

NOW WE'RE TALKIN'



By Helen Marketti

Interview with Rock author, David Roberts about his book 50 THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT THE BEATLES

Rock author, David Roberts has written a book that is a short but fun read for any Beatles or music fan. It is a collection of 50 pieces of trivia about the Fab Four. Readers are sure to learn something new about those four lads from Liverpool. "50 Things You Might Not Know about The Beatles" (Popublishing, 2014, UK) is a look into the little known side facts that were involved with The Beatles career and lives. While there are hundreds of books written about these four lads from Liverpool, one might find it a difficult challenge to find anything new or different but David Roberts seems to have found a niche for the unfamiliar Beatle anecdote.

For example, (excerpt from book) *James Taylor became the first non-British artist to sign to the new Apple Records label in 1968, the Massachusetts-born singer songwriter set in train a series of significant appearances in the Beatles' story. Included on his eponymous debut album, recorded at London's Trident Studios, was 'Carolina in My Mind.' This enduring Taylor classic was recorded with contributions from Paul McCartney on bass and vocals by George Harrison. At the time, both Beatles were taking time out from their sessions at Trident and across London at Abbey Road while working on the White Album.*

Also hidden away on the James Taylor album was a track called, 'Something in the way she Moves.' The song made an instant impact on Harrison. The title and lyric line alone (the music was completely different) provided the inspiration for George Harrison's breakthrough as a songwriter when he created 'Something'.

The following "Q and A" with David Roberts gives a closer insight to his inspiration for writing the book and why people are still interested in The Beatles.

What gave you the idea to write this book and how did you decide on the number 50?
I collect music facts generally. However, a year ago I realized just how many of the stories and anecdotes I have collected are Beatles related. I actually have another 50 stories for a Volume 2 but the content just felt right for a less expensive ebook release. It's not meant to be anything other than fun and quirky but I hope even lifelong Beatles fans will find something in the book that they didn't know.

What was involved in your research?
Following up leads on brief snippets of information, I have written down over the years. A good deal happened by accident! When researching Linda McCartney's roots, who knew her family name was Epstein?!

Were there any surprising stories?
Plenty, I think if they didn't surprise me, the stories didn't end up in the book.



#30 "Songs about The Beatles"
There is also a song called, "Beatles and Stones" by Beady Eye.

Thanks! That can be another bit of information for Volume 2. I am hoping Beatles fans will contact me with more info like that.

Why did you focus on The Beatles instead of another band?

Because I wanted to prove that despite everyone thinking that there wasn't room for yet another book on the most popular band of all-time, I could come up with something a little different.

Why is there still an interest in them after 50 years?
Because the music they made in the first half of the sixties was so amazingly exciting and the music they made in the second half of the sixties still stands up today and isn't dated.

Where can readers get a copy of your book?
You can download it from Amazon to Kindle, iPhone or iPad anywhere in the world.

What other current projects are you working on?
I have just finished the second edition of my *Rock Atlas UK & Ireland* book, published by Red Planet. I am also publishing the first biography of The Hollies and mentoring a debut novelist who is writing a thriller called *Muddy Water*, which is a new venture for me as well as him!

Is there anything else you would like to mention or discuss?
Just a mention to any Beatles fans who want to get in touch and feedback on the ebook. My email address is popublishing@gmail.com

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