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*Cynthia Lennon*

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**Cynthia Lennon : John** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised John:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I've loved their musicBy S. L. BartlettI have been a Beatles fan all my life. I even saw all 4 of them in concert in Chicago. I've loved their music, and I loved John's visions of peace and love. (He was my favorite Beatle -- yes, you had to pick one!) There have been a gazillion books written about these guys, but only one has been written by John's first wife, the late Cynthia Lennon. No one in the world could know her experience of being a part of their world and all its craziness. Since none of the wives went on to have literary careers,

I was prepared to read a simplistic story of life being married to John Lennon. I was very pleasantly surprised. This is a well written book with fascinating insights into the early days of her life with John and their baby Julian. I always wondered about her and Patti and Maureen and Jane. I had read Patti Boyd's book, which I also recommend, but I highly recommend this book for Beatles fans of all ages. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book about the human side of John Lennon By Howard Schulman Great book about the human side of John Lennon, as only one person could tell it, his first wife Cynthia...25 years after his death. They were a couple from before the Beatles formed up till the beginning of breakup of the Beatles. Interestingly, John's marriage was intentionally hidden from the press because their manager thought it would be bad for business, though, as Cynthia shows, John's marriage was always a large part of his life. Additionally, she keeps going with the same intensity to cover the Yoko period as well as the assassination aftermath. So she gives a very full picture of John. I do have to say that reading how John accuses her of having an affair with Roberto as a reason why he wants to divorce her, which she flatly denies, then as soon as John files the papers, Roberto moves in with her, made me think that everything that I was reading may not be 100% accurate or unbiased. Additionally, Cynthia repeatedly says that she never wanted to get back together with John, yet she persists in contacting him after the divorce and repeated says how much she never stopped loving him. Made me think. She blames drugs for their breakup, but I got the feeling there was more to it than just the LSD, etc. It's not that the book wasn't great--it was--and I spent almost all my free time over a long weekend (on-call) reading it--but I wouldn't be surprised if I heard another version of events, especially after the divorce, that either didn't fit with hers, or included important information that she conveniently omitted. Nevertheless, I totally enjoyed reading it and would most highly recommend it to anyone who wanted to know who John Lennon was. Very, very well written, simple, genuine, presumably based on a diary that she only once or twice mentions that she kept. She also mentions that John kept a diary the last 6 years of his life that he intended to give to Julian, but Yoko kept for herself, refusing to give it to him. I'll probably have to wait another few decades till that comes out....I would also highly recommend reading this book with an iPad next to you in order to listen to the songs that are mentioned and see photo of the various characters and fill in gaps. \*\*\*\*As frequently happens, Jeff Bezos' stupid Kindle version did not include pictures\*\*\*\*....but still going to give it 5 stars 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I was happy to read it! By Pat Rothell Don't laugh, but it's soooo true. I'm 84 and just discovered the Beatles. I had 4 sons and mostly ignored their enjoyment of the Beatles - thinking, "just kids." I grew up with the "Big Bands" and was devastated when their fame faded and mostly ended.) One night recently at home, I was bored and decided to take a chance and buy the Beatles book written by Bob Spitz (on my Kindle.) The book was extremely well written and (for me) a joy to read. Perhaps another laugh, but I read the book 3 times. This led me to Cynthia Lennon's book, "John." She's no pro, but I found the information she offered about her marriage to John extremely interesting and it filled in some of the gaps. I believe that reading Bob Spitz's book first is a must so that you are given a good background on these kids. But if you are a romantic like me, read the "Beatles" by Bob Spitz first.

The New York Times bestselling expose acute; of the real John Lennon, written by his ex-wife. The time has come when I feel ready to tell the truth about John and me, our years together and the years since his death. There is so much that I have never said, so many incidents I have never spoken of and so many feelings I have never expressed: great love on one hand; pain, torment, and humiliation on the other. Only I know what really happened between us, why we stayed together, why we parted, and the price I have paid for being John's wife. —From the Introduction