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# The Complete History Of Black Sabbath: What Evil Lurks



## Synopsis

They are the band that created metal music . . . and they have defined it for more than four decades. Black Sabbath's career spans eleven different line-ups and nineteen studio albums in addition to the twenty-eight solo albums of the original four members. The band began in 1968 as a blues rock band on the cover circuit of Birmingham, England. Clawing their way up from the postwar bombed-out suburbs of Birmingham, the four members - guitarist and main songwriter Tony Iommi, bassist and main lyricist Geezer Butler, singer Ozzy Osbourne, and drummer Bill Ward - would define a new genre of music and make themselves world famous. Joel McIver explores the complete history of Sabbath, from the precursor bands to the release of the holy trinity of heavy metal - "Black Sabbath" (the song) on Black Sabbath (the album) by Black Sabbath (the band) - to the present. With over 150 photos, a gatefold family tree tracing the development of the band, a complete discography, and a foreword by Machine Head frontman Robb Flynn, this is the must-have book for any Sabbath fan.

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"It's a beautiful book - plenty of excellent and never-before-seen pics...Nothing quite says Christmas like Black Sabbath, so this book should be a welcome present under the tree for that metal fan in the family." - TheDay.com "What makes this a great thorough read is that it talks about the entire history of the band (also in pictures). Sabbath and Ozzy solo, to the Dio albums, the album Ian Gillan sang on *Born Again* and Glenn Hughes' *Seventh Star* which

was supposed to be an Iommi solo album, to the terribly overlooked, underappreciated Tony Martin years, to their reunion with Bill Ward in the late '90s, and current farewell tour minus Ward." - Braveworlds.com "The Complete History of Black Sabbath: What Evil Lurks" may look like a coffee table book at first, with its giant size and massive, incredible photos, but it is much more than that. This book is a beautifully written look at all facets of the band's past. Every album. Every lineup. Every high and every low. It feels almost voyeuristic looking in at such a detailed account of the band's history." - MetalAF Podcast "Black Sabbath gets the full coffee-table history treatment in this hardcover book by Joel McIver, providing excellent photos and recollections from the band." - Vintage Guitar

Joel McIver is the bestselling author of *Justice for All: The Truth About Metallica* which has been translated into 9 languages. He has written for *Rolling Stone*, *The Guardian*, *Metal Hammer*, *Classic Rock*, and he is the occasional guest on BBC. He is currently the editor of *Bass Guitar* magazine. *Classic Rock* magazine has called him "by some distance Britain's most prolific hard rock/metal author." He wrote the official biography of the world's biggest death metal band, *Cannibal Corpse* and co-wrote *Megadeth's* bio from bass player David Ellefson. Robb Flynn is the founder, frontman, and guitarist of Bay Area-based metal band *Machine Head*, which has toured the world since 1994 alongside the world's biggest bands. The winner of many awards for their music, *Machine Head* has sold over three million records and was nominated for a Grammy award in 2008.

The early years were very interesting. All of the band member changes get a little monotonous. Reading about Ozzy through the years was also interesting. Hope someday he gets to work with Paul McCartney.

I thought this book was excellent. I bought it as a gift for my friend but was offered a digital book at a cheap price. I downloaded it to my phone and could not stop reading it. I loved it so much I bought real book to have for my collection.

Fairly boring

Awesome! Great service!

Great coffee table book. Sits on the table along with the *Metallica Master of Puppets* book.

Whichever band I'm into at the moment gets to be on top.

Really good presentation. The book is big, with lots of pics and really good stories. Believe me for the price...It's a gem for any Black Sabbath fan!

An amazing look at the immortal and first name in Heavy Metal. A wonderful cover and beautiful layout of Sabbath's complete History! An absolute must have!

Very interesting book.

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