

ASTONISHING ROCK TRIVIA

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At last ... a rock trivia book that is not at all trivial! This is a remarkable collection of questions, facts, myths, stories, jokes, riddles and answers. Number one with a bullet!

– Brian Nankervis, ABC Radio and RockWiz host

This is the book that we music trivia nuts have been waiting for. Even if you think you know it all there'll be something that surprises you. Read it from front to back or just dip into it when you need a trivia top up. I love it!

– Murray Cook, The Wiggles, The Soul Movers

A juicy piece of trivia is like a beautiful fresh cut of protein. It needs to be handled just right. Some fillets of trivia work well as a question, others are best posed as a 'Did you know'. Some have so much flesh on them that they are better served up as a whole story or essay. That is what you will find between these pages, a smorgasbord of trivia treats to feast upon. Like a buffet on a cruise ship, you can start at the beginning and work your way along, you can push in at any point for the one tasty treat that you want, or you can fill a small plate and come back over and over again.

This is possibly the most complete book of Rock Trivia ever compiled and the morsels will astonish ...

Did you know that in 2013 Chubby Checker sued Hewlett-Packard over a 99-cent app called the 'Chubby Checker' which allowed users to enter a man's shoe size to estimate the size of his penis? He claimed that the product would cause damage to his goodwill, tarnishing his image. Trivia with a twist?

Did you know that Charles Manson co-wrote a song for the Beach Boys?

Plus hundreds of questions to tease and expand the mind.

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Who is the wealthiest pop star alive? Which record has gone higher than any other record in history? According to Pink Floyd, what is the consequence of not eating your meat? What is the speed limit in Nutbush? Who first recorded the classic song 'Hound Dog'? What was the international number one hit achieved by Paul McCartney's brother? Who were Holly, Candy, Jackie, Little Joe and the Sugar Plum Fairy? Who is Her Serene Highness Princess Anni-Frid of Reuss, Countess of Plauen? Which long-serving Australian politician threw eggs at The Beatles when they arrived in Brisbane in 1964?

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To show you how complete this book of Trivia is ...

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