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Way Beyond Compare Simon and Schuster

An NPR Best Book of the Year • Winner of the Virgil Thomson Award for Outstanding Music Criticism “This is the best book about the Beatles ever written” —Mashable Rob Sheffield, the Rolling Stone columnist and bestselling author of *Love Is a Mix Tape* offers an entertaining, unconventional look at the most popular band in history, the Beatles, exploring what they mean today and why they still matter so intensely to a generation that has never known a world without them. *Dreaming the Beatles* is not another biography of the Beatles, or a song-by-song analysis of the best of John and Paul. It isn’t another exposé about how they broke up. It isn’t a history of their gigs or their gear. It is a collection of essays telling the story of what this ubiquitous band means to a generation who grew up with the Beatles music on their parents’ stereos and their faces on T-shirts. What do the Beatles mean today? Why are they more famous and beloved now than ever? And why do they still matter so much to us, nearly fifty years after they broke up? As he did in his previous books, *Love is a Mix Tape*, *Talking to Girls About Duran Duran*, and *Turn Around Bright Eyes*, Sheffield focuses on the emotional connections we make to music. This time, he focuses on the biggest pop culture phenomenon of all time—The Beatles. In his singular voice, he explores what the Beatles mean today, to fans who have learned to love them on their own terms and not just for the sake of nostalgia.

Dreaming the Beatles tells the story of how four lads from Liverpool became the world’s biggest pop group, then broke up—but then somehow just kept getting bigger. At this point, their music doesn’t belong to the past—it belongs to right now. This book is a celebration of that music, showing why the Beatles remain the world’s favorite thing—and how they invented the future we’re all living in today.

[The Beatles Recording Sessions](#) Cornell University Press

The fifth and final book of this critically acclaimed series, "The Beatles Recording Reference Manual: Volume 5: Let It Be through Abbey Road (1969 - 1970)" follows The Beatles as they "get back to where they once belonged...". Not once, but twice. With "Let It Be", they attempted to recapture the spontaneity of their early years and recordings, while "Abbey Road" was a different kind of return - to the complexity, finish and polish that they had applied to their work beginning with "Revolver" and through to "The Beatles". From the first take to the final remix, discover the making of the greatest recordings of all time. Through extensive, fully-documented research, these books fill an important gap left by all other Beatles books published to date and provide a unique view into the recordings of the world's most successful pop music act. The collection and analysis of hundreds of recordings (takes, outtakes, remixes and released versions), books, magazine articles, photos, film and video evidence, and interviews with key engineers who worked on the sessions filter out the noise of myth and conflicting fact to arrive at an accurate telling of the creation of The Beatles' classic recordings. Book features: Commercial releases during the period (albums, singles and extended play (EP) discs) Song-by-song narratives of work during the period in order of first recording (Each narration includes an introduction to the song, information on the technical team responsible

for production and a description of the construction of the song from the first take to the final remix, detailing the entire recording process.). An easy to follow diagram of the recording process. A year-by-year overview of the recording studios used by the band, including the available equipment configurations. A year-by-year overview of the instruments and amplifiers used by the band. A session-by-session breakdown of every technical component used in the creation of the songs (listing the session date, location, work completed, technical staff, musicians, instruments used, amplifiers used, recording equipment, microphones and studio effects used). A listing of mono and stereo master remixes, their dates of creation and their release versions (for UK release). Tables outlining the use during the period of electric and acoustic guitars, basses, drums, percussion, keyboards and other instruments, amplifiers, EMI Studios outboard equipment and microphones. An explanation of technical equipment in relation to The Beatles recording sessions. A glossary of terms. A complete bibliography. The recording of each song is described step-by-step, revealing the backing tracks, overdubs, edits, and remixes that led to the final release versions the world knows and loves. Easy to follow diagrams offer insight into the recording process at each major milestone. Detailed appendices expose the behind the scenes work accomplished in each session and reveal every piece of gear and studio equipment used to create their landmark recordings. Song by song and session by session, discover the musicians and technicians, studios, gear, and techniques used by The Beatles to create their musical masterpieces.

Those Were the Days 2. 0 National Geographic Books

"Ken McNab's in-depth look at The Beatles' acrimonious final year is a detailed account of the breakup featuring the perspectives of all four band members and their roles. A must to add to the collection of Beatles fans, *And In the End* is full of fascinating information available for the first time. McNab reconstructs for the first time the seismic events of 1969, when The Beatles reached new highs of creativity and new lows of the internal strife that would destroy them. Between the pressure of being filmed during rehearsals and writing sessions for the documentary *Get Back*, their company Apple Corps facing bankruptcy, Lennon's heroin use, and musical disagreements, the group was arguing more than ever before and their formerly close friendship began to disintegrate. In the midst of this rancour, however, emerged the disharmony of *Let It Be* and the ragged genius of *Abbey Road*, their incredible farewell love letter to the world"--

[The Beatles through a Glass Onion](#) 498 Productions, LLC

Given the phenomenal fame and commercial success that the Beatles knew for the entire course of their familiar career, their music per se has received surprisingly little detailed attention. Not all of their cultural influence can be traced to long hair and flashy clothing; the Beatles had numerous fresh ideas about melody, harmony, counterpoint, rhythm, form, colors, and textures. Or consider how much new ground was broken by their lyrics alone--both the themes and imagery of the Beatles' poetry are key parts of what made (and still makes) this group so important, so popular, and so imitated. This book is a comprehensive chronological study of every aspect of the Fab Four's musical life--including full examinations of composition, performance practice, recording, and historical context--during their transcendent late period (1966-1970). Rich, authoritative interpretations are interwoven through a documentary study of many thousands of audio, print, and other sources.

The Beatles' Story on Capitol Records Alfred Music

In 1979, Beatles expert Mark Lewisohn set about establishing a complete list of the group's live appearances from 1957 through 1966, when they stopped giving concerts; the research took seven long years and was published as the book *The Beatles Live!* Shortly thereafter, EMI Records invited Lewisohn to be the only person outside of the Beatles and their production staff to go into *Abbey Road* and listen to the entire collection of Beatles session tapes and to interview practically everyone involved in their making. The result was published in 1988 as *The Complete Beatles Recording Sessions*, and sold over 150,000 copies. This book artfully combines and updates all the vital material in Lewisohn's earlier two books with his definitive account of the Beatles' work in radio, television, film, and video to create a complete day-by-day summary of the group's entire oeuvre. First published in 1992, *The Complete Beatles Chronicle* has become the Beatles Bible, the one book no fan can live without, and a perfect companion to the bestselling *Beatles Anthology*, which recounted their story in their own words.

Revolution in the Head Hachette UK

The Beatles, the 1968 double LP more commonly known as the *White Album*, has always been viewed as an oddity in the group's oeuvre. Many have found it to be inconsistent, sprawling, and self-indulgent. *The Beatles through a Glass Onion* is the first-ever scholarly volume to explore this seminal recording at length, bringing together contributions by some of the most eminent scholars of rock music writing today. It marks a reconsideration of this iconic but under-appreciated recording and reaffirms the *White Album's* significance in the Beatles' career and in rock history. This volume treats the *White Album* as a whole, with essays scrutinizing it from a wide range of perspectives. These essays place the album within the social and political context of a turbulent historical moment; locate it within the Beatles' lives and careers, taking into consideration the complex personal forces at play during the recording sessions; investigate the musical as well as pharmaceutical influences on the record; reveal how it reflects new developments in the Beatles' songwriting and arranging; revisit the question of its alleged disunity; and finally, track its legacy and the breadth of its influence on later rock, pop, and hip-hop artists. *The Beatles through a Glass Onion* features the scholarship of Adam Bradley, Vincent Benitez, Lori Burns, John Covach, Walter Everett, Michael Frontani, Steve Hamelman, Ian Inglis, John Kimsey, Mark Osteen, Russell Reising, Stephen Valdez, Anthony D. Villa, Kenneth Womack, and Alyssa Woods. John Covach's Afterword summarizes the *White Album's* lasting impact and value. *The Beatles through a Glass Onion* represents a landmark work of rock music scholarship. It will prove to be an essential and enduring contribution to the field.

Abbey Road to Ziggy Stardust Turner Publishing Company

"The first book of the four-book series, *The Beatles Recording Reference Manual: Volume 1: My Bonnie through Beatles For Sale (1961-1964)* tracks the evolution of the band from their earliest recordings and initial hits, through *Please Please Me*, *With The Beatles*, *A Hard Day's Night*, and *Beatles For Sale*. From the first take to the final remix, discover the making of the greatest recordings of all time. Through extensive, fully-documented research, these books fill an important gap left by all other Beatles books published to date and provide a unique view into the recordings of the world's most successful pop music act. The collection and analysis of hundreds of recordings (takes, outtakes, remixes and release versions), books, magazine articles, photos, film and video evidence, and interviews with key engineers who worked on the sessions filter out the noise of myth and conflicting fact to arrive at an accurate telling of the creation of The Beatles classic recordings"--Provided by publisher.

[The Beatles Recording Reference Manual](#) Carlton Books

From *Please Please Me* to *Abbey Road*, this collection of essays tells the fascinating story of the Beatles – the creation of the band, their musical influences, and their cultural significance, with emphasis on their genesis and practices as musicians, songwriters, and recording artists. Through detailed biographical and album analyses, the book uncovers the background of each band member and provides expansive readings of the band's music. • Traces the group's creative output from their earliest recordings through their career • Pays particular attention to the social and historical factors which contributed to the creation of the band • Investigates the Beatles' unique enduring musical legacy and cultural power • Clearly organized into three sections, covering Background, Works, and History and Influence, the Companion is ideal for course usage, and is also a must-read for all Beatles fans

The Beatles Recording Reference Manual CRC Press

As the greatest rock and roll band of all time, the Beatles rocketed to worldwide fame soon after their 1964 arrival in the United States. Much of their achievement can be attributed to the unique Beatle sound, but it was more than just the music that catapulted them to the summit of success, and kept them there even after the band ceased touring and broke apart. How the Beatles both failed and triumphed as businessmen and the lessons today's entrepreneurs and business leaders can draw from this unique journey is the subject of *Come Together: The Business Wisdom of the Beatles*. Authors Richard Courtney and George Cassidy recount the band's many exploits, from its early struggles in Hamburg to the success of Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band and beyond, revealing from a business perspective what worked and what didn't. More than the music, this book explores what it took to pass the audition.

The Cambridge Companion to the Beatles Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

One of the most important documentaries on rock music ever published, this is EMI Records' official diary-format history of every Beatles recording session. Now in paperback. Researched from hundreds of unreleased *Abbey Road* archive tapes, featuring thousands of previously unpublished studio documents and interviews with many of the key recording personnel. The book is filled with over 350 color and black-and-white photographs and illustrations, including rare photos by Linda McCartney and the first facsimile reproductions of *Abbey Road* recording sheets, tape boxes, album sleeve roughs, memos, contracts, press releases and much more.

[Lifting Latches](#) Jefferson, N.C. : McFarland

An all-access, firsthand account of the life and music of one of history's most beloved bands--from an original mastering engineer at *Abbey Road* Geoff Emerick became an assistant engineer at the legendary *Abbey Road Studios* in 1962 at age fifteen, and was present as a new band called the Beatles recorded their first songs. He later worked with the Beatles as they recorded their singles "She Loves You" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand," the songs that would propel them to international superstardom. In 1964 he would witness the transformation of this young and playful group from Liverpool into professional, polished musicians as they put to tape classic songs such as "Eight Days A Week" and "I Feel Fine." Then, in 1966, at age nineteen, Geoff Emerick became the Beatles' chief engineer, the man responsible for their distinctive sound as they recorded the classic album *Revolver*, in which they pioneered innovative recording techniques that changed the course of rock history. Emerick would also engineer the monumental *Sgt. Pepper* and *Abbey Road* albums, considered by many the greatest rock recordings of all time. In *Here, There and Everywhere* he reveals the creative process of the band in the studio, and describes how he achieved the sounds on their most famous songs. Emerick also brings to light the personal dynamics of the band, from the relentless (and increasingly mean-spirited) competition between Lennon and McCartney to the infighting and frustration that eventually brought a bitter end to the greatest rock band the world has ever known.

Shout! Four Ninety-Eight Productions Llc

Music writer Womack delivers a fascinating, in-depth look at the creation of *Abbey Road*, the Beatles' penultimate album released 50 years ago....

Womack displays a detailed and insightful analysis that fans will hope he applies to the band's other albums.— Publishers Weekly
Acclaimed Beatles historian Kenneth Womack offers the most definitive account yet of the writing, recording, mixing, and reception of *Abbey Road*. In February 1969, the Beatles began working on what became their final album together. *Abbey Road* introduced a number of new techniques and technologies to the Beatles' sound, and included "Come Together," "Something," and "Here Comes the Sun," which all emerged as classics. Womack's colorful retelling of how this landmark album was written and recorded is a treat for fans of the Beatles. *Solid State* takes readers back to 1969 and into EMI's *Abbey Road Studio*, which boasted an advanced solid state transistor mixing desk. Womack focuses on the dynamics between John, Paul, George, Ringo, and producer George Martin and his team of engineers, who set aside (for the most part) the tensions and conflicts that had arisen on previous albums to create a work with an innovative (and, among some fans and critics, controversial) studio-bound sound that prominently included the new Moog synthesizer, among other novelties. As Womack shows, *Abbey Road* was the culmination of the instrumental skills, recording equipment, and artistic vision that the band and George Martin had developed since their early days in the same studio seven years earlier. A testament to the group's creativity and their producer's ingenuity, *Solid State* is required reading for all fans of the Beatles and the history of rock 'n' roll.

The Beatles - All These Years Random House

We proudly present a new and updated edition of the author's critically acclaimed 2002 title 'Those Were The Days' - the definitive chronicle of The Beatles' Apple organisation. Much has changed within the music industry since the original publication of 'Those Were The Days', and the music and business of The Beatles and Apple has not been exempt from those changes. Since 2002, the organisation has learned to function in a digital world, The Beatles have become a Las Vegas attraction and accompanying brand, and have taken tentative steps into a marketplace that now demands a steady supply of archival reissues and creative repackaging. Perhaps most notably, and ironically, Apple also undertook a lengthy legal battle with one of the most powerful organisations on the planet, the omnipresent Apple Inc., whose technology largely enabled those wholesale changes to an industry whose model was cemented by The Beatles' unprecedented multi-media popularity during the 1960s and beyond. Nevertheless, Apple and its extended stable of artists (Mary Hopkin, James Taylor, Badfinger, Billy Preston, Hot Chocolate and many more), has endured into the 21st Century. In fact, Apple never really went a

The Beatles Records on Vee-Jay Hamlyn

The third book of the Association for Recorded Sound Collections (ARSC)-nominated, critically -acclaimed four-book series, "The Beatles Recording Reference Manual: Volume 3: Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band through Magical Mystery Tour (late 1966-1967)" captures the band's most innovative era in its entirety. From the first take to the final remix, discover the making of the greatest recordings of all time. Through extensive, fully-documented research, these books fill an important gap left by all other Beatles books published to date and provide a unique view into the recordings of the world's most successful pop music act. The collection and analysis of hundreds of recordings (takes, outtakes, remixes and release versions), books, magazine articles, photos, film and video evidence, and interviews with key engineers who worked on the sessions filter out the noise of myth and conflicting fact to arrive at an accurate telling of the creation of The Beatles classic recordings. Book features: Commercial releases during the period (albums, singles and extended play (EP) discs) Song-by-song narratives of work during the period in order of first recording (Each narration includes an introduction to the song, information on the technical team responsible for production and a description of the construction of the song from the first take to the final remix, detailing the entire recording process.). An easy to follow diagram of the recording process. A year-by-year overview of the recording studios used by the band, including the available equipment configurations. A year-by-year overview of the instruments and amplifiers used by the band. A session-by-session breakdown of every technical component used in the creation of the songs (listing the session date, location, work completed, technical staff, musicians, instruments used, amplifiers used, recording equipment, microphones and studio effects used). A listing of mono and stereo master remixes, their dates of creation and their release versions (for UK release). Tables outlining the use during the period of electric and acoustic guitars, basses, drums, percussion, keyboards and other instruments, amplifiers, EMI Studios outboard equipment and microphones. An explanation of technical equipment in relation to The Beatles recording sessions. A glossary of terms. A complete bibliography.

The Beatles as Musicians : Revolver through the Anthology HarperCollins

The Beatles Solo on Apple Records" is the companion piece to Bruce Spizers critically acclaimed "The Beatles on Apple Records." This book details the solo records released by John, Paul, George and Ringo on their own Apple label in America, starting with the December, 1968, release of Georges "Wonderwall Music" album and ending with the December, 1975, release of Georges single "This Guitar (Cant Keep From Crying)." All solo projects are covered, including all of the albums and singles released by John & Yoko and Paul McCartney & Wings, as well as classic albums such as "Imagine," "Band On The Run," "All Things Must Pass" and "Ringo." The book provides complete session and chart information and shows all picture sleeves, album covers and label variations, along with many of the promotional posters, displays and trade magazine ads. The book is hard cover and printed

on heavy weight glossy paper. It has over 900 images (all in full color or original black & white) spread throughout the books 358 pages.

Sound Man Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

A detailed look at every piece of studio gear used, full explanations of effects and recording processes, and an inside look at how specific songs were recorded.

The Beatles from Cavern to Star-Club University of Michigan Press

From a writer and music industry insider who worked with The Beatles comes a comprehensive look at the band's only double album--and the world in which they recorded it. The Summer of Love--and many of the free, progressive ideas associated with it--was truly over by 1968, which saw disruption in the factories and revolution on the streets. This turmoil was reflected by The Beatles in the studio where, without the distraction of live performance, they adapted to life after Brian Epstein and with the addition of Yoko Ono. The result, officially called The Beatles but universally known as "The White Album," featured an eccentric, eclectic mixture of styles, techniques, and unconventional songs. This in-depth exploration of The Beatles' classic work has two parts: the A side is the definitive guide to the album, the recording, and the events surrounding it, along with interviews with the people involved. The B-side focuses on the world between 1967 and 1969, and how politics, technology, sports, and entertainment affected people's lives . . . and caused music to change its tune with the times.

Beatlesongs Four Ninety-Eight Productions

"A narrative and pictorial discography of the Beatles U.K. singles, albums and EPs issued from 1962-1970"--Cover.

Recording Analysis Cambridge University Press

As dazzling as the decade they dominated, The Beatles almost single-handedly created pop music as we know it. Today, their songs are cited as seminal influences by stars like Oasis, Blur and Kula Shaker. Eloquently giving voice to their time, The Beatles quite simply changed the world. Fully updated to include material from The Beatles Live at the BBC and the Anthology series, this acclaimed book goes back to the heart of The Beatles - their records. Drawing on a unique resource of knowledge and experience to 'read' their 241 tracks - chronologically from their first amateur efforts in 1957 to 'Real Love', their final 'reunion' recording in 1995 - Ian MacDonald has created an engrossing classic of popular criticism in which the extraordinary songs of The Beatles remain a central and continually surprising presence.

Beatles for Sale on Parlophone Records Crown Archetype

Shares memories of Ken Scott's days working as a producer with the Beatles, David Bowie, Elton John, Pink Floyd, Jeff Beck, Duran Duran, The Rolling Stones, Lou Reed, America, Devo, Kansas, The Tubes, Missing Persons, Mahavishnu Orchestra, Billy Cobham, Dixie Dregs and Stanley Clarke.