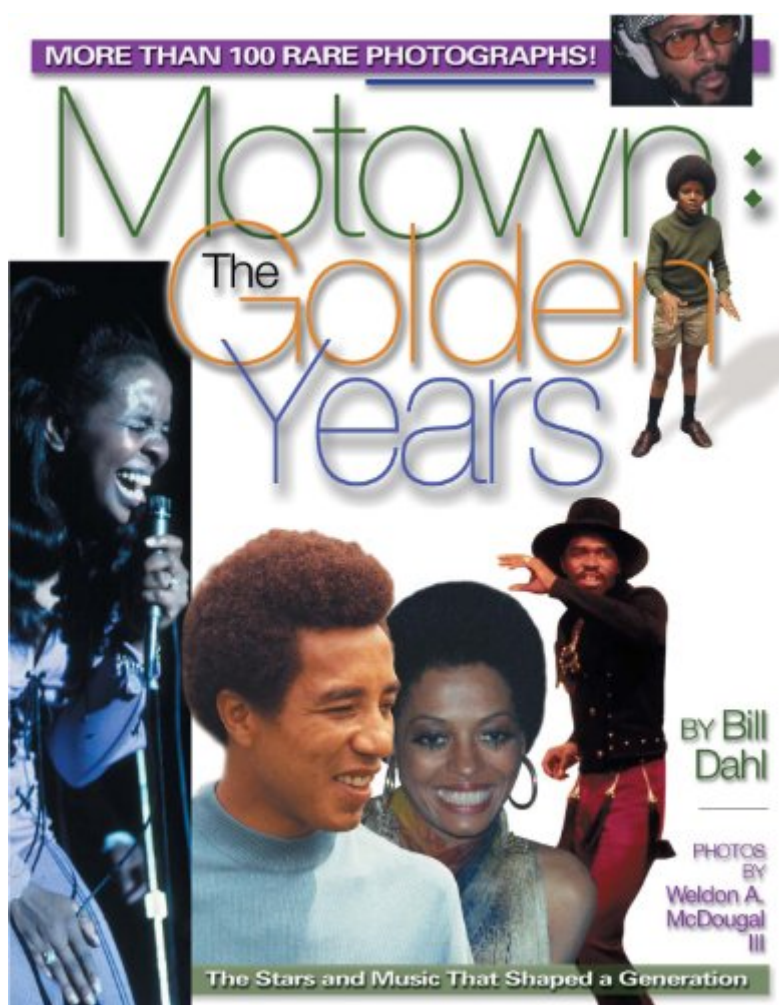


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This is the book for lovers of Motown! Author and Motown historian Bill Dahl has expertly compiled this comprehensive guide to the musical combination of pop and gospel, known as Motown. This new compilation features an A-to-Z listing and biography of nearly every Motown group since its beginning in 1959. Also included are never-before-published photos from former Motown promotions guru Weldon A. McDougal III. Enthusiasts will now have a chance to own a complete encyclopedia of groups and artists, along with information about their music, including a discography and price guide. 32-page color section containing many never-before-published photos. Complete encyclopedia of groups, artists, plus discography and price guide for all Motown acts.

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Customer Reviews

Life was simple, just always more of the same! Then little by little my radio dial moved more and more to the right! It was a new kind of music and one by one my friends were getting the message!

MOTOWN! New names, new songs, new beat. But behind the scenes at The Motown Factory, there were stories we Suburban White Folks never even thought of. If you couldn't shoot hoops there was little way out of the Ghetto except music and all the things that went with it. Young talented and clueless, these kids knew enough to know this was it. Hit it here and life would be a breeze! Little by little they learned they had to look better, sound better and move better because there were plenty of hungry people with talent ready to step into their shoes so the smart ones gave 120% because they liked this new place! Motown; The Golden years gives us a look at the growing change in our music. This was the new sound to beat and the Beatles and their friends had not yet risen to own the Charts yet! So longtime music writer Bill Dahl has brought the story to us. All the many happy and sad stories that growth and change brought to Motown and how even without knowing all the backdrop, this music was changing our lives, too! Written in a way to keep anyone interested, with facts and stories of all the Motown artists plus a ton of great pictures that took us back to a simpler time and what a time it was. A GREAT read that you can open anywhere and then you could keep on going. If you were there this book brings back the memories or the behind the scenes stories of the Evolution of The Motown Sound and if you weren't there it takes you there. A great read and great pictures! It truly was the Golden Years! A great read and a great gift!!!

The item was excellent. It was packaged very well and came in as a brand new book. I was very happy and satisfied with the overall outcome. Excellent and very recommended seller.

Love this to the max!

Great Book. This is the first book that deal with other Motown singers and songwriters and producers who have been forgotten. They focus on other stars besides The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson and The Miracles, The Supremes, The Jackson Five, Stevie Wonder, in this book they introduce you to other great Motown singers, great pictures, rare, never before seen pictures, this is a most for motown fans.

I just find it hard to maneuver using my Kindle eReader. They could have provided a little more details on the more obscure people, like Harvey Fuqua.

I got this book during the Christmas season and I can honestly say it was my best gift. Although I have always liked Motown, the subject is not one I would have requested a book on. Thank you

you-know-who for disregarding my list this year. There is so much information here that I'm sure the author, for sanity sake, decided it was best to put it in an encyclopedia-like format. So, "M" for example, under Superstars, would list Martha and the Vandellas, the Marvelettes, and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles. This is not to suggest that because it's in that format, it's a cold, reference book. Mr. Dahl presents each artist, songwriter, or musician's bio in a very readable, story-like way. And on some major artists, like the writers Holland-Dozier- Holland, they have their few pages, but in addition are incorporated into others' stories. In my family I'm considered the musical trivia expert, but a page didn't go by that I didn't learn something new and fascinating about an artist or the history of Motown. And there's a large section covering I believe every single person who even walked through the doors of Motown! I'm exaggerating, but it's an amazing list along with their stories of course. I was especially impressed with how Mr. Dahl brought out Berry Gordy's story of imagining the impossible and then bringing it to fruition. Oh yes, I forgot to mention there's a ...-load of great photos.

If you are interested in how artists came to sing their songs, and, the lyricists of the songs, this book is for you. Some singers didn't consider themselves singers, but became so out of necessity. When Jr Walker's singer failed to appear at the recording session, so began the sax man's career of wailing. A book of interesting details.

We remember all the super stars from Motown and Bill brings us up-to-date with all members of those groups -- and also reminds us of many of the Motown artists that we often forget about. A very, very thorough presentation of all of the Motown family -- including some writers, producers and behind the scenes people. The photos by Weldon McDougal III are a real treat because many of them are candid photos never seen before. The reader can see that Weldon knew these artists personally and captured them in their natural environment. A very easy read because the individuals are listed alphabetically and we glean information that was not just put out by PR firms!! The Golden Years is a great gift with wonderful photos for displaying on the coffee table. Everyone has personal recollections when they hear a Motown song and this book renews our own memories of the unforgettable music that helped shape many generations!

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