



Quizzes ask whodunit and more

'Rock 'n' Roll Trivia' is full of fun

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The Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz Book
By Michael Uslan and Bruce Solomon.
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\$3.95.

What was the name of Elvis Presley's back-up group? Who sang "Runaround

Sue"? How many times was the widow next door married in "I'm Henry VIII"? What did K.C. and the Sunshine Band tell you to shake?

If questions like these merely baffle you, don't bother opening this book. You'll only find yourself frustrated. If on the other hand, you're excited at the thought of digging through your memory

bank to uncover the lead singer of the Spencer Davis Group, this book is just for you.

The Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz Book contains very little text. Instead, it consists of page after page of nifty little quizzes, each pertaining to some aspect or another of (you guessed it!) rock music.

Neatly divided into sections such as Food Glorious Food, which lists songs with different foods in the titles and asks the reader to name the groups that ate or sang them, "Quiz Book" is a must for the trivia freak.

Another section, Take Me to Your Leader, lists a number of groups, including The Raspberries, The Byrds, Free, and the Jackson Five, asking the reader to name the lead singer of each. What Kind of Fool Am I, a matching quiz, asks readers to match the singer with the "foolish" song. These include "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?", "Foolish Little Girl" and "Fool on the Hill."

The "Quiz Book" authors, Bruce Solomon and Michael Uslan, who are cousins, both claim they were raised on a steady diet of rock 'n' roll. They grew up to become oldies D.J.'s in college and trivia experts, coauthoring "The Pow! Zap! Wham! Comic Book Trivia Quiz." Actually, both are practicing lawyers.

In the book's introduction, they invite the readers to "have some nostalgic fun

with rock 'n' roll," promising that regardless of who your favorite stars are, be it Chuck Berry, Jimi Hendrix or Bruce Springsteen, "you'll find your musical era well represented."

Generally speaking, they've delivered. Not only does "Quiz Book" cover the early Fifties rock, it also spans the Beach Boys era and gradually leads to more recent stuff. Fortunately, the authors were insightful enough to include nothing pertaining to disco.

My favorite section in the book, Woodstock, is a simple list of groups including Procol Harum, Sly and the Family Stone, and Sha Na Na. The object is to determine which group appeared at the infamous festival. Quite a few surprises are in store here.

Also memorable are the snapshot style photographs appearing throughout. These depict teenagers of all types — from the slick greasers of the fifties to the flower children of the Woodstock generation.

Some readers may complain that "Quiz Book" is short on real substance. And this it is. Aside from the introduction, there is no information presented, but then it doesn't promise any either.

Overall, "Quiz Book" makes for hours of mind-boggling fun. It's the perfect way to measure just how much you know about rock 'n' roll.

"Let's go back!

Back to the days when grease was more than the drippings off a pizza,

But was a way of life;

When White Socks were more than a baseball team,

But were the coolest way to dress;

When White Bucks meant more than Buck Owens and Buck Henry,

But were the neatest shoes in town;

When bleeding madras was more than a leaky waterbed,

But were the swiftest shirts around;

And when man's best friend was his comb.

It was the 1950's to early 60's.

It was the first years of Rock 'n' Roll."



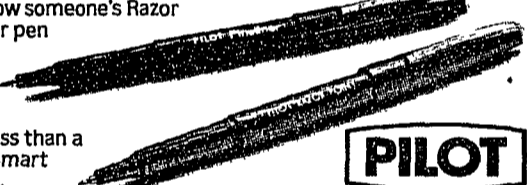
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