's club. She has interviewed everyone from John Lennon to Patti Smith, Lady Gaga to the Clash. She's discussed nail varnish with a 12 year old Michael Jackson and introduced Lou Reed to David Bowie over filet mignon. For the first time ever, all her stories are collected in one volume. There Goes Gravity is a addictive homage to rock and roll and to Lisa's place within it.

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Get Up, Stand Up! for the king of reggae music! Bob Marley was a reggae superstar who is considered to be one of the most influential musicians of all time. Born in rural Jamaica, this musician and songwriter began his career with his band, The Wailing Wailers, in 1963. The Wailers went on to spread the gospel of reggae music around the globe. Bob's distinctive style and dedication to his Rastafari beliefs became a rallying cry for the poor and disenfranchised the world over and led to a hugely successful solo career. After his death in 1981, Bob Marley became a symbol of Jamaican culture and identity. His greatest-hits album, Legend, remains the best-selling reggae album of all time. Who Was Bob Marley? tells the story of how a man with humble roots became an international icon. This title in the New York Times best-selling series contains eighty illustrations that help bring the story to life.

In honor of Bob Marley's seventy-fifth birthday, this glorious oversize book collects more than 150 photographs that celebrate the life and influence of the forefather of reggae and one of the greatest musical and sociopolitical icons of twentieth-century pop culture. Drawing exclusively on photos in the Marley family archives, the book mixes the iconic and the intimate, bringing together striking images of Marley as a performer onstage with unseen glimpses into his creative process in and out of the studio and his family life in Jamaica. Making the most of its oversize pages, the book is designed as a monument to his influence. Focusing on the last decade of his life--the period of his greatest worldwide fame--and with excerpts from unpublished interviews and prophetic quotes alongside the images, this is a definitive portrait of one of the great artists of the twentieth century made by those who knew him best.

Here is a poignant account of reggae icon Bob Marley (1945-1980) told in the lyrical but earthy tones of his devoted mother. 33 photos. A biography of the roots, evolution and eventual emergence of rock and roll and, Lynyrd Skynyrd. Though plagued by personal tragedy, numerous personnel changes and the untimely deaths of some of its founding members, Lynyrd Skynyrd has continued to record, tour and produce albums. This volume features in-depth biographies and inside stories of intricate inter-band relationships, charges of manslaughter and broken contracts. There are interviews with Charlie Daniels, Gregg Allman, Warren Hayes and Allen Woody.

"[Ziggy's] first collection of recipes pays homage to the flavors of his youth and the food he loves to cook for his wife and five children." --People.com "The musician, his family, and a few well-known chefs all contributed recipes, which are vibrant with fresh vegetables, herbs, and signature Jamaican ingredients like allspice berries and Scotch bonnet peppers . . . Readers will enjoy the vivid, colorful photos of the food and Marley's family." --Booklist "With a health-focused approach, Ziggy Marley reveals memories and food traditions in his new family cookbook." --Ebony "Ziggy rolls up his sleeves to produce Vegetarian Hash, dumplings, Jerk Chicken, Tofu in Coconut Curry, Fish Soup, Caribbean Salsa, Hempseed Pesto, Date and Kale Smoothie, Frittata, Mancakes, Mamá Carmelita's flan and even offers the best recipe for baking Stout Gingerbread. Simply explained, gluten-free, organic fruits and vegetables combine to make healthy, vegetarian, vegan and non-vegetarian meals." --The New York Beacon "The book features updated versions of favorite Jamaican and Rastafarian-inspired meals from those closest to him. Along with Marley's own creations, like the sublime Coconut Dream Fish and aforementioned Mancakes, recipes include his wife Orly's morning oatmeal, his sister Karen's lentil soup, recipes from his daughter Judah and mother-in-law, fresh juices like those his father enjoyed and contributions from several renowned chefs." --Parade "Ziggy Marley and Family Cookbook is a medley of lively recipes like Roasted Yam Tart and Coconut Dream Fish." --Family Circle "Filled with enticing photos, the book includes the recipes of Marley and those close to him, including sister Karen and daughter Judah. It's a celebration of food and family. Containing meat and fish dishes, as

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well as vegan and vegetarian creations, it draws not only from the Jamaican and Rastafarian cultures that nurtured Marley, but also his wife Orly's Israeli-Iranian roots." --The Mercury News "An exquisite and delectable menu of succulent food." -- Crave "The book is inspired by Jamaican meals Ziggy enjoyed while growing up--but with an up-dated healthy spin. It features contributions by wife Orly, sister Karen and daughter Judah. --The Chronicle Journal "Marley delivers a book full of flavors that appeal to the taste buds but also to clean eating . . . There is truly something here for every adventurous and organic-conscious foodie from the Marley family kitchen." --Insights Magazine "This is no typical island cookbook; rather, it's an innovative collection of healthful recipes from his family's Rastafarian and Jamaican roots, combined with dishes from his wife's Persian/Israeli background." --Palo Alto Daily News As the oldest son of Bob and Rita Marley, Ziggy was raised with both traditional Jamaican food and the more natural and healthy "ital" food of the family's Rastafari culture. The fifty-four recipes included in the book, inspired by Ziggy's youth and accompanied by beautiful photos, are contributed by Ziggy, his wife Orly, his sister Karen, as well as renowned chefs Bruce Sherman (Coconut Carrot Curry), Ben Ford (Escabeche, Escovitch), and Leonie McDonald (Caribbean Salsa). Many of the recipes are vegetarian, vegan, and/or gluten-free. From the introduction by Ziggy Marley: "I first started dabbling in the kitchen as a teenager. I enjoyed making cornmeal porridge, and it helped me to begin appreciating the idea of nourishment, the idea that food can make your body feel better. I would make Irish moss and some of my dad's juices...Our Rasta culture was different than regular Jamaican culture. We used to have both sides then, because my auntie would cook the more traditional Jamaican food. On the other side, our Rasta culture drew us to a different way of eating. My father would always have a lot of juices and greens and nuts. We were introduced to ital food--fresh, organic, and nutritious, less salt."

A great blues guitarist chronicles his eventful life, from his modest upbringing in rural Louisiana to his rise to prominence in the Chicago blues scene to his becoming a lasting influence on Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughn and many others.

The quintessential folk poet of the Third World, Bob Marley influenced generations of musicians and writers. He was a performer who held true to his religious and cultural heritage, who rallied against injustice, and who became an internationally revered musical icon. Renowned poet and scholar Kwame Dawes analyses in detail his verses and lyrics, matching them against the social and political climate of the time and asking of them what it meant to be a black, Jamaican man thrust into the limelight of western society; how change can be affected through music; and how political and ethical truths can be woven into song. His lyrics are poignant, powerful and poetic and this book showcases his written word. Updated to include an interactive timeline of his life, formed with videos and imagery, as well as integrated Spotify playlists, this is the perfect companion to Bob Marley's recordings.

Anyone who has lived near New Haven, Connecticut, in the past 40-plus years has surely heard of Toad's Place. With a capacity of 750, Toad's has served as the perfect spot for musicians who prefer smaller venues. U2 played one of their first US concerts there, on their Boy tour. In 1978, Bruce Springsteen was in New Haven and arrived at Toad's unannounced, and got up and played. The surprises kept coming and the club was attracting big names, as well as up-and-comers. In 1989, the Rolling Stones played a surprise show on a Saturday night, giving 700 fans the night of their dreams. Nothing could have been better—the Rolling Stones in downtown New Haven was unimaginable! That is only a taste of the stories that are uncovered in this book. Randall Beach and Toad's owner Brian Phelps recall the legendary shows and behind-the-scenes stories.

A vivid, dramatic account of the life and career of Bob Marley, undisputed master of reggae music, political visionary, and revolutionary soul prophet, and the sociocultural matrix that spawned him

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An in-depth biography of Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page by the acclaimed biographer of Bob Marley and Joe Strummer, based upon the author's extensive research and interviews. The original enigmatic rock star, Jimmy Page is a mass of contradictions. A towering presence in the guitar world and one of the most revered rock guitarists of all time, in private he is reclusive and mysterious, retiring and given to esoteric interests. Over the decades he has exchanged few words to the press given the level of his fame, and an abiding interest in the demonic and supernatural has only made the myth more potent. But in the midst of this maelstrom, who was Jimmy Page? Rock journalist Chris Salewicz has conducted numerous interviews with Page over the years and has created the first portrait of the guitarist that can be called definitive, penetrating the shadows that surround him to reveal the fascinating man who dwells within the rock legend.

Recorded in London while Marley recovered from an assassination attempt, Exodus was released on June, 3rd 1977; in 1999, Time magazine called it the "best album of the 20th century." Rock critic Richard Williams has created a magnificent illustrated tribute to the reggae legend featuring rare photos from the Marley family archives and perceptive essays by today's finest music writers, including Robert Christgau and Chris Blackwell. Williams had exclusive access to new material, and many of those associated with Marley personally and professionally lend their voices to the book. And, for the first time, all the lyrics are included, with commentary by Linton Kwesi Johnson. Best of all, it comes with a CD of Marley's masterpiece so you can listen as you read.

An inspiring collection of poems, meditations, and lyrics by one of the world's most revered musical legends Bob Marley's music defined a movement and forever changed a nation. Known worldwide for their message of peace and unity, Marley's songs—from "One Love" to "Redemption Song" to "Three Little Birds"—have touched millions of lives. This collection is the best of Bob Marley presented in three parts: "The Man," giving an in-depth look into the life of Bob Marley; "The Music," comprising his most memorable lyrics as well as links to many of his songs in iTunes; and "The Revolution," containing his meditations on social equality and the Rastafari movement. Enriched with iconic photographs, Listen to Bob Marley provides insight into a reggae legend, the inspirational man behind the music. This ebook features an introduction by daughter Cedella Marley and an illustrated biography of Cedella including rare photographs from her personal collection.

Award-winning and internationally renowned Washington Post and Time magazine photographer David Burnett, delivers an intimate and previously unpublished look at Bob Marley's personal life in Jamaica, music, and Exodus tour at the height of his career and shortly before his tragic death. On assignment in Jamaica for Time magazine, photo-journalist David Burnett first photographed Bob Marley in 1976 and continued to document the Reggae legend on tour throughout Europe during the spring of 1977. Burnett's vision coupled with Marley's larger-than-life charisma resulted in an amazing collection of previously unseen images witnessed for the first time in Soul Rebel: An Intimate Portrait of Bob Marley in Jamaica and Beyond. Of the more than 200 images published here, only a handful were ever used for the Time article.

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While focusing on Marley, Burnett's work also canvassed a broad array of burgeoning Reggae talents in Marley's native Jamaica, including portraits of Peter Tosh, Lee Scratch Perry, Burning Spear, and Ras Michael. Compelling and incomparably candid, *Soul Rebel* honors the anniversary of Marley's birth with a testament to the legacy of a legend. For any Reggae lover or music history buff, *Soul Rebel* offers a matchless glimpse into Marley's life shortly before his tragic death in 1981.

Each book in the series looks at the intriguing origins of a particular music group or performer's hit songs and includes dozens of full-color and black-and-white photos. Original.

Illustrated with photos and memorabilia from all phases of their journey, *Bob Marley and the Wailers* illuminates the lives and times of the man and his collaborators. Well over three decades after Marley's death, he and his bandmates remain the most famous reggae artists of all time. Indeed, the Wailers are one of the most famous bands of all time, period. Their evolution from early-60s Jamaican ska act to international superstars was not just improbable, but unprecedented for an act from a third-world nation. The entire, incredible journey of Marley and the Wailers is covered in this visual history. You will see the crucial role they played in establishing reggae as a globally popular form of music, and the influence that the Rastafari movement had on their lives and sound. Plus, how Marley's socially conscious lyrics and actions made him a universal symbol of pride and justice. This tribute takes you through the entire story, right up to Marley's untimely death in 1981, and his enduring legacy beyond.

A memoir by the woman who knew Bob Marley best--his wife, Rita. Rita Marley grew up in the slums of Trench Town, Jamaica. Abandoned by her mother at a very young age, she was raised by her aunt. Music ran in Rita's family, and even as a child her talent for singing was pronounced. By the age of 18, Rita was an unwed mother, and it was then that she met Bob Marley at a recording studio in Trench Town. Bob and Rita became close friends, fell in love, and soon, she and her girlfriends were singing backup for the Wailers. At the ages of 21 and 19, Bob and Rita were married. The rest is history: Bob Marley and the Wailers set Jamaica and the world on fire. But while Rita displayed blazing courage, joy, and an indisputable devotion to her husband, life with Bob was not easy. There were his liaisons with other women--some of which produced children and were conducted under Rita's roof. The press repeatedly reported that Bob was unmarried to preserve his "image." But Rita kept her self-respect, and when Bob succumbed to cancer in 1981, she was at his side. In the years that followed, she became a force in her own right--as the Bob Marley Foundation's spokesperson and a performer in her reggae group, the I-Three. Written with author Hettie Jones, *No Woman No Cry* is a no-holds-barred account of life with one of the most famous musicians of all time. In *No Woman No Cry*, readers will learn about the never-before-told details of Bob Marley's life, including: How Rita practiced subsistence farming when first married to Bob to

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have food for her family. How Rita rode her bicycle into town with copies of Bob's latest songs to sell. How Rita worked as a housekeeper in Delaware to help support her family when her children were young. Why Rita chose to befriend some of the women with whom Bob had affairs and to give them advice on rearing the children they had with Bob. The story of the attack on Bob which almost killed the two of them. Bob's last wishes, dreams, and hopes, as well as the details of his death, such as who came to the funeral (and who didn't).

The team of writer Chris Salewicz and photographer Adrian Boot have brought together 50,000 words of text and over 400 images from the ReggaeXplosion Archive to create a history that contains a potent cocktail of drama, turbulence, pride and protest. From the earliest emergence in the 1950s of the fiercely competitive sound systems, fighting sonic battles in downtown Kingston, the story of Jamaican music is traced through ska, the birth of reggae, dub, roots reggae and the impact of Bob Marley to the new, harder-edged developments that have emerged in the last twenty years, including dancehall, ragga and jungle. Unpublished transcripts of interviews with key figures like Lee 'Scratch' Perry and Prince Buster introduce the authentic voices of reggae history to the book - which blends researched facts, graphics and rare images to create not only a sense of the pulse of the music, but also the contrasts of poverty, humour, desperation and joie de vivre that typify both the island of Jamaica and its music.

This full-blooded story of The Wailers puts the life, music and death of the legendary Bob Marley into a razor-sharp new perspective. The Wailers played with Marley on all of the hit singles and albums that made him a legend, yet their story since his death is a little-known saga of betrayal, greed and murder that is told here in its entirety for the first time. Written in collaboration with Aston 'Family Man' Barrett and other surviving band members, the book explores Marley's colourful journey from downtown Kingston onto the world stage. It covers the assassination attempt on Marley's life, his exile in London, the kidnapping and decapitation of the Barretts' father, and the death by gunfire of both Peter Tosh and drummer Carlton Barrett. Bitter acrimony followed Marley's own death from cancer as the iconic singer's legacy was parlayed into a multi-million dollar industry.

Bob Marley was a reggae superstar, a musical prophet who brought the sound of the Third World to the entire globe. Before the Legend: The Rise of Bob Marley goes beyond the myth of Marley to bring you the private side of a man few people ever really knew. Drawing from original interviews with the people closest to Marley—including his widow, Rita, his mother, Cedella, his bandmate and childhood friend, Bunny Wailer, his producer Chris Blackwell, and many others—Legend paints an entirely fresh picture of one of the most enduring musical artists of our times. This is a portrait of an artist as a young man, from his birth in the tiny town of Nine Miles in the hills of Jamaica, to the making of his debut international record, "Catch a Fire." We see Marley on the tough streets of Trench Town before he found stardom, struggling to find his way in music, in love and in life, and we take the wild

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ride with him to worldwide acceptance and adoration. From the acclaimed journalist, Christopher John Farelly, the author of the bestselling AALIYAH and the reporter who broke the story on Dave Chappelle's retreat to South Africa, Legend is bursting with fresh insights into Marley and Jamaica, and is the definitive story of Marley's early days.

“Reggae’s chief eyewitness, dropping testimony on reggae’s chief prophet with truth, blood, and fire.” —Marlon James, Man Booker Prize–winning author Renowned reggae historian Roger Steffens’s riveting oral history of Bob Marley’s life draws on four decades of intimate interviews with band members, family, lovers, and confidants—many speaking publicly for the first time. Hailed by the New York Times Book Review as a “crucial voice” in the documentation of Marley’s legacy, Steffens spent years traveling with the Wailers and taking iconic photographs. Through eyewitness accounts of vivid scenes—the future star auditioning for Coxson Dodd; the violent confrontation between the Wailers and producer Lee Perry; the attempted assassination (and conspiracy theories that followed); the artist’s tragic death from cancer—So Much Things to Say tells Marley’s story like never before. What emerges is a legendary figure “who feels a bit more human” (The New Yorker).

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Winner of the 2015 Man Booker Prize One of Entertainment Weekly's Top 10 Books of the Decade One of the Top 10 Books of 2014 – Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times A “thrilling, ambitious . . . intense” (Los Angeles Times) novel that explores the attempted assassination of Bob Marley in the late 1970s, from the author of Black Leopard, Red Wolf In A Brief History of Seven Killings, Marlon James combines brilliant storytelling with his unrivaled skills of characterization and meticulous eye for detail to forge an enthralling novel of dazzling ambition and scope. On December 3, 1976, just before the Jamaican general election and two days before Bob Marley was to play the Smile Jamaica Concert to ease political tensions in Kingston, seven gunmen stormed the singer’s house, machine guns blazing. The attack wounded Marley, his wife, and his manager, and injured several others. Little was officially released about the gunmen, but much has been whispered, gossiped and sung about in the streets of West Kingston. Rumors abound regarding the assassins’ fates, and there are suspicions that the attack was politically motivated. A Brief History of Seven Killings delves deep into that dangerous and unstable time in Jamaica’s history and beyond. James deftly chronicles the lives of a host of unforgettable characters – gunmen, drug dealers, one-night stands, CIA agents, even ghosts – over the course of thirty years as they roam the streets of 1970s Kingston, dominate the crack houses of 1980s New York, and ultimately reemerge into the radically altered Jamaica of the 1990s. Along the way, they learn that evil does indeed cast long shadows, that justice and retribution are inextricably linked, and that no one can truly escape his fate. Gripping and inventive, shocking and irresistible, A Brief History of Seven Killings is a mesmerizing modern classic of power, mystery, and insight.

A passionate memoir and fearless behind-the-scenes look at the personal lives of the biggest reggae stars in the world.

Robert Johnson. Brian Jones. Jimi Hendrix. Janis Joplin. Jim Morrison. Kurt Cobain. Amy Winehouse. They were inspirational, controversial, talismanic and innovative. They lead lives full of myth, scandal, sex, drugs and some of the most glorious music that has ever heard. Though each of their lives were cut tragically short at the age of 27, they would all leave the world having changed

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it irrevocably. Chris Salewicz tells, in intimate detail, the stories behind these compelling figures. From Robert Johnson and his legendary deal with the devil, to Jimi Hendrix appearing like a psychedelic comet on the London scene, through to Amy Winehouse's blazing talent and her savage appetite for self-destruction.

An introduction to pioneering DJ Clive Campbell describes how he devised new ways of playing music between dance songs, sharing insight into his youth in 1970s Jamaica and the Bronx and how his musical achievements helped counter gang violence. By the author of the National Book Award finalist, Harlem Stomp!

As Years Go By is a richly detailed portrait of Marianne Faithfull, the woman who has lived an incredible life, one that far transcends her best known role as courtesan to the chief rolling stone.

In the middle of a depressing youth in a ghetto of Kingston, Jamaica, Robert Nesta Marley sees only one way out: music. And that music will be what Jamaica made of rock and pop locally that had hardly been heard anywhere else: reggae! It is Marley who brings the unmistakable beat of reggae to the entire world. From small stages in Jamaica, his partners, The Wailers, accompany him all the way to the most fabulous world tours and adulation. In addition to a rocketing musical career, the most famous rasta wants to shake things up and proclaim his humanitarian and egalitarian values.

With a Bible and guitar, Bob Marley set out to conquer the world of popular music. Rising from humble origins to international stardom, he worked tirelessly to spread a dual message of resistance and redemption--a message inspired by his reading of scripture. Marley's constant reliance on the Bible throughout the stages of his artistic and spiritual paths is an integral part of his story that has not been sufficiently told--until now. This is the first book written on Bob Marley as biblical interpreter. It answers the question, What light does biblical scholarship shed on Marley's interpretation, and what can Marley teach biblical scholars? Focusing on the parts of the Bible that Marley quotes most often in his lyrics, MacNeil provides a close analysis of Marley's interpretation. For students of Marley, this affords a deeper appreciation and understanding of his thought and his art. For students of scripture, it demonstrates the nature of Marley's unique contribution to the field of biblical interpretation, which can be appreciated as an excellent example of what R. S. Sugirtharajah calls "vernacular interpretation" of scripture.

The connections between government, organized crime, and the music industry are examined, offering compelling evidence that there may be more to the deaths of important popular musicians than has been commonly told.

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Based on extensive research and primary source information, this biography provides a new perspective on the emergence of the Beatles, on Paul's relationship with John Lennon, and on the mixed results of Paul's solo career

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