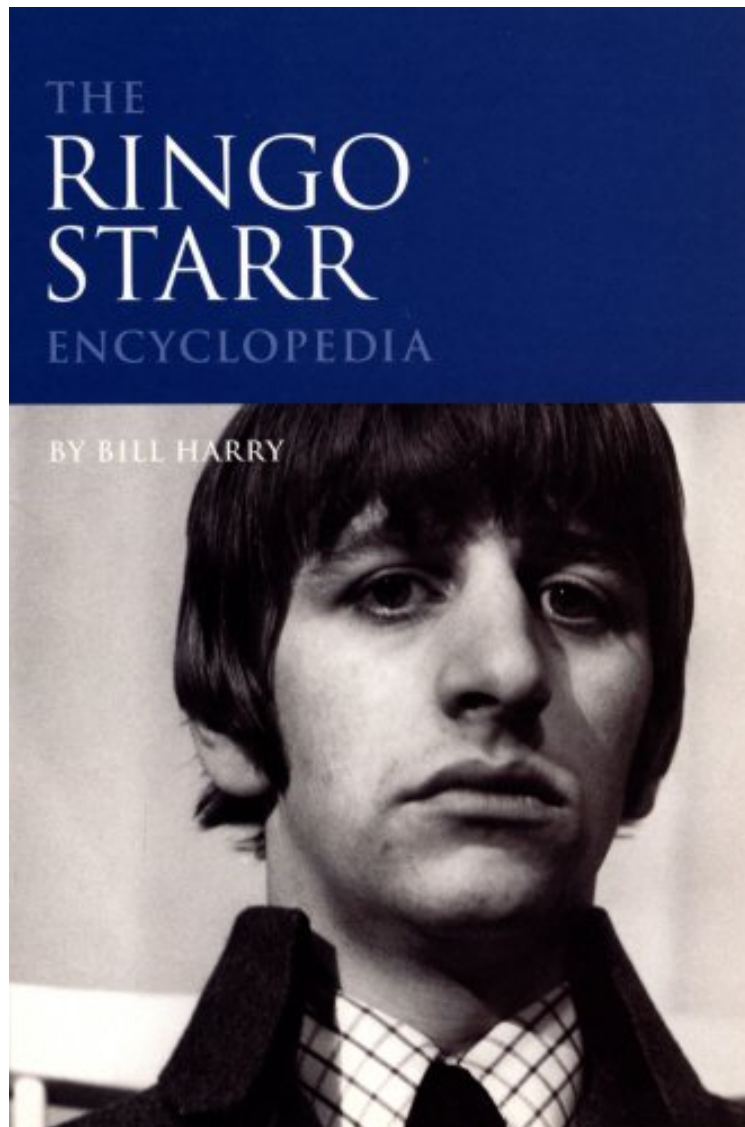


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Bill Harry : The Ringo Starr Encyclopedia before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Ringo Starr Encyclopedia:

8 of 10 people found the following review helpful. ringo the greatBy Dennis YorkI bought this hoping there would be some text/narration of Ringo's life,esp. before the Beatles. It is truly an encyclopedia and as such is more of a reference book than something to read.I suppose that the movie "That'll be the Day" in which Ringo essentially plays himself during the period of his life pre-Beatles working at a Butlin's-like holiday camp is the closest we can come to getting a glimpse into the "real" Ringo. Ringo was a greaser-rocker (Like the rest of the beatles) and the movie is

almost a mini-bio (it's either "that'll be the day" or "stardust" in which Ringo appears;both available on Amazon or Ebay.)There is a dearth of material on Ringo,which is really unfair as George Martin has observed on the Beatles Cirque du Soleil "Love" CD/show how Ringo's awesome drumming,(which Phil Collins has said is impossible for another drummer to reproduce eg. "the fills on "A Day in the Life");is the glue that kept the Beatles' sound consistent over the years.Ringo is the foundation without which The Beatles would not've been as successful. Most pop music fans don't pay much attention to drumming and might not realize how unique and great Ringo was w/ the Beatles.I hope someday that a good author/researcher comes along and puts out a biography worthy of Ringo Starr. It would be totally WRONG if that never happens,esp. while Ringo's still with us. The Ringo encyclopedia probably deserves 2 Or 3 stars,but I gave it 4 out of respect for Ringo himself,also for the lack of material on Ringo and because only Charlie Watts can come close to Ringo in the sense of being so closely woven into the overall sound of their respective groups,(ok,maybe Ginger Baker,too.)(Watts and Starr are criminally underrated.)Like a good referee or umpire,a good drummer is doing his job well when nobody notices him.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful.
awesome!By YoliYAY!!!! best Ringo Starr book i have seen out there!!! I JUST WISH IT HAD PICTURES!!!! It is thick and has tons of information. Any Ringo Starr fan would just love to own this book. It comes with interviews and just detailed info on all his songs and about everything Ringo related! I LOVE IT!1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Terrible BookBy Vincent GrientiThere was good potential owing to the subject matter, but the "encyclopedia" format as used here is not the best for something that is presumed to be a biography. Material is recycled throughout the book and it is in dire need of spell check (i.e. August / Augest". If a person even briefly met Ringo, it is included in the book, but aside from the entry for "The Beatles", that is marginally interesting, there isn't very much that would make someone buy the book. Even a few photographs would have have been a plus. There is also extensive use of lists to seemingly pad out the book length. It is stiff, disjointed and the overall writing style is not conducive to enjoyable reading. It is a coffee table book at best just for the cover picture, but not for serious reading. If you buy this book you will soon regret whatever price above \$1 that you paid for it.

Ringo Starr was the genuine working-class member of the Beatles. Born in abject poverty in a tiny terraced house in Liverpool's Dingle, deserted by his father, he suffered years of illness and hospitalisation which affected his schoolwork.

About the AuthorAuthor Bill Harry was the first person to write about the Beatles on a regular basis and has written more about them than any other writer. a friend of the group since their origin, he coined the phrase 'Mersey Beat' and launched the newspaper of the same name, a move wich led to Brian Epstein discovering the Beatles.