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Synopsis

With Chris Trengove and Peter LawrenceIn 1967 Peter 'Dougal' Butler became a roadie for The Who and their mercurial genius drummer Keith Moon. Soon he would be Moon's personal assistant, chauffeur, and all-purpose wingman. The ride lasted a tumultuous ten years, ending just prior to Moon's untimely death in 1978. Full Moon is Butler's memoir of that ride: essential reading for Who fans, and a masterclass in the mayhem caused by rock 'n' roll excess. 'The most candid insight into the Who star's life.' Daily Star 'Written in a wonderful fast, racy style, Runyonesque and full of good jokes.' Girl About Town 'A welcome change from the usual bland rock book reportage... Butler clearly has a deep and lasting affection for Moon.' Andy Gill, NME 'Certainly outrageous, sometimes funny, but mostly a sad account of life with a talented neurotic.' Daily Mirror

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Customer Reviews

This was probably the first rock biography that I read. I bought it when it came out based on a review either in MM or NME. I was a big fan of the Who and at the time there were few first account books on a performer. The book was very fresh and presented a special new way of dealing with rock biographies. Indeed, it was one of the first first person accounts that presented very personal

and intimate episodes in the life of Keith Moon. The book is written with a great deal of love and affection by Dougal Butler who was taking care of Keith Moon over the years of maximum fame of the Who. While the book emphasizes the extravagant side of Keith Moon and shows how much larger than life he was, it shows at times how unmanageable he was. In this sense it is still the one and only book on Moon that should be bought. I decided to buy it again electronically and it has not at all aged. For anyone interested in the Who, it is indispensable reading.

With the performance just this month of Pete Townshend, Roger Daltrey, and Co. at the closing ceremonies of the London Olympics, it is clear that The Who remains a timeless engine of musical inspiration. One needs only to attend a Who concert in the past decade to see fathers and mothers attending with their sons and daughters. Even grandchildren. Yet still, there are times and places in the history of this enormously important band that have been just out of reach for those of us who came of age after Keith Moon left the stage for good. Judging by recent concerts, we are legion, and growing in our ranks. The best news, then, is that some of those times and places live again uproariously through the poignant reminiscences and hilarious story-telling of Keith Moon's side-kick, assistant, and dear friend, Peter "Dougal" Butler. I call it essential reading for the true blue fan of The Who. We have the good fortune to see this book again in print. Essential reading, indeed. Here you will ride along in the cars, visit the bars, take to the stages (sometimes falling off your drum kit!) and live just a bit of that life of the rock star. But Keith Moon was more than a rock star. This we know. There was and is no other. No one like Keith Moon. So do not miss out on this chance to live vicariously in that world that was, and remains in our hearts. A talent in a class all his own, Keith Moon could not ask for a better chronicler of his life in all its rich mayhem. Buy this book. You won't regret it. Especially if you missed out "the first time around." "Who" said there are no second chances...

This is what taught us all in school what "medicine" meant.

I sampled this book before purchasing and knew that this was more of a lighthearted remembrance of the late drummer of The Who. With that in mind, I found the book full of amusing stories brought to life by Mr. Butler. His use of slang and euphemisms had me laughing out loud at times. Keith Moon, who employed Mr. Butler as his personal assistant, must've been quite the handful. But, as "Dougal" points out in the book, all of the stories are slices of the life that belonged to Keith Moon. This is a serious book that doesn't take itself seriously. Still, I recommend it to those who remember

Moon The Loon.

I have read and seen many many of the books and video about The Who. For those who wish to read about the "behind the scene" by a first hand account. This is a great read. If you are a Keith Moon fan then this IS THE BOOK YOU MUST READ. The only thing i can advise is there are many truly English slang sentencing, but they are nice enough to include a glossary of London slang of the day to help decipher the words. Anyway GREAT book. CANT GO WRONG!

I have a first addition. So I have long been familiar with the book. I have always enjoyed the humour that Dougal Butler uses throughout the book to portray his work as Keith's minder.

great book about the greatest drummer of all time....long live moonie.

Love this book and so well written by one of the very few people in the world who really new Keith Moon. I hope Dougal Butler will keep writing more books. I really wish every Moon fan will read this book.

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