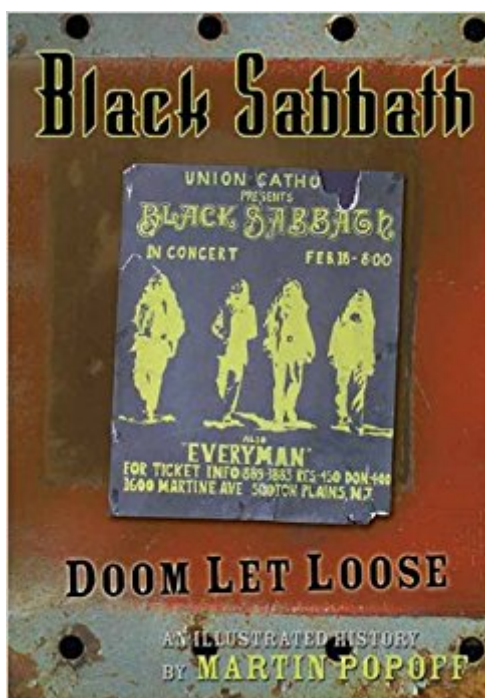


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# Black Sabbath: Doom Let Loose: An Illustrated History



## Synopsis

Nearly 40 years of drugs, depression, booze, the Beast, and paranoia are laid out in unflinching detail in this journey into the wicked world of Black Sabbath. With numerous albums that are routinely on "best of" lists, an influence on contemporary acts that cannot be overstated, and an original lineup fronted by the infamously addled Ozzy Osbourne that continues to tour, Black Sabbath still fills coliseums and amphitheaters all over the world. Through rare and previously unpublished interviews, documents, and artifacts spanning the band's entire career, readers get an all-access pass to Sabbath's manic history, from bat-biting to rehab. The book contains new and never-before-seen photos and conversations that shed more light on metal's dark forefathers. Every album is cataloged, every song pored over, and every tour deconstructed making this headlong rush down metal-memory lane the definitive reference to the band.

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Martin Popoff is the author of 14 books, including two volumes of The Collectors Guide to Heavy Metal, Contents Under Pressure, and The Top 500 Heavy Metal Albums of All Time. He lives in Toronto, Ontario.

The book went deeper than I expected as far as the band's history but the writing style was just grating. Lot's of phrasings like, "And that ain't no joke. Mr. Osbourne!" I respect that Popoff has published over a dozen books but this one was written in such a breezy and non-professional manner as to be distracting. Also, while the book is full of photos, many of them are placed pretty randomly and without context. For example, in the later years there are page after page of Tony Iommi just standing there playing the guitar. It's dull. I really wanted to like this book and it was good as far as providing some good history (especially in the often-ignored later years), but based on the writing style and photo selection I'm afraid I would not recommend it.

This is definitely the best book I have seen on Black Sabbath both in detail on the band as well as the photographs. Maybe someday a truly 5 star book will come out. Other great bands ( Zeppelin, Stones, Who, etc.. ) have numerous high end glossy page books in circulation. This was as close as I could find on B.S. and it really doesn't compare to the quality of many of the fore mentioned. None the less this is a worthy effort. Recommended.

I learned so much about these guys and it inspired me to check out more of their albums. Because of reading this book, I went out and got their 1978 Never Say Die album. Love it. Never knew Bill Ward could sing; he's very good!!

It goes through every album, tour, and song...It also has all of the band members opinions on each song and album. Great book! READ IT

Martin Popoff knows his hard rock and heavy metal and this book is excellent. He goes into detail about every lp ever released and goes into depth about the songwriting at the time the songs were written. Tony Iommi's riffs are legendary and so are the details about the history of Black Sabbath in this book. This is a must read for any Black Sabbath or hard rock fan, it has everything, from Ozzy to Tony Martin from Dio to The late Ray Gillian to the legendary Deep Purple frontman Ian Gillian. This book is the best Black Sabbath book out there bar none and Martin Popoff did a

wonderful job. Buy this book.

I have looked at some of the other Sabbath Books, and this one caught my eye. I can say it is probably the most thorough history of sabbath in one book. I was expecting a few more photos, but the history still is killer. It has all of the good stuff, from ozzy leaving, to dio's first comeback and second leaving, and ozzy's return. The history does seem complete from what I gather, including all of the details in transition with the band's line-up over the later years. The picture are nice as well, although I was thinking there would be a few more, it's still good. A must have book for Sabbath fans. Check this one out.

The latest book from Martin Popoff covers every era of Black Sabbath from Ozzy to Tony Martin. There are plenty of entertaining stories and each album is explored. This is definitely the highest quality book that Martin has put out. The quality of the paper is very good and there are plenty of excellent pictures of current and former band members as well as pictures of Sabbath memorabilia. If you are a fan of one or all of the eras of Black Sabbath you should get this book!

Well, while Sabbath themselves don't release an official biography (and it seems it will never happen), I think this is the best book ever about Sabbath. The package is gorgeous, from paper through photographs and the text itself. Unfortunately, like a lot of rock bios out there, there are some sentences or constructions that clearly lacked revision...If you like Sabbath, you will read it in two days maximum!

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