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John Lennon: Legendary Musician & Beatle (Lives Cut Short)



Synopsis

John Lennon was one of history's most influential musicians. This title highlights Lennon's background and his role in the formation of the groundbreaking band The Beatles. Also covered in detail are Lennon's famous war protests and his 1980 assassination. Recently released Beatles CDs, and the Cirque de Soleil masterpiece Love appealed to many young people. With Beatles songs for the Rock Band™ video game coming this fall, as well as remastered Beatles recordings, this title is a timely addition to any collection for middle and high schools and YA programs. Lives Cut Short is a series in Essential Library, an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

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This well written biography of John Lennon follows the Chief Beatle from his boyhood in Liverpool to his tragic and untimely death at age 40 in 1980. Readers of all ages will connect with John, the in-your-face rebel from boyhood. John, a gifted boy with a real flair for language and things artistic used his strengths to change the world. By age 16, John had formed his first band. By age 23, he was a household name. John, the founder of the Beatles aka the World's Greatest Band set the tone and blazed a trail for other artists to follow. Most if not all current musicians use the Beatles as a gauge; the British Invasion artists who followed in the heels of the Beatles' success (Dave Clark 5, Who, Kinks, Zombies to name a few) are known today because of the trail John blazed. Beatle coiffure and clothing was very much in vogue among musicians on both sides of the Atlantic; John Lennon's delightfully zany humor is still quoted fondly and his songs, solo and with the Beatles remain timeless.

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