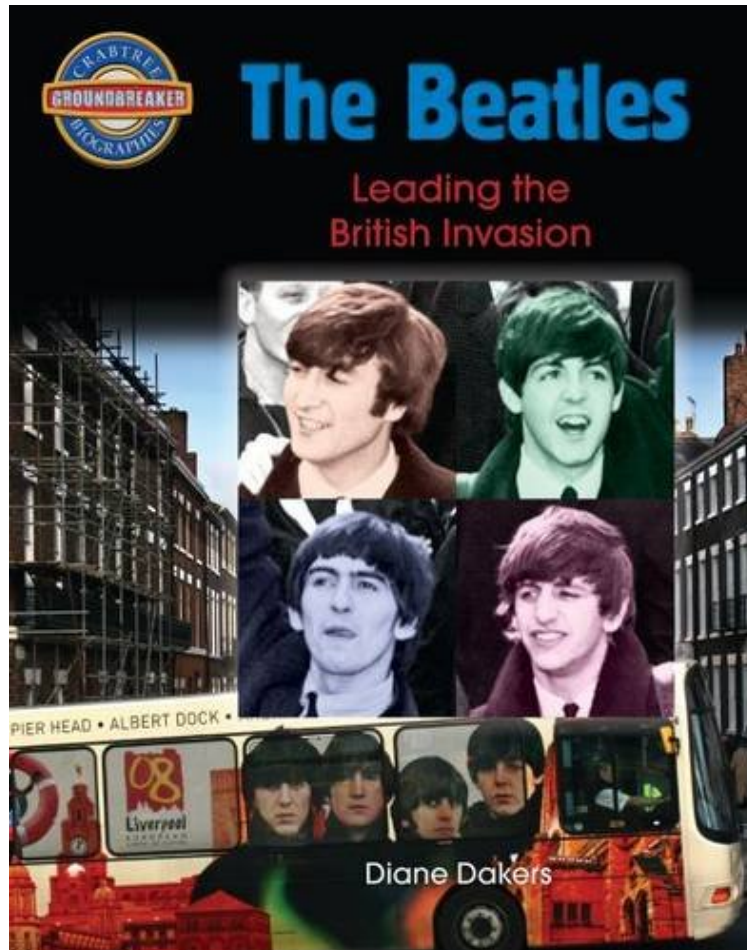


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Diane Dakers : The Beatles: Leading the British Invasion (Crabtree Groundbreaker Biographies) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Beatles: Leading the British Invasion (Crabtree Groundbreaker Biographies):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Kristi's Book Nook via CLCDBBy Kristi BernardJohn Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, made up a sensational group called the Beatles, and hit the American scene in 1963. Their debut on CBS triggered a national phenomenon. Their music was groundbreaking. Their new sound sold records and singles to the young listeners who could relate to their inventive and thoughtful lyrics. According to Dakers, "In the recording studio, the Beatles' cutting edge technologies were so elaborate that the resulting songs couldn't be repeated in performance." Readers who are fans are invited to share in the history and story behind the bands songs, idols, personal trials and tribulations. Enthusiasts will find sidebars with fun facts and short

burst of trivia. For example: "A Note Worth Noting shares before their first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show, the Beatles received a stack of notes welcoming them to the United States. When Paul read one special message, a huge smile crossed his face. The note said, "Congratulations on your appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show and your visit to America. We hope your engagement will be a successful one and your visit pleasant." It was signed, Elvis." Black and white photos, cartoons, album covers, variety shows, their fans and instruments, share an intimate portrait of the Fab Four and their rise to fame all the way through to the end of their careers. The back of the book has the bands history in an easy to navigate chronological listing. A glossary along with other books, videos and online sites to help give fans an additional fix for their addiction to beatlemania. The Beatles had sold to-date over one billion recordings along with thousands of books. They are said to be the most influential musical group in history. Crabtree Groundbreaker Biographies tell the stories of people from a variety of walks of life whose talent, courage, skill and vision have inspired millions.

Before they spearheaded the musical phenomenon called the British Invasion, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr were just four kids from Liverpool. Throughout the 1960s, however, they embodied, as the Beatles, the musical, artistic, social, and spiritual promise of an entire generation. After their stormy breakup in 1970, the Fab Four became four solo artists, at times even appearing on each others recordings. In addition to the millions of records each band member has sold on his own since their breakup, more than 40 Beatles compilation albums have been released and continue to sell millions of copies. To this day, more than one billion Beatles recordings have sold, and thousands of books, academic papers, blogs, and websites are dedicated to the group. Despite being the Beatles for only a decade, John, Paul, George, and Ringo together formed the most successful and arguably the most influential musical group in history.

From School Library Journal Gr 7 Up The unsavory bits of these icons' stories are not glossed over. Rather, the subjects' weaknesses and words (such as the Beatles' drug use and a Muhammad Ali quotation that uses the n word) are delivered in a straightforward manner. Through the use of sidebars, quotations, and black-and-white photographs, readers are given not only information about the subjects themselves, but also about cultural events of the time. In *The Beatles*, each member's life receives coverage from child to adulthood. The stars' musical influences and successors, controversies, and personal relationships and conflicts are examined. This volume also touches upon other popular musicians, Eastern influences in both music and philosophy, and drugs. Muhammad Ali discusses the boxer's upbringing, religious beliefs, contributions to the Civil Rights Movement, and protestation of the war in Vietnam. It also includes text on Jim Crow laws, the social reforms of the 1960s, the Nation of Islam, and the sport of boxing. Despite a few typographical errors in Muhammad Ali, these titles are worthy resources for most libraries. Rebecca Gueorguiev, New York Public Library(c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. From Booklist *Beatlemania* lives on according to this new entry in the Crabtree Groundbreaker Biographies series. Brief individual chronicles of the upbringing of each of the Fab Four are followed by how they came together and rocketed to stardom while changing the face of the popular-music industry along the way. The narrative ends by detailing the problems that ensued with their success and how each member went off on his own. Rife with superlatives (insanely popular, top-selling band of all time, most influential music group in history), the case is made that the Beatles stand out even among the pop music marvels from other generations. Engaging and fast-paced in keeping with the groups meteoric rise this will have readers downloading the music and adding it to their playlists. The format includes a sprinkling of photographs and lengthy sidebars on related topics such as *The Women with the Beatles* and *Beatle Babies*. The annotated time line and list of web links leading to video clips are especially valuable. Grades 5-8. --Randall Enos