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Almost everyone can sing along with the Beatles, but how many young readers know their whole story? Geoff Edgers, a *Boston Globe* reporter and hard-core Beatles fan, brings the Fab Four to life in this *Who Was...?* book. Readers will learn about their childhoods in Liverpool, their first forays into rock music, what Beatlemania was like, and why they broke up. It's all here in an easy-to-read narrative with plenty of black-and-white illustrations!

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## From Reader Review Who Were the Beatles? for online ebook

### **Libby Manship says**

The kids picked this book for bed time reading. It was a nice light read and had lots of fun facts. They really liked hearing about what rock and roll was like when grandma and grandpa were kids. And I enjoyed it, too — lots I didn't know!

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### **Rosa says**

I already liked the Beatles--"Octopus's Garden" was one of my favorite songs. But when my aunt gave me this book for my ninth birthday, I learned all about them and started to become one of the foremost authorities on the Beatles in my next three schools. Changed my life! Then my life changed again when a great-aunt gave me *I* for my tenth birthday. But that's another story.

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### **10-11Randall says**

Now that I have read that, I know so much more about the beatles than I did before! I thought that they were just another really really good band that was famose, boy was I wrong.

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### **Joey Oborne says**

I liked this book, The Beatles were the world famous rock band of the 60s. there were 4 people in the band there names were John, Paul, Ringo and George. Everyone liked them better then elves at the time. The 4 boys were all from Liverpool, England, and they played in England for a long time then they came to America. The Beatles were a great rock band!!!

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### **Brady H says**

this was a really good book. I thought I already knew a good amount on the Beatles but this gave me a lot of new info. I recommend this book to anyone who likes music.

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### **Jenevieve says**

Review first published on My Blog. Check out all my reviews there!

A short children's biography on who The Beatles were (mostly I suspect for parents who loved the Fab Four to buy for the children to get them to appreciate the band more LOL). It is a basic overview of their

childhoods, how the band was formed, their part in history, briefly covers the break-up, and the direction their lives took after that up through 2001. It is simplistic, being written for Grades 3-5 but I bought it for my second son when he was about that age because he loved the band (and still does) and now my younger boys also enjoy them and have enjoyed reading the book. I will admit to eye-rolling them when I was younger since that was music from my mother's teenage years and she loved them so I had to rebel and go in for heavy metal so while I was always aware of them, I didn't know much of their background story but I figured I could at least read this to get some idea. I enjoy their music (good thing since the 16yr old plays so much of it on CD, his guitar, and the piano) but I feel no need at this point in my life to dive much deeper into their history so this was a nice compromise for me.

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### **Janet says**

Got this for my grandson who has to do a report for school on Ringo. Found it informative and well done.

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### **Lisa says**

Good summary of the lives of the band that I could read with my son. I even learned some things I hadn't known about them.

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### **Joseph says**

This book tells about the Beatles, and their life before they became the Beatles. It tells about each member of the Beatles and how they came to like Rock and Roll. Some of them were in bands when they were young. The Beatles actually came from Britain, and that is where they met. But then they came to America and they created a band. Which eventually they got the name of the Beatles, they didn't think of the name, but they agreed on it.

I love the Beatles because I always loved their music, but this book taught me a lot about them. I thought I knew a lot about them, because I learned from my Dad. But surprisingly there is a lot I didn't know. If you like the Beatles you would love this book, it also mentions some of the reasons to some of their songs, and where they came up with them. Some of them wrote their own songs when they were younger.

I would recommend this book to people who love music, and love the Beatles. Although the book is for younger kids, actually really younger kids. It was a nice small read, and I loved learning about them. The book does have pictures, that would make it interesting for kids and did keep me interested. Because it was for little kids they had to explain what some of the words meant, but overall it was interesting.

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### **RubyRidingHood says**

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That got really sad...but inspiring!! And I grew up listening to the Beatles, but I actually never listened to that many songs!! (I liked The Archies, ABBA, and the Beegees the most) Now I'm going through and listening

to more of the Beatles' songs. I mean come on, they're so iconic.

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### **Nick says**

Read the story of the best rock n roll band ever heard of! They were once young boys who each had one thing in common: the love of music. They soon created the best band of the 60s! What I found interesting is what movies and cartoons about famous people caught from them. I thought about this myself. THINK. That fans chase the people! Mostly girls! The Beatles created a stereotype! What I also found interesting is the name of the band doesn't mean bugs! It means the beat. You know? Listen to the beat. So it is basically the plural of the beat. But what I found sad is how John died. He had a kid. He stood for peace! He was a great person! But then a crazy person shot him. With a gun. What I wonder is the symbolism in what happened that I came up with: John was peace for the world. He did not carry weapons. He was helpless as a lamb but stood for peace and what could happen.... The gun stood for: TODAY what WILL now happen and WAR. Basically opposites.

That's what I learned from this book. And you know what else John stood for? YESTERDAY. The gun was sadly TODAY.

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### **Ben Shepard says**

Who Were The Beatles is an amazing book that tells about the lives of each member of The Beatles. This book tells about how hard of a childhood each member had, how they became so famous, how they got to be called "The most famous band in history," how they became known as the fab 4, and how each of them suffered a terrible tragedy.

I recommend this book for anyone who loves old time rock and roll, who loves The Beatles, and whoever wants to learn about the lives of The Beatles. This is also a great book for anyone who just generally wants to learn about the bands that were very popular back in the day.

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### **Anna says**

I purchased this book for my grandsons (ages 6 and 4) and read it before mailing to them!

I grew up with the Beatles; I was exactly 8 years old when they hit America with a bang in February, 1964. But I definitely learned things I did not previously know about them while reading this book.

A must for all Beatlemaniacs to share with the younger generation.

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### **Andrew says**

I love the Beatles, and in my opinion, no band is greater. For any student interested in why these 4 dudes

have been continuously praised and brought up, this book is a great introduction to this legendary band. Geoff Edgers takes us back to the childhoods of each individual members (each member gets their own chapter of their upbringing, so there's no favorites), and takes us all the way to "Let it Be" and the breakup of the band. In between, he makes sure to include their first show as a band at the Indra Club in Hamburg, Germany, as well as the tensions formed between the band as their success began to weigh on emotions creating tensions within the group. If you want to spread the influence of this classic group, make sure to give this book to any pupil who is interested! Biographies can be used in many ways in the classrooms, for example, this book could be used as a base for an informative research paper or presentation in a middle grades classroom.

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### **Haruna Saka says**

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-Time: 11/20=20min, 11/21=54min, 11/23=19min

-7 words summary: Liverpool-gather-popular-breakup-Yoko-dead-forever

-Discussion Questions:

1. Which song of The Beatles have you ever listened to?

A.I have listened to 'Imagine' and 'yesterday'. In the case of 'yesterday', I learned from a music class at high school!!

2. You know Yoko is Japanese. Like her, would you like to marry to a big star? Not a Japanese star!

A. Let me see... I'd not like to marry to like that big star. Because, he'd be very very busy. Therefore he couldn't meet me very often. I don't like the situation. That's why I'd not marry to a big star:-)

Compared with other stories of the same series, this level is higher than those. But, it's easier for me to understand and read it:)) Also, there is much information related to The Beatles which I didn't know. For instance, how to gather the member, where they're born and so on!

Thanks to this story, I want to listen to their songs right now;-)

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