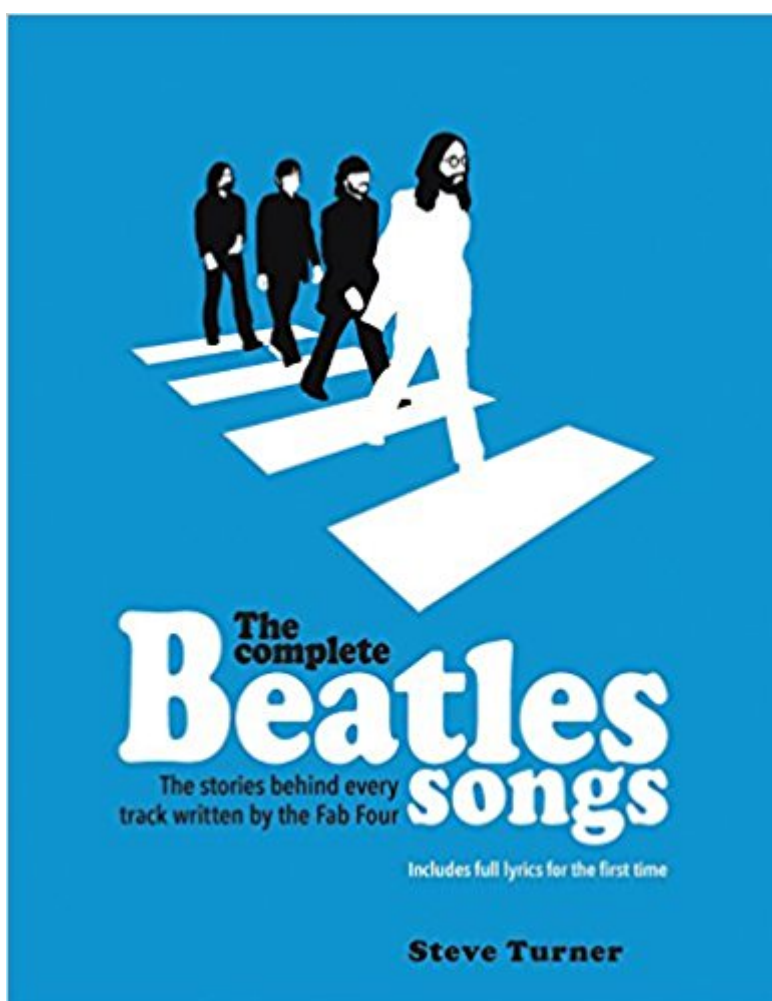


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# The Complete Beatles Songs: The Stories Behind Every Track Written By The Fab Four



## Synopsis

A lavishly illustrated, rollicking account of the real people and events that inspired the Beatles' songs, now fully updated and revised by renowned Beatles expert and music journalist Steve Turner—the definitive analysis of the music and influences of the world's most successful and popular rock-and-roll band and the only volume that contains a complete set of printed lyrics to all of the Beatles' songs. Who was "just 17" and made Paul's "heart go boom"? Was there really an Eleanor Rigby? Where's Penny Lane? What inspired "Happiness is a Warm Gun"? Why was Paul the "walrus"? What inspired the lyrics to Ringo's "Octopus's Garden"? Arranged chronologically by album, *The Complete Beatles Songs* examines the inspiration behind the group's writing and discusses every song created by John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr. Steve Turner shatters well-worn myths and adds a new dimension to the Fab Four's rich legacy by investigating events immortalized in The Beatles' music, which has influenced numerous contemporary artists and continues to endure in popular culture. Fully revised and updated (originally published as *A Hard Day's Write*), *The Complete Beatles Songs* is the only volume that contains a complete set of printed lyrics to all of the Beatles' songs, used with exclusive permission from the band's music publisher SonyATV. It also includes new information on many songs, plus brand-new stories and revelations, as well as 200 black-and-white and color photographs—many exclusive to the book. The result is a unique, authoritative, and compelling masterpiece that chronicles the untold story of the Beatles themselves, for faithful fans and new generations discovering their music for the first time.

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Steve Turner is the author of *Trouble Man: The Life and Death of Marvin Gaye*, *A Hard Day's Write: The Stories Behind Every Beatles' Song*, *Hungry for Heaven: Rock and Roll and the Search for Redemption*, *Jack Kerouac: Angelheaded Hipster*, and *Van Morrison: Too Late to Stop Now*. His articles have appeared in *Rolling Stone*, *Mojo*, *Q*, and the *London Times*. He lives in London with his wife and two children.

I bought this as a Christmas gift for my father-in-law, so the book is no longer in my possession...but I wish it was! As a Beatles fan myself, I came very close to pulling off the wrapping paper and keeping this for myself. Before wrapping it up, I flipped through the book and read the stories behind some of my absolute favorite songs by The Beatles. For example, did you know that "Dear Prudence" was written about Mia Farrow's sister Prudence? Steve Turner's book is full of these interesting little nuggets. This isn't the type of book you're going to sit down and read for hours, but it makes for a wonderful coffee table book that you can pick up and read bits of from time to time. If you're looking to buy a gift for a Beatles fan, look no further.

One for the fans. Great.

First of all, the Beatles are icons. I fell in love with the Beatles as soon as I seen them on TV in February of 1964. There is not one song I dislike....from "Love Me Do" to "The Long And Winding Road." This "Complete Beatles Songs: The Stories..." is the a keep-sake. All Beatles fans should own this book.

Got this as a gift for my dad for christmas. Absolutely loves it. Every time I talk to him, he always has so new infomation about the Beatles.....

The very B E S T book I have ever read on this subject. VERY readable and extremely interesting!

The book is amazing in content, pictures and evetything and for the price is completely worthy

Great book! After so many revised editions, I was somewhat surprised to find a couple of factual errors, but they did not detract from the overall quality of the book.

It's the best book about the Beatles!

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