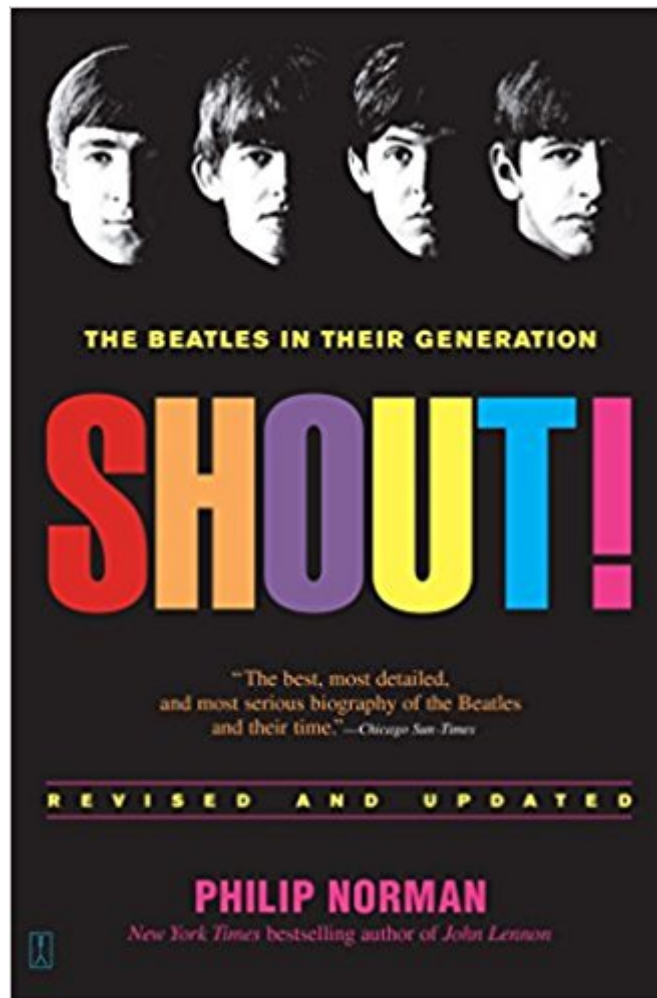




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Shout!: The Beatles In Their Generation



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Updated to include Paul McCartney's knighting and the deaths of John Lennon and George Harrison. Philip Norman's biography of the Beatles is the definitive work on the world's most influential band • a beautifully written account of their lives, their music, and their times. Now brought completely up to date, this epic tale charts the rise of four scruffy Liverpool lads from their wild, often comical early days to the astonishing heights of Beatlemania, from the chaos of Apple and the collapse of hippy idealism to the band's acrimonious split. It also describes their struggle to escape the smothering Beatles' legacy and the tragic deaths of John Lennon and George Harrison. Witty, insightful, and moving, *Shout!* is essential reading not just for Beatles fans but for anyone with an interest in pop music.

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"The best, most detailed, and most serious biography of the Beatles and their time." -- Chicago Sun-Times
"Nothing less than thrilling...the definitive biography." -- The New York Times

Philip Norman is a journalist and a novelist who in 1968 was assigned to cover the Beatles' own business utopia, Apple Corps, from the inside. He is the author of *Rave On: The Biography of Buddy Holly* and many other books.

Read this (and 2 other Norman books) it was great - he had access to The Beatles and is a seasoned author. At the time this was "The Beatle Book to have". I suggest "John Lennon - the Life"

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Makes claims and arrives at conclusions that are not factually supported. Author may think so, but it is a false narrative. You must remember he is telling a story and his conclusions are opinion. Calling Ringo so ugly that he's cute. Give me a break.

This is an excellent book for both die hard Beatles fans and those who are simply interested in the phenomenon that swept the world in the 60s and still continues to exert influence over modern music today. The author frankly admits that he has never actually interviewed any of the Beatles, but many great historical books have been written without access to their subjects, and in my opinion this has given him a unique view of the group's influence on the era, rather than a perspective from inside it. All the interesting things are there - Paul meeting John, the American tour, Apple, break up etc, and fascinating it is. If you like their music or damn them as madness from the 60s, the fact remains that they were hugely influential in areas ranging from pop music to advertising, and this book paints the picture very well.

A very full band

A little too much detail for my taste, when I want to know what time it is I don't need to know how the clock was made. There is a lot of very detailed information about the Beatles growing up, their parents, friends, schools. More than I was interested in. But all in all a good book.

I consider myself more of a casual Beatles fan than some, and that's not to say my house isn't equipped with the normal amount of merchandise even still, and my music collection filled with their albums and vinyl records still. I just haven't gone out of my way to learn the extent of all of their trivia, and I found this book still easy to follow and extremely informative.

Very informative, especially of the early years.

Very interesting. It was tough getting through the business parts of the book but necessary to understand how really difficult it was for them to actually earn some money.

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