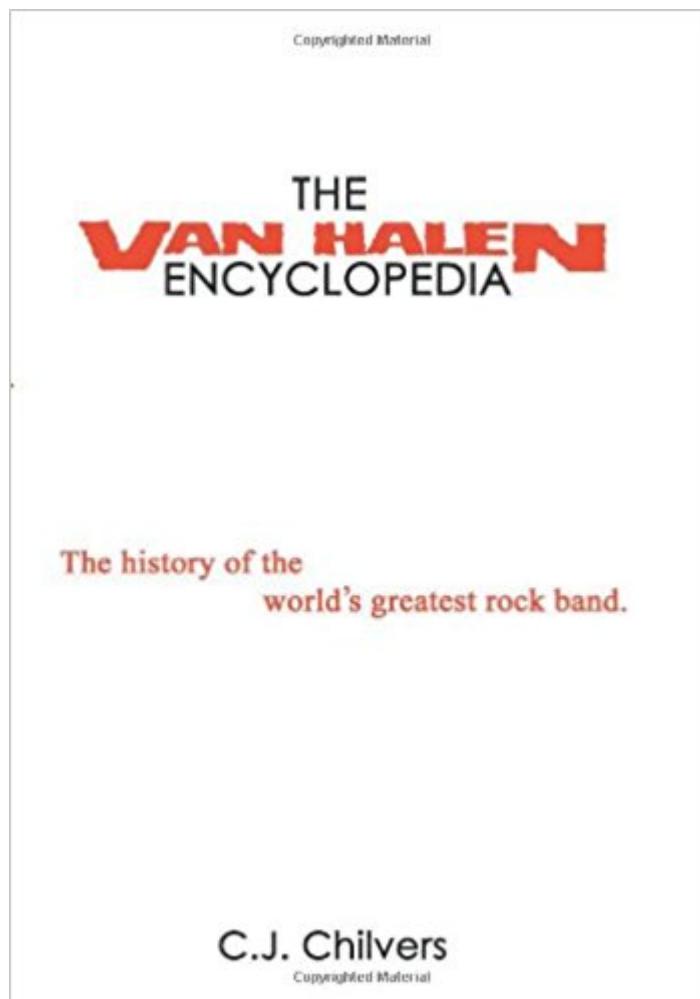


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The Van Halen Encyclopedia



Synopsis

The first detailed history of the world's greatest rock band, Van Halen. Dozens of die-hard fans spent two years researching every fact known about the band to bring you this authoritative guide.

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Customer Reviews

C.J. Chilvers is the president of The Association of Music Writers and Photographers.

I've been wanting to have this book a long time and now I finally have it! I would totally recommend this book to every Van Halen fan in the world, it is a "must-have". It is an awesome book containing many interesting facts and answers up til' year 2000. Every album or song, every concert or gig, every person and other things involved with Van Halen is in this book. If you want to know facts about for example the song "Jump", just look it up in J and you will find almost every little detail there is to know about that song and I think that's great! The cover doesn't lie... it is the history of the world's greatest rock band.

INTERESTING READ. LEARN THINGS I NEVER KNEW ABOUT VAN HALEN. THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT BOOK. ENJOYED IT FOR HOURS

Great

Van Halen Encyclopedia By Gene Kelly Van Halen burst on the music scene over twenty years ago

and revolutionized Rock and Roll forever. Now, three lead singers later, and over 13 albums that's sales total over 65 million copies, comes the very first authoritative collection of data on the legendary band. The Van Halen Encyclopedia is over 365 pages of biographies; tour information, album notes, and random facts of this LA based group. The book is divided in three sections, a timeline, alphabetical entries of a mass of information, and a detailed listing of every known appearance of Van Halen on their many world tours. The timeline serves as a quick intro into the lives of this band, and has entries as early as 1914. The alphabetical logs not only include info on each band member, but also of various magazine and television appearances, individual song entries, and the legend of the brown M&M's. Van Halen used to have in their contracts on tour that there would be a bowl of M&M's at every show, with the brown ones removed. If one were spotted, the band would then set off and demolish everything in sight. Their reasoning? Because of certain stage requirements that needed to be followed, the Brown M&M's were used to see if a promoter followed every item on a contract. Finally, a listing of every tour stop Van Halen performed at, including data for attendance, audio/video copies of each show, and random notes. A brief description of the setlist and tour is also provided. Overall, the Van Halen Encyclopedia is a welcome addition to a music lover's collection. The book reads very well, and is not just a source for Van Halen fanatics. This book gives a very good account of what life is for a Rock Star, from simple contracts, all the way to promoting yourself and your music. It is a perfect book to curl up with your favorite songs and relax.

After being royally let down by that new over hyped piece of garbage of an Eddie Van Halen book by some dishonest fan, I was inspired to go back and rediscover previous efforts by those who came before. Might as well considering that new book ripped this one and every other VH book known to mankind. If imitation is the highest form of flattery, CJ Chilvers should consider himself extremely flattered. VH Encyclopedia was the first true comprehensive look at all things Van Halen. Devoid of hype and pretense. A simple book pieced together by a fan and other fellow fans. Sad how little new has developed in the career of VH since its release about a decade ago, which actually makes it still a very accurate, detailed and useful read.

The Van Halen Encyclopedia is what it says: a massive, encyclopedic accumulation of knowledge about the band. Perhaps only The Beatles are the only other band in rock history that have been written about in this depth -- and that's in several books. The VHE is the culmination of years of research about the band by author C.J. Chilvers, Official VH Website webmaster Brad Starks, and

dozens of contributors. You'll have to read it for yourself to get a grasp of it's scope. It's an absolute A+ in my opinion. No other VH book ever written has even come close.

The book is very informative, but it contains a lot of useless information that only a geek would worry about, such as the name of Eddie's piano teacher! In other words, you tend to sift through the book rather than read it. I was also amazed to find that there is not a SINGLE pic in the book! I really think Mr Chilvers could have left half the useless information out and made some effort in making the book more aesthetically pleasurable! However, the book is still a "Must have" for any TRUE VH fan, it's just got so much information in it, from early club days to the present!

The Van Halen Encyclopedia is, by far, the most in depth, informative, unbiased and complete chronological history of the band ever written. Being a serious Van Halen collector and fan for the past 20 years plus, I can say, without a doubt, that this book is a must for every true, die hard Van Halen fan. Kudos to Mr. Chilvers for a job extremely well done! I am looking forward to Volume 2 of this exceptional, written documentary, of the world's greatest rock and roll band. Great job, CJ!

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